



**THIS LITTLE GIRL**, 10-month-old Sharon Ann Collins of Atlanta, is on her first trip to the downtown shopping district and she is fascinated by an early display of Christmas dolls in a department store show window. Her mother tried for 30 minutes before she succeeded in persuading Sharon Ann to leave the window. (AP Wirephoto)

## \$23 Million in Local School Building Urged

### Engelhardt Firm Sees Mushrooming Of Needs

By CHARLES KURALT  
Charlotte Staff Writer

School consultants recommended today that Charlotte and Mecklenburg spend nearly \$23 million in the next five years to build 29 new schools and add to existing ones.

The long-awaited Engelhardt report urged that \$10,875,000 be appropriated immediately to relieve pressing school needs.

More than 57,000 students will be in school in Charlotte and Mecklenburg by 1960, the report predicts.

By 1968, the survey firm declares, the senior high schools of the county probably will have three times as many students as they do today—6,000, as compared to this year's enrollment of just over 2,000.

The detailed, 60-page book of recommendations was brought to Charlotte late this morning by Dr. A. L. Engelhardt, head of the consultant firm. He will explain the report in detail to members of the city and county school boards before leaving the city.

If the recommendations are carried out, schools will be built in a ring roughly following the present city limits, and in another circle farther out from the city's center.

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS**  
Immediate recommendations are for:

(1) Large new senior high schools, to cost one million dollars each, in Northeast Mecklenburg, the Ashley Park-Emberley Park-Lakeview section, and South Mecklenburg.

(2) Substantial additions to East Mecklenburg, West Mecklenburg and Second Ward High Schools.

(3) New junior high schools, 10, at \$750,000 each, in the Pinewood-Reid Rd. area, on Statesville Rd., and in the Second Ward, Lincoln Heights and Myers Park areas.

(4) Additions to Wilson and McClintock Junior High Schools.

(5) New elementary schools in West Charlotte, New Airport Rd., Scalliwags, Lansdowne-New Sardis, and Carmel Rd. sections. These would cost \$350,000 each, except for the one on New Airport Rd., which would be a \$200,000 building.

**SCHOOL ADDITIONS**  
(6) Additions to Cotswold, Marine Davis, Shamrock Gardens, Nation's Ford Rd., Pinewood and S. T. & F. 11 E. Ave. Elementary Schools, to cost \$125,000 each, except at Cotswold. That one—at least one school which opened for the first time this year—would be a \$150,000 building.

(7) A \$400,000 administration center to serve city and county Boards of Education.

The report urges that these projects get underway immediately. Other projects have target dates of 1958 and 1960, and literally blank Mecklenburg County outside the city with new buildings and expansion.

**DETAILED REASONING**  
Sites are pinpointed for most of the suggested schools, and the report offers detailed reasoning for each suggestion.

Charlotte has been following one Engelhardt master plan for the past five years. This one takes up where the old one leaves off.

In the past, the Engelhardt recommendations have been ignored by school boards and city and county governing bodies.

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### Credit May Be Eased On Housing

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government's home financing agencies look steps today to lower down payments and ease credit for construction of housing.

Four specific actions were announced by the White House. They are designed mainly to stimulate the low-cost housing field. This is what was done:

1. The Federal Housing Administration cut from 7 to 5 per cent the minimum down payment of homes appraised at \$9,000 or less. On a \$9,000 house this would lower the down payment by \$180.

2. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board boosted from 10 to 12 1/2 per cent the share of capital limitation on borrowing of member institutions. This was aimed at improving the capacity of savings and loan and other home financing institutions to meet the demand for mortgage loans.

3. The Federal National Mortgage Assn. (FNMA), in effect, raised the price it will pay for mortgages by 1 per cent, in an effort to provide more funds for builders and buyers.

4. The FNMA also agreed to issue advance commitments to buy home mortgages at prices more favorable to the seller.

The agency also is raising the price paid for mortgages from 92 per cent to 94 per cent. These moves are expected to help the builder in planning.

The White House said the actions to "strengthen home building" would stimulate the market of low-cost homes. They were taken in response to a request by President Eisenhower for a review of housing credit needs.

The statement said there has been an extraordinary demand for credit during a period of peak business activity and this has limited the supply of funds to home builders and buyers. If this situation continues, the White House said, it will "restrict home construction and affect adversely home purchases of modest means. It would also create difficulties in small businesses in the lumber and other building supply industries."

Albert Cole, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, told reporters at the White House that he has no estimates of how many more homes may be started as a result of today's decisions. But Cole said they should be a definite help to some people who want to build and haven't been able to swing the financing.

Cole said that in comparison with starts on 1,300,000 houses last year, construction this year is pointing to a rate of 1,100,000 houses being started.

The cut in the FHA minimum down payment on homes worth \$9,000 or less reversed an action taken in July, 1955. At that time, when it looked as if housing "might go beyond sound demand," Cole said, FHA had raised the down payment to 7 per cent of value. Five per cent is the minimum permitted by law.

**EX-SOLDIER HELD IN ROBBERY**  
FAYETTEVILLE (AP)—A former Fort Bragg soldier was held today on armed robbery and assault charges in the robbery of a Chinese laundry here.

Oscie Kyle Parker, 21, who was discharged from the Army Aug. 15, told police he needed money to get to his home in Ingleswood, Calif.

Parker was charged with taking \$116 yesterday from Bow Quan, the laundry operator, and commanding a taxi cab to escape several passersby who pursued him for several blocks.

The cab was blocked by a train at a crossing and Parker was arrested about six minutes after the robbery.

Police said two Lumberton residents later identified Parker as having robbed them. They were Mrs. Frances Olson, who said \$90 was taken from her in her antique shop, and Jack Kincaid, who said his automobile was stolen.

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Javier Kisses Airline Stewardess (AP)

### Gotham Scientists Study Indian's Age

NEW YORK (AP)—Javier Pereira, Spanish and his native Indian who may be 187 years old, doesn't look it.

Toeless but grinning, the 75-pound, 4-foot-4 Columbian Indian arrived by plane yesterday and was whisked to New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center for "scientific study."

A hospital spokesman said Pereira will undergo a series of tests for about a week or 10 days to gather information relating to the man's alleged longevity.

A scientist in Colombia has said physical tests prove Pereira is more than 120 years old. Other estimates have rocketed to 167.

Pereira's interpreter said the man has no idea how old he is, that he can't read or write and speaks with a mixture of ancient tongue.

"He says he wants a very fat one," the interpreter said, "one who can support him."

### Guard Head Recommends Withdrawal Of Troops

By PAUL R. JORDAN  
STURGIS, Ky. (AP)—Maj. Gen. J. J. B. Williams today recommended that the Kentucky National Guard be withdrawn from Clay and Sturgis, scene of bitter school integration conflict the past two weeks.

Williams said he made the recommendation in a telephone conversation with acting Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield at Frankfort. He said he expected a reply from Waterfield by 1 p. m. CST and if he approves, troops will be pulled out immediately.

**DECISION MADE**  
He said he made his decision "regardless of possible court action" in the wake of Negro students being refused permission to attend all-white schools at Clay and Sturgis.

He said Waterfield would consult with Gov. A. B. Chandler, now in Chicago, Williams replied: "I don't believe I ought to command on that."

He said in his conversation with Waterfield that if and when it was necessary for National Guardsmen to return to either of the two towns that he believes they could "come in with no trouble at all."

Afterwards, Williams said "We HUTCHESSON, Kan.—The thumping got on Sheriff Roy Sheppard's nerves.

It started Sunday. You could hear it all over the Reno County Courthouse—loudest on the fifth floor... in the wall between the jail and an outside corridor.

"Want to see a jail break?" the sheriff asked a reporter. "Come around Tuesday night. About 7 o'clock."

The sheriff was 24 hours off on his prognosticating but he and six deputies, plus county attorney John Alden, were waiting last night in the dim corridor when seven loosened bricks dis- appeared quietly from the wall.

### \$67 Million Requested By School Board

RALEIGH (AP)—The North Carolina Board of Education today asked for an increase of \$67,500,000 to operate the public schools during the next two fiscal years, including teacher pay raises averaging 19.31 per cent.

The board, appearing before the Advisory Budget Commission, asked for 163 million dollars to operate the schools the next fiscal year and 168 million for the following year. This compares with 154 million available for school operations this year.

The board proposed a salary schedule for "A" certificate teachers ranging from \$2,900 to \$4,100 after 12 years. This compares with the present schedule of \$2,400-\$3,420 after 11 years.

For graduate certificate teachers, the board proposed a scale of \$3,300-\$4,500 after 14 years' experience. This compares with \$2,725-\$3,907 now after 12 years.

The salary scale calls for the teachers to work 9 1/4 months a year instead of nine months as now.

**BETTER QUALIFIED**  
"North Carolina teachers are much better qualified, teach more pupils and are paid less than the average for the nation," said the board. "A salary increase, therefore, is fully deserved."

For other teacher personnel the board asked 10 per cent pay increases.

A. S. Brower of Durham, chairman of the Board of Education, told the commission that school enrollment has increased an average of 30,000 per year for the last six years. He said this increase, which has added 1,000 additional teachers a year at a cost of \$3,500,000 and 800 classrooms which would cost eight million.

"It is stand absolutely still for the next biennium it would take an increase of 11 million dollars a year to take care of increased enrollment," said Brower.

**Escaped Convicts Finally Caught**  
NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Two North Carolina convicts, who escaped about three weeks ago from a prison camp in Currituck County, were recaptured here last night in a stolen car.

Police arrested the pair when they were seen traveling the wrong way on a one-way street.

They were identified as James C. Clendon, 23, and Leslie Howard Gautier, 25.

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### Judge Orders Investigation Of Local Bondsmen Reports

By JIM SCOTTON  
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Judge J. Ed Stukes today asked County Solicitor Ray Rankin to make an investigation into irregularities in the reports of local bondsmen.

The news reported Tuesday that some bondsmen were late in filing the reports required by law and in many cases were not listing the fee charged by the bondsmen.

Judge Stukes asked for the investigation in today's session of County Recorder's Court. He said the news story directed his attention to the alleged violations of the law regulating bondsmen.

**COUNSEL'S ARGUMENT**  
Since an attorney for a bondsman convicted Monday of violating the law argued in court that many local bondsmen charged above the legal minimum for their services, Judge Stukes asked the solicitor to look into that also.

Solicitor Rankin said he believes the Clerk of Superior Court has ample authority to see to it that bondsmen file reports that are complete and are on time.

However, Solicitor Rankin said he will cooperate with the clerk if there is any difficulty in getting the bondsmen to comply with this provision of the law.

He said if anyone brings to his attention any instance of overcharging by a local bondsman, he will investigate the case.

**FOUND GUILTY**  
The question of whether local bondsmen are complying with the law arose Monday in the trial of Charlotte bondsman Edward Weddington. Weddington was found guilty of leaving two bonds he handled last June off his reports.

Monday Judge Stukes found Weddington guilty of not filing a complete report. He taxed Weddington the costs of court and suspended his license.

Weddington's attorney, Charles V. Bell, appealed the verdict. Pending the trial on appeal in Superior Court, Weddington's license as a bondsman was automatically reinstated.

**JURY TRIAL**  
Weddington asked for a jury trial on \$2.75 of overcharging clients. The state claims Weddington charged \$7.50 on each of two \$30 bonds. The law allows bondsmen to charge 10 per cent of the amount of the bond or a minimum of \$5.

### Renowned Presbyterian Dr. Walter Lingle Dies In 88th Year

DAVIDSON—Dr. Walter L. Lingle, 88, distinguished churchman and educator of Davidson, died last night at 11 o'clock in a Mooresville hospital after an extended illness.

Since 1941 he had been president emeritus of Davidson College, and had served as president since 1939 until his retirement. He had been chairman of the college's board of trustees from 1906 to 1929.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Davidson College Presbyterian Church at 3 p. m. Friday with Dr. Samuel M. Newell Jr., officiating. Interment will be in the college cemetery here.

**ROWAN NATIVE**  
Born in Rowan County in 1868, Dr. Lingle was graduated from Davidson College with both the A. B. and M. A. degrees. He earned the B. D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in 1896 and was in 1897 ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

For the next half century he was one of the church's leaders. He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Dalton, Ga. from 1898 to 1902; of the First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill, S. C. from 1902 to 1907; and of the First Pres-

byterian Church of Atlanta, Ga., from 1907 to 1911.

He joined the faculty of the Union Seminary as professor of church history in 1911 and served in that capacity until 1924 when he became president of the Presbyterian Church in America.

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**—What's Inside—**

### Tightrope Artist Nixon Good As Act In Big Top

BARNUM AND BAILEY'S big top may have folded, but according to Marquis Childs, there is an interesting tightrope act now on the road. It's being done by the 60'sP's Richard Nixon, with the wire stretching across Page 8-A.

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### Our Weather

Mostly fair today, tonight and tomorrow.  
Low this morning—57.  
Low tomorrow morning—58.  
High today—72.  
High yesterday—62.  
High tomorrow—80.  
Sunrise today 6:50 a. m.;  
sunset today 6:23 p. m.

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