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Weather Summary
Clear to partly cloudy thru Friday. Cooler tonight, warmer Friday. Low tonight, 56. High Friday, 70 to 72. Tomorrow's tides: High, 7:44 a. m., 6:34 p. m. Low, 12:54 a. m., 11:58 p. m.

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Federal Participation Report Favorable

New Hurdle Cleared For Boulevard Beach

Construction of the proposed mile - long municipal beach off South Roosevelt Boulevard cleared another major hurdle this week when the U. S. Army Division engineers in Atlanta, Ga., reported favorably on the project.

Senators Spessard Holland and George Smathers and Congressman Dante Fascell today advised Mayor Delio Cobo that the district and division engineers had made a favorable report on the advisability of federal participation in the beach construction project to the Beach Erosion Board in Washington.

This action pushes the project near the top of the long series of actions necessary for federal participation in such projects.

In such projects, the federal government can only participate if it is shown that the expenditure of federal funds is being made to provide erosion protection for lands and other property lying adjacent to the proposed project.

This entails the compliance with a detailed procedure laid down by the government.

Actions already taken include a request by the city for the participation of the U. S. Army engineers in a study of the proposed project with the city and the engineers participating in the cost.

In the instant case the city's one - half of the cost amounted to $10,800.

This study has been completed and has been approved by the Jacksonville office of the Engineer Corps.

The matter then went to a hearing before a division board in Miami Beach last December. This body approved the proposal and forwarded it to the district engineer's office in Atlanta.

It is approval at this level that is now announced.

Other actions which are necessary before the funds are made available include approval of the Beach Erosion Board and final approval by the Corps of Engineers at Washington.

When this step has been taken, the matter will go to the Congress for approval and appropriation of funds.

If final approval is given to the project and funds appropriated, the federal government will pay one - third of the cost of the construction and the city, two - thirds.

The federal government will also participate in the maintenance of the beach erosion project.

Present engineering plans call for the construction of a beach, a swimming area and protective walls on the land acquired by the city from the Internal Improvement Board of the State.

This tract of submerged land extends for about one mile eastward from the intersection of South Roosevelt Boulevard and Bertha Street.

The city's portion of the cost will be paid from an allocation of the city's portion of the state cigarette tax. Legislation permitting this expenditure has already been enacted by the State Legislature.

The Florida Congressional delegation is solidly behind the proposed beach construction and have indicated that the matter will be vigorously presented to the Congress at the first opportunity.

Appeals Court Sets Feb. 10 Session Here

For the first time, the District Court of Appeal from Dade County will sit in Key West.

Judge Tillman Pearson of the court told The Citizen in a letter today that the court will hear three cases here on Feb. 10.

The cases are Helene McDowell vs. John W. McDowell; J. D. Williamson, state beverage director vs. Eleanor Wylk; and Fred H. Hallbauer vs. Thomas W. Hawley.

The court will hear the cases in the Monroe County courthouse, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In his letter, Judge Pearson said:

"I have for some time been a subscriber to your very fine paper, because I find it to be an excellent means of keeping in touch with the doings of my many friends in Key West.

"On January 22, you published a very fine article upon the work of the District Court of Appeal. All of us on this new court sincerely appreciate your interest and sympathetic attitude toward the work that the District Court of Appeal is trying to do."

The Pearson letter also said:

"We consider this a rather historic occasion inasmuch it is the first time that Monroe County attorneys will be able to argue appeals without making the long and expensive trip to Tallahassee.

"Frankly," the letter concluded, "the members of the Court are looking forward with pleasure to this visit in the Nation's Southernmost and warmest city."

Books Will Open February 3

All County Voters Must Re-Register

Nobody in Monroe County is registered to vote in county elections right now.

William "Billy" Freeman, county supervisor of registration, told a meeting of Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Jaycee clubhouse Wednesday night that he'd completely cleared the registration books as of last December 31.

"We're starting from scratch," he said. "The new registration of voters will open this Monday, February 3. The books will be open until August 9; then they'll be closed until after the fall elections."

The county and primary elections this year are on September 9 and September 30, with the general election on November 4. Besides a number of county and state officials running for office, the new Florida constitution, revised and changed, will be up for vote approval at the general election.

Freeman said he'd do everything possible to make it easy for county residents to register between now and next August 9.

His staff will travel up to Marathon, Islamorada and Tavernier on special dates to be announced later to spare Keys residents the long trip to Key West to register, he said.

His regular office hours at the county courthouse are 9 a.m. until noon and 2 until 5 p.m. daily; but special evening and Saturday hours will be scheduled so that people working during the day will have a chance to sign up.

"Anybody coming to register must bring identification — a driver's license, birth certificate or similar paper — to prove their identity," Freeman said. "Under the new 'Simple Form Master File' System ordered by the new state law, this registration is permanent. Once registered, people will be registered forever.

"We'll send out cards from time to time to check on voters who may have died or moved away," he said, "but this will be done by mail."

Freeman said there were 15,000 voters on county registration books last December 31.

"It'll be quite a job to register all those people in a six-months period," he said. "I'm sure there are at least 18,000 men and women in this county who are qualified to vote; but it will be a job to get more than 8,000 or 10,000 of them to come in and register."

Any citizen of the United States 21 years of age or older, who has lived in Florida for one year and in Monroe County for six months, can register to vote here.

Lou Signorelli, Jaycee president, told Freeman, he will appoint a special committee of Jaycees to help keep the public aware of the re-registration drive, and the times and places to register.

False Fund Drive Charges Issued

A warrant charging Clarence Leland of 813 Baptist Lane with obtaining money under false pretenses has been issued by Peace Justice Roy Hamlin.

Hamlin said Professor C. C. Seabury, Douglass School principal, swore out the warrant after witnesses reported Leland had been asking for money for a Douglass School annual. Seabury said Leland has no connection with the school or with any drive for funds or sale of yearbook ads.

Hamlin urged anybody who has given money to Leland to contact him at his office on Whitehead Street.

Two Charged In Early Morning Rape Attempt

Peace Justice Roy Hamlin has issued warrants charging Merrill Wilson Riou, 20, 992 Pauline Lane, and Peter Leroy Robinson, 21, 914 Emma St., with assault with intent to rape after an early morning incident Wednesday near the Negro V. F. W. post home.

Hamlin said witnesses testified they heard a woman screaming and ran to the scene of the alleged attack. Two men fled, they said. Riou and Robinson were later picked up by Key West Police.

Both the men and the women they allegedly tried to rape are colored, Hamlin said. A hearing will be scheduled in the case some time next week.

Major Hazard In U.S. Launching Program

Weather Hurts Satellite Work

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — The weather has become one of the major hazards in the United States' earth satellite program.

Yesterday, strong winds buffeted the Florida east coast, making uncertain the time when the Army might try to put up a man-made "moon" with its Jupiter-C missile.

Last week, heavy rains were an important factor in the Navy's postponement of a second effort to launch a Vanguard satellite rocket and in the Air Force's failure to make a scheduled firing of a Thor ballistic missile.

High winds can make launching of some missiles extremely difficult.

At ground level, gusts of 20 to 30 miles an hour, such as those of yesterday, could exert a strong effect on a rocket in the early stages of its flight.

In the upper atmosphere, winds sometimes reach velocities that could topple a rocket.

Rain can flood underground conduits, shorting out the power supply to the launching complexes. That is what prevented the Thor firing Friday.

The Thor blasted off Tuesday. The Air Force announced immediately after the firing that it was a successful test.

Yesterday, after studying data gathered by recording stations on the missile test range, the Air Force said the missile deviated from its prescribed course. No further detail was given.

Gory Killing-Spree Ends With Capture Of Gunman



GIRL COMPANION—Caril Fugate of Lincoln, Neb., sits in the Converse County jail at Douglas, Wyo., after she was picked up by Wyoming cops with Charles Starkweather, who is accused of killing 10 persons.—AP Wirephoto.



ACCUSED KILLER—Charles Starkweather, 19, is pictured in county jail at Douglas, Wyo, as he ate for first time after his capture. He had an empty rifle when captured in badlands near Douglas.—AP Wirephoto.

Hysterical Girl Found With Killer

DOUGLAS, Wyo. (AP) — A young gunman, sought in a wave of 10 savage killings, was captured yesterday in the badlands of eastern Wyoming.

Charles Starkweather, 19, and his brunette girl friend, Caril Fugate, 14, were caught after nine persons in Nebraska and one in Wyoming had been slain in a three-day period.

The girl told officers she feared Starkweather, red-haired and wearing rimless glasses, would kill her.

"They wouldn't have caught me if I hadn't stopped," Starkweather snarled as officers hailed him to a jail cell. "If I'd had a gun, I'd have shot them."

Automobile glass, shattered by bullets in the wild chase that led to Starkweather's capture, nicked the gunman's ear.

Sheriff Earl Heflin said "It was his own blood that got him. He thought he was shot deader'n hell when he saw that blood."

"He thought he was bleeding to death," the sheriff added. "That's the kind of yellow s.o.b he is."

The girl, in a state of shock after fleeing Starkweather's car before the final chase leading to his capture, was sheltered in the living quarters of the sheriff and his wife.

Two possible reasons for the wave of slayings came to light today.

At Lincoln, Neb., his father, Guy Starkweather said: "He is to lose his sight within a year," because of being hit on the head by a piece of lumber. The father said he believed "everything just built up inside Charlie until he went beserk."

County Atty. William Dixon at Douglas said a letter to Starkweather from Caril's mother was found in his pockets. Dixon declined to say what the letter said, but said it "had to do with Caril's mother and her attitude toward Starkweather."

Caril's Mother, Mrs. Velda Bartlett, 37, was one of the nine persons killed in Nebraska.

Sheriff Heflin served papers on Starkweather in his cell today charging him with the Wyoming slaying of a Montana shoe salesman. The sheriff said he had a hand-written statement from Starkweather, a statement "about as long as a rope." He wouldn't discuss it further.

He said he planned to get a statement today from the girl.

Starkweather spent two hours in his cell last night working on his statement. Afterward Nixon said "we have everything we need now." He said the statement is evidence and declined to disclose it to reporters.

The bandy - legged little gun toter complained mostly of a small nick in his ear suffered when a sheriff's bullet shattered glass in his stolen sedan.

He seemed unconcerned about the girl, who was put under sedation after she had fled his car in hysterics shortly before he was captured.

Converse County Atty. William P. Dixon prepared to file murder charges today against Starkweather in the death of Merle Collison, 37-year-old shoe salesman from Great Falls, Mont. Collison was shot as he slept in his car near Douglas. An autopsy disclosed nine bullet wounds from a .22-caliber rifle.

Starkweather had an empty .22-caliber rifle whe nhe was surprised by another motorist standing by Collison's car.

Dixon said that one member of the Converse County Board of Commissioners at Douglas wanted to turn Starkweather over to Nebraska authorities but that he

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Wilson Turns In Top Excess Fees

Howard Wilson county tax collector, turned in $10,232.03 in excess fees to the county for 1957, he reported today.

He added that this was the largest amount ever returned to the county by any Monroe County official. The sum represents excess fees after all expenses of the collector's office were paid.

A recent state auditor's report said that Wilson's office was operated economically.

Injured Man To Be Paroled

Gerry Beaver, 18, whose spine was broken by a shot from the man he assaulted, will be paroled, Criminal Court Judge Thomas Caro said today.

Beaver, doctors say, will never walk again. He was brought before Judge Caro on a stretcher this morning when he pleaded guilty to entering a dwelling with intent to commit a felony and to assault and battery.

Three of his companions pleaded guilty to the entering charge. William E. Haygood, 17, of Ball Ground, Ga., was not charged with assault and battery.

The others were Harold W. Geno, 23, Battle Creek, Mich., and Donald E. Burcham, 31, Milwaukee.

Judge Caro said he would parole Beaver and sentence the others later.

The quartet was charged with entering the dwelling of Juan Del Pino, 52, on Stock Island.

After beating Del Pino, the victim fired several shots, hitting Beaver in the spine with one bullet from a .22 caliber pistol.

Seaplanes Grounded

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)—The Navy said today its three Tradewind seaplanes would remain grounded until a five-man accident board can determine what caused the crash of a fourth.

City Recoils From Shock, Terror

More Starkweather Victims Are Sought

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln recoiled from shock and terror today after assurance that a mad slayer, who had snuffed out ten lives, was behind bars.

But troubled officials fear more bodies could be found as they have been found at intervals since Monday.

Swaggering Charles Starkweather, 19, and his steady girl friend, Caril Fugate, 14, who have been charged with first-degree murder were jailed at Douglas, Wyo., yesterday.

Striking by threes, the youth first killed Caril's family of three. Then in another foray discovered a day later, he killed a onetime hunting companion and two high school sweethearts.

Later, he shot down a prominent Lincoln business man; stabbed his wife and their 51-year-old housekeeper.

It was the tenth killing that broke the chain. A few minutes after he opened fire on a salesman napping in his car along a Wyoming highway he ran into Joe Sprinkle, tough Casper, Wyo., oil worker who wasn't afraid of the killer's rifle. Sprinkle stopped to investigate the stalled cars, appraised the situation and grappled for the rifle.

The killer got away, but by then law officers had arrived and he gave up after a short chase.

The victims slain in a 48-hour period:

Marion Bartlett, 57, Lincoln, Caril's stepfather; Velda Bartlett, 37, Lincoln, her mother; and Betty Jean Bartlett, not quite 3, their daughter.

August Meyer, 70, Bennet farmer; Robert Jensen, 17, Bennet high school student; and Carol King, 16, Bennet, Robert's girl friend.

C. Lauer Ward, 47, Lincoln business man; Clara Ward, 47, his wife; and Lillian Fencel, 51, the Wards' housekeeper.

Merle Collison, 37, Great Falls, Mont., salesman.

Apprehension spread in Lincoln as the bloody toll mounted, but it was the wanton killing of Ward, president of the Capitol Steel Works, Mrs. Ward and their housekeeper, raising the count of Nebraska victims to nine, which set the city in its final frenzy.

Gov. Victor Anderson ordered the National Guard mobilized. Guardsmen started patrolling the city and prepared for a house-to-house search to root out the killer.

Col. C. J. Sanders, head of the Nebraska Safety Patrol, threw a ring of troopers around the city

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To Take Ferry From Key West

Castro's Sister To Return To Havana

MIAMI (AP)—Juanita Castro, sister of Cuban rebel leader Fidel Castro, will return to Havana voluntarily next Tuesday.

Miss Castro had been fighting a U. S. Immigration Service order for her deportation. She had indicated she feared for her life if she returned to Cuba where her brother is fighting the regime of President Fulgencio Batista.

There was no explanation for her decision to go back. Her intention of returning was revealed when she appeared at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service here with her Miami attorney, Ralph Aguilera, and voluntarily withdrew her appeal against the deportation order.

She entered the United States under a visitor's visa last August but left just before Christmas to visit relatives in Mexico. She said she was advised her visa had been canceled when she attempted to fly back to Miami.

She admitted entering the United States Jan. 4 concealed in the trunk of a taxicab which took her across the border at Brownsville, Tex.

Special hearing officer Luke White found her deportable after a hearing last week but the order did not specify when she must leave nor to which country she must go.

Neither White nor Aguilera could give a reason for Miss Castro's withdrawal of her appeal. She was unavailable for comment. She plans to leave from Key West by automobile ferry.

Kema Is Given Life Sentence For Armed Theft

Edward Kema, 22 - year - old Chinese Hawaiian, today was sentenced to life imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the Christmas Eve armed robbery of Evans Camera and Supply Store, 509 Southard Street.

He pleaded guilty before Criminal Court Judge Thomas Caro to the robbery in which 10 pistols were taken at gun point from Frank Wayne, owner of the store.

Kema, who is from Honolulu and who is a Marine Corps deserter, later went to Cuba. He said he wanted to join rebel Fidel Castro's forces.

Lt. Rene Raiole of the sheriff's department flew back to Key West as he stepped off the plane at Key West International Airport.