

State Goes Shopping For New School Buses

Raleigh.—North Carolina went shopping yesterday for between 600 and 800 new school buses. The State Division of Purchase and Contract said contracts for chassis and bodies would be let separately. Bids will be opened

May 12.

Transportation Director C. C. Browne of the State Department of Public Instruction said new buses would replace over-aged units to be culled from his fleet at the end of the 1948-49 school year. Browne said school buses are replaced after eight to 10 years of service.

Pair Given 18-25 Years In Robbery

Boone.—O. J. McLain, of Blowing Rock and Sam F. Sluder alias Robert Guy, of Mountain City, Tenn., were each sentenced to 18 to 25 years in state prison in Watauga superior court here yesterday by Judge J. A. Rousseau for robbery and assault on an elderly woman storekeeper.

Both appealed to the state supreme court. Judge Rousseau set bond at \$10,000 and both men were returned to the Watauga county jail when they failed to arrange bail.

Miss Florence Boyd, who lives in her small store near Grandfather Mountain, testified the two men came to her store last October. She said they beat her and threatened her in an effort to make her tell where more money was hidden. She said they took \$40 in cash, cigarettes, candy and other merchandise.

School, Road Bond Election June 4

Raleigh.—An energetic campaign to persuade Tar Heel voters to approve a \$200,000,000 bond issue for rural roads and a \$25,000,000 issue for school buildings was launched here yesterday.

A group of about 200 persons met here at the call of Governor Scott and enthusiastically drafted plans for the campaign, including organizing a corporation known as "Better Schools and Roads, Inc."

The group voted to hold the bond election on June 4 after Governor Scott said he would "let this crowd decide" on the election date. The Governor suggested either June 4 or June 11.

"Better Schools and Roads, Inc." was proposed at a morning session and was formally incorporated in the early afternoon—probably one of the fastest jobs of forming a corporation on record.

Plans call for the corporation to open an office in Raleigh immediately to push the bond election drive.

It also was decided that the organization should have 200 directors—two in each county.

Named to its corporation's executive committee were: Mrs. Ethel P. Edwards, of Raleigh, executive director of the N. C. Education Association; Mr. Ernest B. Hunter, of Charlotte; State Senator B. C. Brock, of Davie county; State Grange Master Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro; I. G. Greer, of Chapel Hill; Lieut. Governor H. P. Taylor, and L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro.

Out of State Cars Must Be Inspected Before N. C. License Issued

The General Assembly has passed a law which requires that motor vehicles which have been registered for use in other states must be inspected before they can be registered in this state. Patrolmen will inspect vehicles and issue the owner certificate, which will enable the owner to secure his state license. There is no charge for this inspection.

Wilkesboro To Play Sparta Nine Friday

Wilkesboro high school baseball team will play Sparta Friday, three p. m., on Wilkesboro's field. The game will start at three o'clock.

Sparta has one of the best high school teams in western North Carolina and a good contest is anticipated.

Maiden will play at Wilkesboro Tuesday, May 3.

Man Accused Of Burying Sister Alive

Walterboro, S. C.—Wyman Hiott 60, accused of poisoning his 80-year-old sister and burying her, possibly alive, under a hog pen, was formally charged with murder yesterday.

Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh said he would send a bill of indictment before the grand jury charging Hiott with killing Mrs. Carrie Hiott Carter "by starvation, poisoning or burying alive."

Hiott, arrested April 8, made a statement in jail last Saturday to Murdaugh and Sheriff G. Haskell Thompson. They quoted him as admitting that he administered a poison to his sister in coffee on April 5. He next saw her the following morning, when he took breakfast to her. He said she did not eat.

"Then I went out to the stable and dug the grave," they quoted the prisoner. "I then went back in the house to her bedroom, picked her up and placed her in the grave, covering her with blankets, then paper, then dirt. At that time she was breathing a little."

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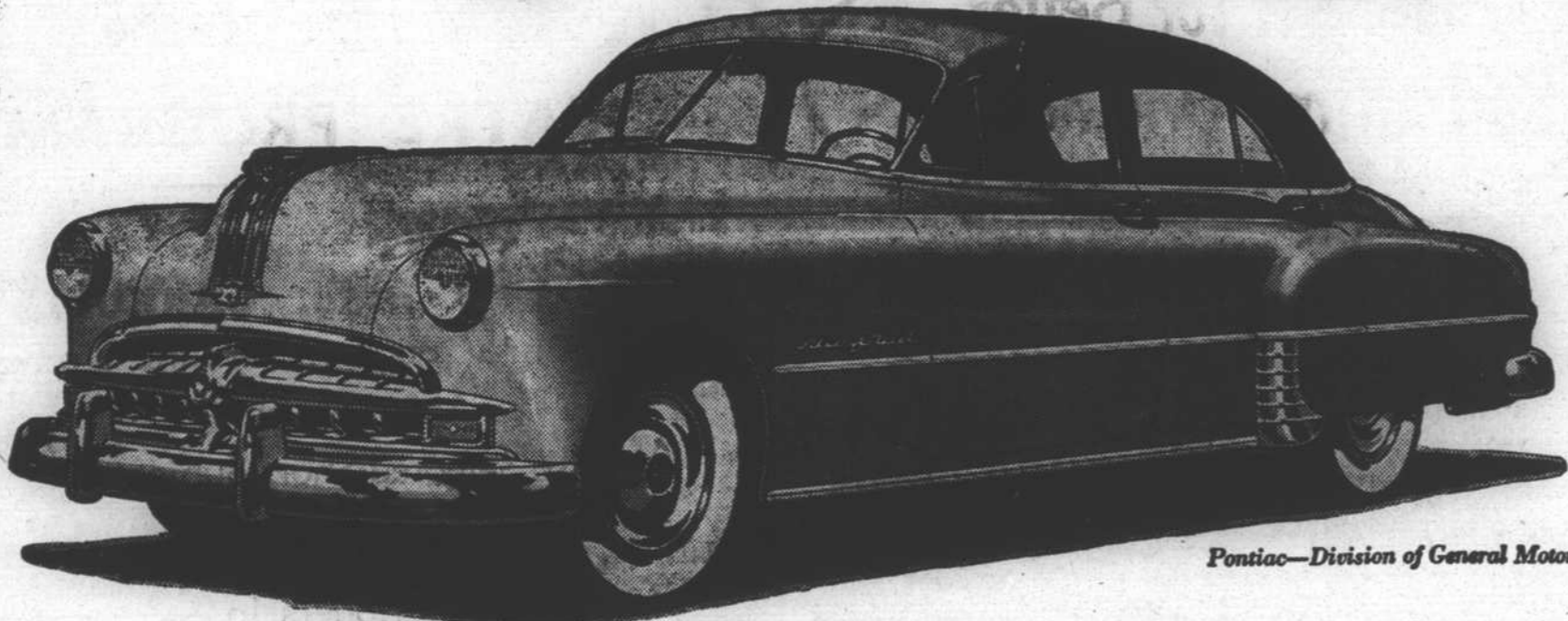
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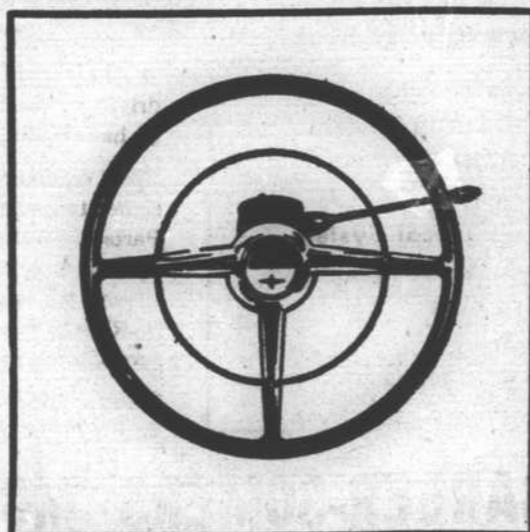
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