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Six Automobile Accidents Mar Pitt's Yuletide

No Highway Deaths In County Reported, Though Damage Costs Run High

Six holiday accidents in Pitt county kept the members of the State Highway patrol in Greenville from spending a quiet and peaceful Christmas, it was reported today. Accidents involving mules, drunken driving, and careless and reckless driving were reported by Patrolman Dick Chadwick and Cpl. John Laws, investigating officers of the six accidents during the holiday period. Damages resulting from the holiday accidents were placed at an unofficial estimate of \$3,000 by the investigating members of the State Highway patrol, who were kept running from one end of Pitt county to the other, answering calls to wrecks, and other calls for assistance.

The first of the auto accident occurred Friday about 8:15, on the Bell Arthur road when a car operated by Willie Earl Jones, Route 2, Farmville, left the highway and turned over into a ditch.

The driver was quoted by Patrolman Chadwick as saying that he approached the sharp curve and was blinded by the lights from an oncoming car.

Two occupants in the car, Sam Jones, 23, a brother, suffered a hand laceration and Mrs. Mildred Jones, wife of the driver, sustained foot and knee abrasions.

A car turned over on the highway between Bell's Fork and the county home, around eight thirty Friday night, when the driver cut onto the shoulders of the highway in an effort to avoid hitting three mules which had entered the road.

The driver of the car, Mrs. Leroy Williams, Route 1, Winterville, stated that she lost control of the car when she tried to avoid colliding with the mules.

Shortly before noon Saturday morning, a car driven by Charlie Grimes, Route 2, Winterville, was involved in an accident about one and one half miles from Greenville on the Farmville highway.

Grimes said he came around the curve, ran off the right shoulder of the highway, came back across the highway, and then went off the left shoulder of the road, finally being stopped by a tree.

Grimes was arrested and charged with driving drunk, and driving in a careless and reckless manner.

Other passengers in the car with Grimes were not injured.

The fourth accident of the holidays and the second on Christmas day involved a car on the Rountree road around 5 o'clock.

A car driven by Raymond Earl Jones, 906 Dickinson Avenue, was being backed out from a side driveway when it hit a bed of sand on

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First Big Rain Since Spring In Dry New York

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The first heavy rain since last spring fell on New York and its parched watershed today—and the weather bureau saw another 24 hours of it coming.

Water-shy New Yorkers were as happy as dentists' farmers at the end of a drought, but the city water department kept its fingers crossed. Any water that runs into the big reservoirs—now two-thirds empty—must not only handle the present demand but store up a surplus for summer.

The rain—a measured 61 of an inch—fell while engineers from three states doggedly planned an enormous 600,000,000-gallon reservoir system that would serve New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania cities for the next hundred years.

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Independence Gained

The Newborn United States Of Indonesia; Holland's Loss; Further Evidence Days Of Empires Are Numbered; U. S. Friendship; Rest Of Netherland Holdings

By DEWITT MACAENZIE

This is a great day for the new born United States of Indonesia, which is taking over power from the Dutch government in Batavia, and is embarking on self-rule.

By the same token it's a day of mixed emotions for the "mother country," since in this transfer Holland loses a major portion of the empire over which she had held prideful and profitable sway for more than three centuries. Control of the fabulous riches in oil and rubber and spices thus reverts to the natives, although of course, Dutch interests still retain their investments.

So the Netherlands join Britain in exemplifying that the days of empires are numbered. The time when the peoples of one race can impose their rule on another race is all but gone. The East Indies are following India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon out into the realm of self-determination, and the imperial crowns of England and Holland have lost the greatest of their gems.

True the U. S. of Indonesia is to be part of a federated commonwealth which is linked with Holland by the Dutch crown. However,

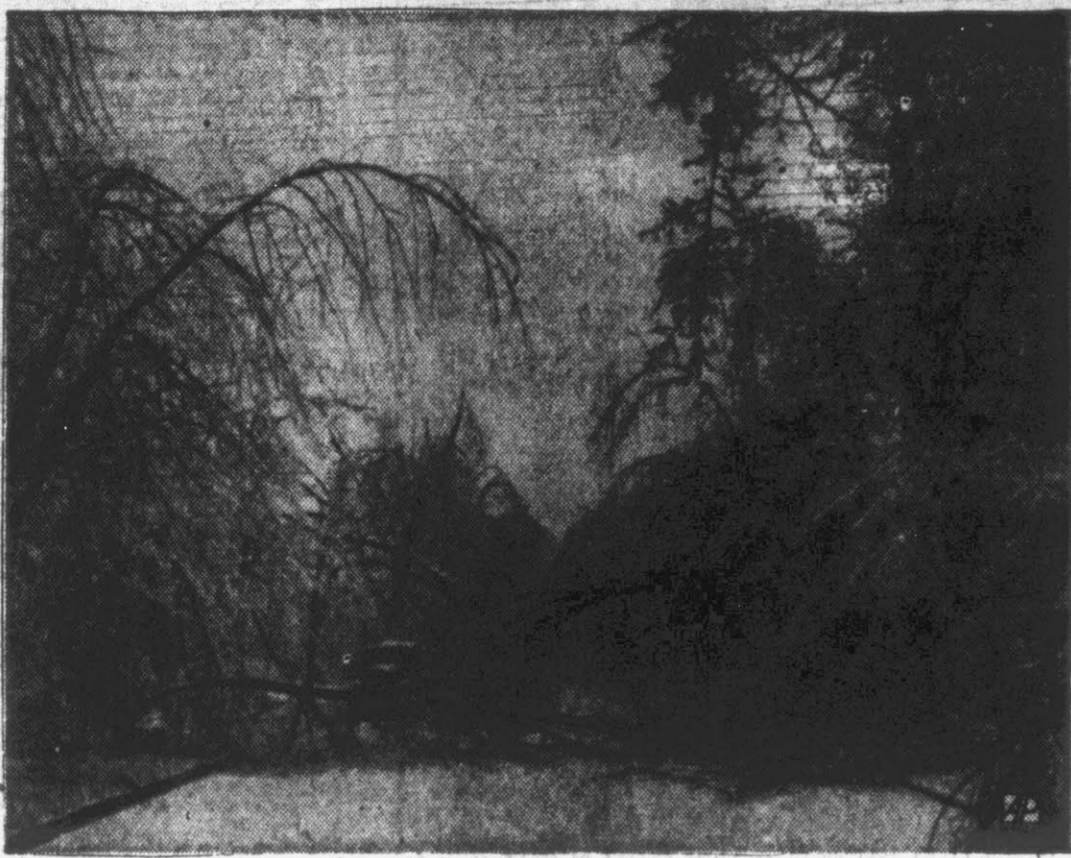
the arrangement is very similar to that of the British commonwealth and Indonesia has full sovereignty. The new government has the blessings of America. The members of the Indonesian government for the most part are strongly anti-communist and as things now stand the nation may become a powerful defense against the red offensive for control of the Far East.

America's friendship has been further emphasized by the manner in which the Washington government raced against time and got a big shipment of Marshall Plan supplies away to Indonesia before the new republic became ineligible on assumption of power today. This shipment totaled \$37,500,000 and included rice and textiles.

Moreover, President Truman is expected to extend diplomatic recognition to Indonesia almost immediately. Russia deliberately put herself on the outs with the government of the U. S. of Indonesia by attacking its members in the United Nations as traitors because of their settlement with the Dutch.

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Ice Storm Isolates Illinois City



Ice-laden trees bend to the ground to block this street in Quincy, Ill., after a storm which all but isolated the city from the outside world. Many sections of the city are still without power and heat although communication has been restored. (AP Wirephoto).

Civic Pride Forged By Fire That Struck Town

Merchants, Town Officials And Business Men Lay Plans For Better Town Following Tragedy Of Christmas Eve

Hyndman, Pa., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The fire which leveled this mountain community's business section has forged a new spirit of civic pride in Hyndman.

That became apparent today as merchants, town officials and businessmen started to lay plans for a new and better town.

The Christmas Eve fire burned out three blocks of the center of the town. The bank, 12 other business buildings, about 20 homes and 100 automobiles were reduced to twisted, charred wreckage.

An unofficial estimate of damage compiled by businessmen placed it at around \$1,000,000—a staggering amount for a town of about 1,500 population.

But Hyndman has not bowed to fate. "We are going to build a better town than we ever had before," Charles O. Burns, cashier of the burned-out bank declared.

"The fire has bound the community together," George Keller, the principal of the local high school said. "It is really amazing. Everyone is helping."

The high school was not damaged by the fire. Emergency relief headquarters were set up there.

Keller said "I do not know of a single person who is not doing all he can. We now have a closely-knit town."

"For years I've been trying to get folks to think about remodeling our school. In the past two days, there have been residents helping out here who have never seen the inside of the school before."

"Now they are talking about a new high school building. Merchants were talking about getting construction of new stores and offices underway immediately."

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satellites have boycotted Yugoslav trade since Tito's break with the Kremlin and the new trade agreement tightens Yugoslavia's ties with the west.

Yugoslav officials said the trade deal would involve sales totaling \$560,000,000 between the two countries. (In London, Britain's Board of Trade estimated two-way trade under the pact would total \$616,200,000 in the next five years.)

The news was made public last night at a meeting of Parliament in which the government announced that the national budget not only balanced its budget this year but had a surplus of \$520,000,000 in the treasury as well.

Important feature of the trade pact is a British credit of \$23,400,000 repayable in six years. With his credit Tito can buy British machinery, textiles, chemicals, rubber and other products immediately and pay later.

In return Yugoslavia will sell Britain timber, corn and such non-ferrous metals as lead and copper.

Under terms of the agreement, Yugoslavia promised to pay for British owned property which was taken over in the communist government's nationalization program.

Hollywood, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The honeymoon of Cary Grant and his Christmas bride, Betsy Drake, is over.

Mrs. Drake, 26, is due to report at her studio today for a movie role. The 46-year-old Grant is slated to start a movie in a few weeks.

Their one-day honeymoon was closely guarded a secret as was their runaway marriage Sunday in a desert home near Phoenix, Ariz.

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Einstein Reveals Complex Theory

If Ever Proved, Concept Will Crown His Life Work

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Dr. Albert Einstein, whose theory of relativity helped open up the whole vast field of atomic research, has put forward an even more sensational theory.

He calls it "a generalized theory of gravitation."

It is a mathematical description of the mystery of gravity—the common force that keeps our feet on the floor and rules the movements of the stars.

If it can be proved, it will become a "universal law" and, in the view of other scientists, will stand as the highest scientific achievement of all time.

It would explain every physical motion in the universe, from the inside of an atom to the enormous galaxies of outer space.

It would crown with success the life work of Einstein, who has spent the last half of his 70 years looking for the answer to this ultimate problem, known to science as the "unified field theory."

It was revealed to the world here yesterday on 20 mimeographed pages—a mixture of typewritten words and squiggly mathematical symbols that even scientists hesitated to interpret. It was the English translation of Einstein's original German.

Einstein describes it as an extension of his relativity theory, and was quick to point out that he has "not yet found a practical way to confront the results of the theory with experimental evidence"—or in short, to prove it.

Boxscore

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Motor Vehicle Department's report of highway accidents for the period from 4 p.m. Dec. 22 through 10 a.m. today:

Killed—16
Injured—247
Killed to date—526
Killed to date in 1948—729
Injured to date—9467
Injured to date in 1948—7393

Wants Check On Accused Red Spy

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan told the government today to check the diplomatic status of accused spy Valentin A. Gubitchev with the State Department and the United Nations.

Sad Sam Now 'Best-Dressed' Fowl

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Firemen Respond To Seven Calls During Weekend

Only One Fire Resulted In Heavy Damage; Trucks Hampered On Streets

Greenville firemen answered five box alarms, one telephone call and one out-of-town call for aid during the Christmas period. Many of the holiday fires were caused by oil stoves. Only one of the fires caused any serious damage.

A fire around 3 o'clock Friday afternoon in the home of Susie Hardy, colored, 305 Boyd Avenue, gutted portions of the house when the back room of the frame dwelling was set afire by an oil stove.

Firemen arriving on the scene stated that flames were licking their way out of several windows in the back portion of the house and making their way up into the roof of the building.

The occupant of the house stated that she had just come from the back room, going into the front section of the house to tend to her crippled mother. She said that she started back into the back room when she saw flames eating their way through the room. She turned and took her mother out from the house and then pulled in the alarm.

Firemen finally brought the blaze under control after a stubborn fight. No estimate of the amount of damage to the house was made at the time.

Shortly after six o'clock Friday night, an oil stove in the home of Blue Dunn, Arlington street in Hillsdale, exploded; causing minor damage which was confined to smoke and dirt from the stove.

While the firemen were still at the fire in Hillsdale, a second alarm was turned in from Box 323 on Center street, which brought two additional trucks from the fire station.

The fire truck returning from the fire in Hillsdale also responded to the alarm which turned out to be false.

Fire trucks and volunteer firemen were attempting to reach the scene of the fires were hampered because of the traffic which clogged the avenue.

An oil stove in the home of Ella Ruth Barnett, 1115 Clark street flared up Saturday night about eight o'clock, and firemen were called. There was no damage to the building.

Earlier in the day, a fire truck from Greenville was sent out to town to call for aid from the home of Dave Mosier, when grass which was being burned threatened to set fire to the house.

A clogged up stove pipe on an oil stove in a house at 606 Ford street, Monday morning, caused to the stove to flare up, firemen stated.

Late last night, a box alarm was turned in from box 22 when a truck owned by "Red" Crawford, 115 Cotanche street, caught fire. The origin of the fire is not known, but possibly started from faulty wiring, firemen surmised. The front section of the truck was burned considerably before the fire was discovered.

Recovered Body Of Drowning Victim

No Inquest Planned In Yuletide Death Of Aged Man

The body of a 64-year-old Pitt county colored man was recovered from the Tar River yesterday morning at approximately 9:30, ending a search which was begun Sunday night when the man was first reported missing.

Sheriff Ruel Tyson reported today that the body of Charlie Graham, negro of near Ballads Cross Roads, was found in the river behind the Russell Stancil home early yesterday headed by Deputy Duke Andrews.

Coroner G. H. House said no inquest would be necessary in the death after an examination of the body showed no indications of foul play.

The victim of the Christmas tragedy was visiting his son who lives on the Stancil farm at the time of the accident. He was last seen Sunday evening going toward the river.

His absence was reported Sunday night at eight o'clock. A search was begun immediately by Sheriff Tyson and Lloyd Manning.

When the body was found the following morning it was in near the shore where it had drifted into some water grass.

Pilgrims Chilled On Rome Visit

Vatican City, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Near freezing weather today chilled some 12,000 pilgrims as they began their humble Holy year visits to the four patriarchal basilicas around Vatican City and Rome.

The great colorful opening and the Christmas ceremonies most of them had come to witness were over. Today they visited the Basilicas of St. Peter, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul Outside The Walls.

Most of the pilgrims were from Spain, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany and other parts of Italy.

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See Drop In Farm Income For 1950

Forecast Of Ten Per Cent Decline Next Year For U. S. Farmers; Tobacco Prices Seen Remaining At About '49 Level

By EUGENE PRICE

Farm income across the nation may decline some 10 per cent in 1950, according to the Farm and Home Outlook, printed by the State Agricultural Extension Service through the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The prediction was made despite the assumption that high industrial activity would tend to maintain farm prices.

Farmers, whose incomes declined 20 per cent since the 1948 peak, can expect lower net income in 1950, the booklet warns, unless steps are taken to adjust the changing price picture.

The average farmer will not need to retrench but should be sure of markets before expanding production, Outlook observed, urging long range plans on the basis of conservative prices for products to be sold.

Support prices, which have cushioned the decline in price drops, will be slightly higher for tobacco in 1950 due to the new parity formula, according to the booklet. Tobacco prices will likely be about the same.

Other crops and livestock will undoubtedly be lower than in 1949. The support price will determine the price of major crops and livestock products. Assuming a normal year, the prices of tobacco, cotton, peanuts, corn and wheat will probably be at or near support level, the book stated.

Tobacco Situation

This year North Carolina averaged some 1188 pounds of tobacco per acre, 65 pounds under the 1948 average. The price this year was 47 cents. That was four and one half cents above support but still five per cent less than 1948.

Exports in tobacco were higher this year than last, as was cigarette consumption.

In 1950 the support price on tobacco will be 43.5 cents in 1950 against 42.5 cents in 1949. Outlook anticipates a continued high consumption of cigarettes and a fairly strong demand for flue-cured tobacco. The export picture, however, is uncertain.

More low quality tobacco will probably go under loan in the coming year but good quality tobacco

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Controversy On Saucers Kindled

Air Force Denies Studies Indicate Space Ship Theory

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A sensational claim that so-called "flying saucers" are space vehicles from another planet kindled new controversy on the subject today.

The air force promptly discredited the claim. A spokesman said: "Air force studies of 'flying saucers' lend no support to the view that they come from another planet."

The assertion that the flying discs are real and that they are used by visitors from another planet was made by True Magazine in an article it calls the "most important true story we have ever published."

It was written for the January issue by Donald E. Keyhoe, a former information chief for the aeronautics branch of the U. S. Commerce Department.

The magazine, saying its conclusions were based on an eight-month investigation, stated:

"For the past 175 years, the planet earth has been under systematic close range examination by living, intelligent observers from another planet."

"The intensity of this observation, and the frequency of the visits to the earth's atmosphere, by which it is being conducted, have increased markedly in the past two years."

The flying discs, Keyhoe writes, vary "in no important particular from well developed American plans for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years."

End Cleveland's Transit Strike

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Buses and street cars were expected to start rolling almost immediately. The injunction set a 2 p.m. deadline.

Comparison

Christmas day in Greenville saw a high temperature of 53 degrees, with a low of 39 being recorded. In comparing weather records of a year ago, it was found that one of the coldest days in recent years occurred on the day after Christmas when the mercury fell to 13 degrees, with a high of 36. Yesterday's high reached 79 degrees, with a low of 51.

Rainfall for the past twenty-four hours was measured at .38 of an inch, by Mrs. Carl Madison, official weather observer in Greenville.

An Important Year

What The Forthcoming Session Of Congress Means To Most Congressmen; Seats Will Be At Stake; Campaign Argument For Trumanites If Supporters Are Returned

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—In another week Congress will be back. It will be the start of an important year for most of the congressmen, since most of them face the voters before the year is over.

The seats of all 435 House members are at stake in the elections next fall. So what they do this year will be a factor in whether they come back again in 1951.

They know that. And a lot of them will have to take their stand on the "fair deal" program President Truman is going to present to them. It will be the main fighting point in the election campaigns.

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Independence Is Given Indonesia By Dutch Today

Simple Palace Ceremony Ends 300 Years Of Dutch Rule Over Rich Islands

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Queen Juliana of the Netherlands proclaimed independence for 17,000,000 Indonesians today in a simple palace ceremony that ended 300 years of Dutch rule over the rich Pacific Isles of the East Indies.

With her signature, the new United States of Indonesia officially became a sovereign republic. The ceremony also marked the beginning of the Dutch-Indonesian Union under which the two nations will be loosely linked under the Dutch crown.

On the other side of the world, dark-skinned natives celebrated the independence for which they fought four years of sporadic guerrilla warfare. U. S. I. leaders took over control of the Indonesian capital of Batavia, Java, from Dutch troops.

Amidst the solemn formality in the marble-walled "civic hall" of the palace Premier Mohammed Hatta was present to represent his new country.

The brief program was concluded by the Queen's speech, followed by the playing of the Indonesian National anthem "Indonesia Raya" and the Dutch hymn "Wilhelmus" on the palace carillon.

At almost the same moment the two anthems were being played in Batavia, with the raising of the Indonesian red and white flag over the former Governor General's palace.

The agreement signaled a major achievement for the United Nations whose conciliation commission paved the way for the Dutch-Indonesian meeting.

The agreement had been ratified earlier by the Netherlands government and all 16 Indonesian states—including the larger Indonesian republic and 15 smaller federated states.

It unites under Dutch commonwealth status islands covered 748,000 square miles—about three times the size of Texas—including Java, the richest and most populous; Dutch Borneo, largest in area and rich in oil; Bali, home of beautiful ceremonial dances and fine handicrafts; Sumatra and numerous smaller, less populated islands, the area produces a vast wealth of minerals, spices, tea, coffee, rubber, quinine, tobacco, rice, coconuts, coconut products and citronella oil for chasing away mosquitoes.

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Social and Personal

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Miss Frances Kittrell arrived today from Atlanta to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kittrell.

Mr. I. H. Morris is spending several days in Baltimore.

Ernest Willard, Jr., who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willard, Sr., has returned to Niagara Falls, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peacock and family arrived a few days ago from San Diego, Calif., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Peacock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunning. Mr. Peacock will leave for Japan and China about December 30 on a special mission for the U. S. N.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn Elmore and children, Patricia and Ashby, of Raleigh were guests of Judge and Mrs. Albion Dunn during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. C. E. Richardson of Washington is spending the holidays with her daughter Mrs. J. J. Perkins.

Mrs. C. A. Bowen left today to visit her brother in Charlotte.

Miss Kathleen Deans of Greensboro is here to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Warren.

R. Carlton Wilson of Rockingham is visiting friends in Miami, Fla., after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson.

Celebrates Twelfth Birthday

On Friday afternoon at 3:30 Mrs. R. F. Clark of Belvoir gave her daughter, Marlene, a Christmas and birthday party combined to celebrate her twelfth birthday. A lighted Christmas tree, the beautiful arrangement on the mantel and other decorations of holly and cedar gave to each greetings for the occasion. Upon arrival a Christmas corsage was pinned on each child by Jane Clark, cousin of the honoree, who led the entertainments. The party began by the singing of "Happy Birthday to You" and "Merry Christmas to You." Many games and contests were enjoyed in which prizes were awarded. Christmas carols were sung at several intervals during the party. After about an hour's entertainment the children marched into the dining room where a beautifully decorated birthday cake with twelve burning candles atop, surrounded by sprigs of holly served as the centerpiece for the table. Christmas plates filled with cookies, rice crackers, mixed nuts, candies and grape juice, outlined the table. After each had taken his place, Happy Birthday to You" was sung again after which the candles were blown out by Marlene. The feast began! Again the children assembled in the living room where the many and pretty gifts were opened by Marlene.

Those attending the party were Burley, Linda and Wayne Clark, Julie, Peggy and Wadie Lewis, Barbara, Ferril and Donnie Wynne, Faye, Lou, Marie and Johnnie Moore, Lucille Morris, Billy Staston, Jean Winkhouse, Graham Manning, Bobby and Glenwood Allen and several of the children's mothers.

Each departed, declaring they had had a most joyous time.

Christian Science Service "Christian Science" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches and societies on Sunday, December 25. Golden Text: Luke 2:14. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Among the citations comprising the lesson-sermon are the following from the Bible: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew for the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1st Peter 2:9).

And from the Christian Science Textbook by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christian Science is dawning upon a material age. The great spiritual facts of being, like rays of light, shine in the darkness, though the darkness, comprehending them not may deny their reality." Page 546.

Birth Announcement Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Oakley of Greenville, Route 4, announce the birth of a son December 23 at Dr. Joseph Smith's clinic. Mrs. Oakley is the former Miss Doris Eiks.

Presbyterian Mid-Week Service Mid-Week prayer service will be held in the First Presbyterian church Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Dies in Charlotte Mr. J. D. Hice was called to Charlotte yesterday because of the death of his father, Mr. J. A. Hice. Funeral services will be held today.

Dr. Fitzgerald's Brother Dies Saturday News reached Greenville of the death in Johnston County hospital of C. A. Fitzgerald of Micro, on Saturday, December 24. Funeral services were held on Sunday from the Baptist church at Micro. Burial was in Smithfield cemetery. Mr. Fitzgerald was a brother of Dr. Paul Fitzgerald of this city.

F. W. B. Church Conference The Greenville Free Will Baptist church will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. for prayer service and at 8 p. m. for a church business conference. The members of the church are urged to be present for these two important meetings.

Funeral Wednesday For Mrs. G. Warren Mrs. Betty Whitfield Warren, 70, wife of G. Nelson Warren of near Stokes, died at Pitt General Hospital at 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon after having been ill for the past ten days. Funeral services will be conducted at Briar Swamp Primitive Baptist church at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Elder A. E. Ayers, Primitive Baptist minister of Bear Grass, assisted by Elder W. E. Grimes, Primitive Baptist minister of near Stokes, and burial will be in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Warren, daughter of the late George and Susan James Whitfield spent the most of her life in Pitt county in the Bethel and Stokes communities. She was a member of Briar Swamp Primitive Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband; three daughters: Mrs. Julius Ross, Mrs. Judson Whitehurst and Mrs. Tillett Alexander; and three sons: Hubert O. Elmer, E. and W. Charlie Warren, all of Stokes; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three brothers: P. W. and Lee Whitfield of Wilson; and Sam Whitfield of Roper; and two sisters; Mrs. Lillian Berry of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Besse Mallory of Everett.

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Funeral Rites Today For Mrs. C. Vincent

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Cooper Vincent, 61, who died at her home near Winterville early Sunday morning after suffering a heart attack, were conducted at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. M. A. Woodard, Free Will Baptist minister of Winterville, assisted by the Rev. D. W. Hansley, Free Will Baptist minister of Ayden, and burial was in the churchyard.

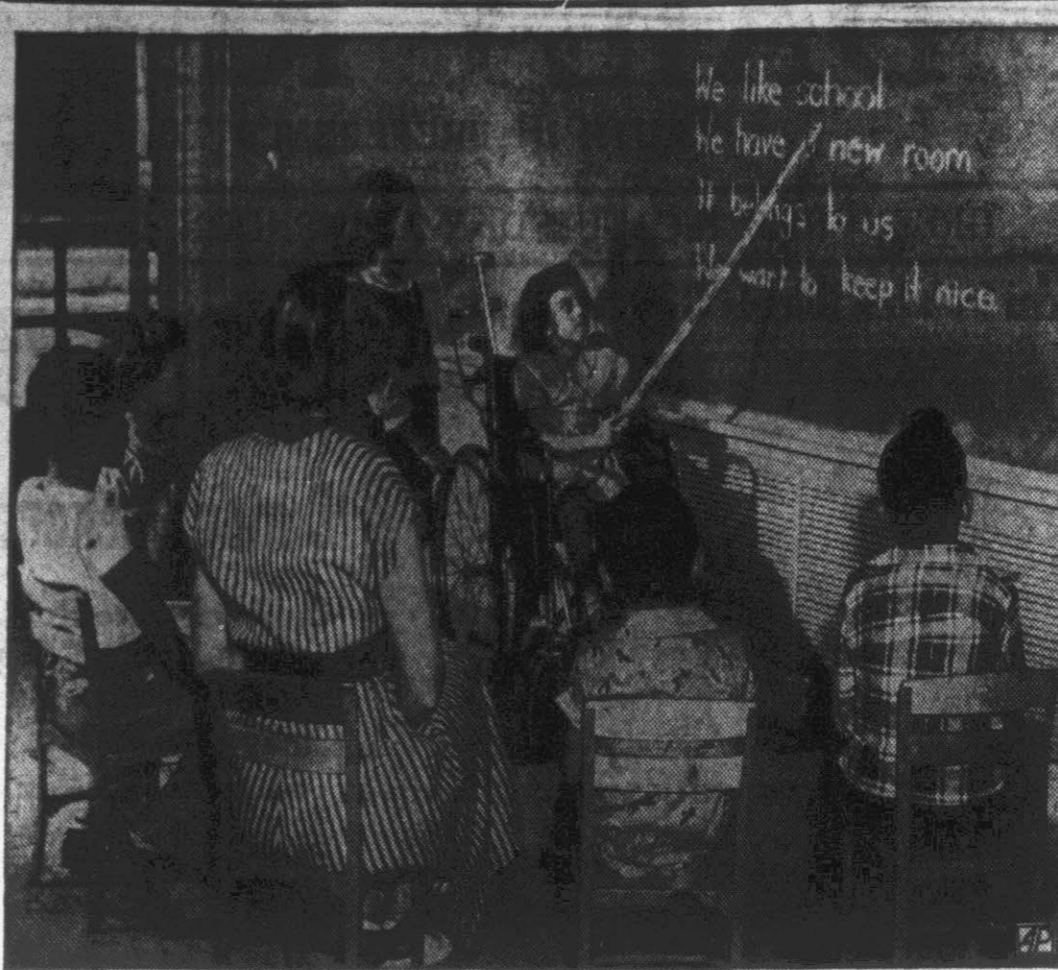
Mrs. Vincent, daughter to the late Rowan and Mary Bowers Cooper, spent all her life in the Winterville community and was a member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church. She was the widow of Cleveland H. Vincent.

Surviving are three sons, Troy C. Vincent of the home, J. Caswell Vincent of Macon, Ga., and Cleveland Vincent, Jr. of near Winterville; six daughters, Mrs. E. M. Ehrhridge of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Paul Dudley and Mrs. R. H. Smith of Ayden, Mrs. Frank D'Arcangelo and Miss Ruth Vincent of Greenville, and Miss Constance Vincent of the home; five grandchildren; and a brother, E. A. Cooper of the home.

Atheneum Club Has Christmas Party

On Tuesday evening, December 20, Mrs. Owen Marshburn and Mrs. C. H. Edwards entertained the members of the Atheneum Book Club and their husbands at a delightful Christmas party.

The members and additional guests gathered at the lovely suburban home, "Andalusia," of Col. and Mrs. Marshburn where a delightful cocktail party was enjoyed. The house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of Christmas



MARCH OF DIMES GIRL IN CLASS—Wanda Wiley, March of Dimes poster girl, points to the blackboard in class under teacher Mrs. Dotis Dodge at Gyalis School, Austin, Tex.

greens, red berries and poinsettias. At 8 o'clock the group left for the Country Club where a delicious three-course turkey dinner was served from a beautifully appointed table.

More than 1,000,000 translations of more than 1,000 American books have been published in Japan under American occupation authorities.

REVEAL PRICE CUTS

Flint, Mich., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Price cuts ranging from \$75 to \$310 were announced today by Buick Motors on certain of its 1950 model cars. The reductions include a recently announced cut of \$40 on Buick's Torque converter transmission.

Women In The Church

"A Friendly Center Club," for men and women sixty years of age and over, has been started at Center Church House, Hartford, Conn. The club meets every Friday afternoon from two to four. Its program of recreation and fellowship is sponsored jointly by the Down-

town Inter-Church Committee, the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, and the Welfare Committee of the Hartford Women's Club. Mrs. Noble Lord, of the Center Church of Hartford, is general chairman.

Says the nation's only woman to preside over a federal court—Judge Florence Allen: "As we look out into the world which is fraught with so many tensions balancing uneasily in the peace which is actually called the 'cold war,' we realize that only one mighty force can change the drift toward a new 'Dark Ages'—an upsurge of Christian faith, vital and actually applied, in every kind of situation, personally, nationally and internationally."

Mrs. Clementina Butler, founder and chairman during thirty years of

the "Committee on Christmas Literature for Women and Children on Mission Lands, Inc.," died recently in Boston, Mass., at the age of 88. Miss Butler was the daughter of Dr. William Butler, founder of the missionary work of the Methodist Church in India (1857) and in Mexico (1873). Miss Butler was born in Bareilly, India, and served with her father and her brother in both India and Mexico; her brother, Dr. John W. Butler, succeeded his father as superintendent of the Mexico mission. The Committee of which Miss Butler was founder is each year one of the principal recipients of the offerings of American church women through the World Day of Prayer.

To help tighten the bonds of cooperation and understanding between West African YWCA's and associations in other parts of the world, two West African women, one World's YWCA official from Geneva, and another non-African woman are now touring Nigeria, Liberia, the Gold Coast, and Sierra Leone. While they are visiting local YWCA's they are also in touch with educationalists, church leaders, social workers, trade unionists and government officials ex-

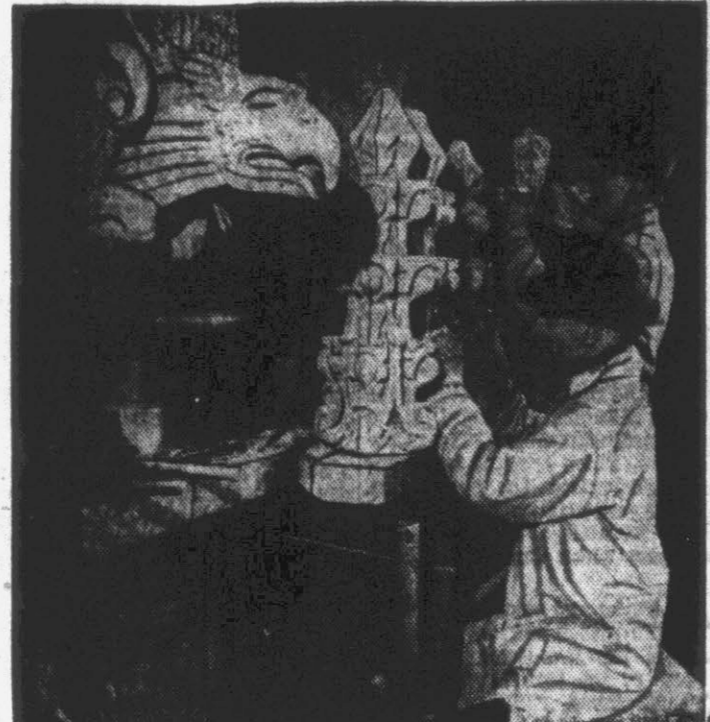
ploring the possibilities of expanding YWCA in West Africa.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Lyman J. Hart

Mrs. Peggie Paige Hart, 38, wife of Lyman J. Hart, died in Pitt General Hospital at 9:45 o'clock Sunday night following several months' illness. Funeral services were conducted at the chapel of S. G. Wilkerson & Sons' Funeral Home today at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. B. Crawford, pastor of the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Hart, daughter of Rillie J. Paige of Greenville, and the late Thomas H. Paige, spent all her life in this community and attended the Greenville schools. She was a member of Eighth Street Christian Church.

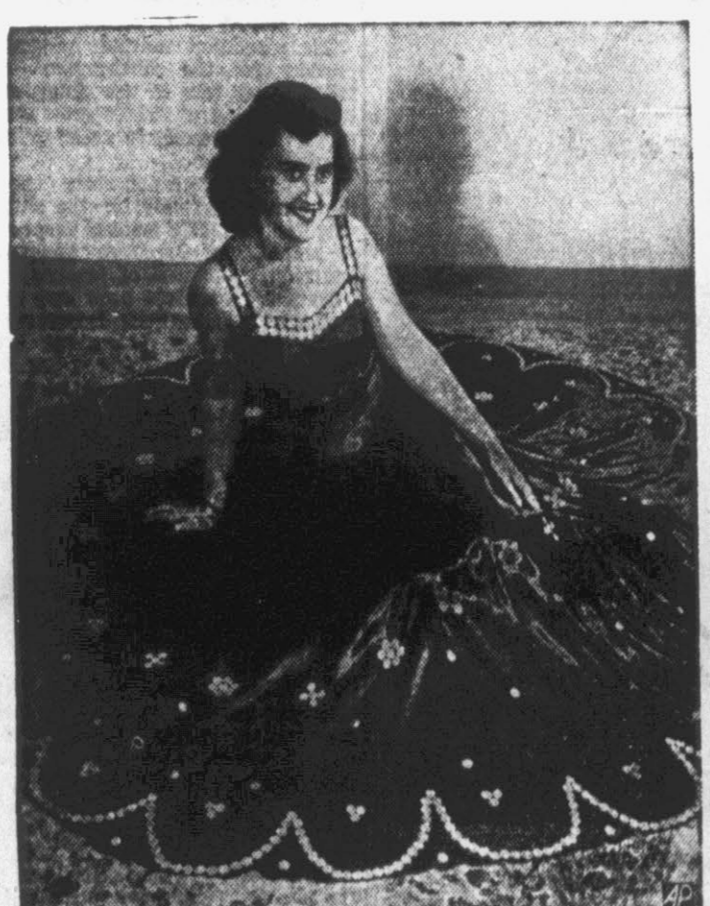
Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Eleanor Frances Hart of the home; her mother; seven brothers, W. Thurman, J. Clifton, Woodrow, and Douglas W. Paige, all of Greenville; Johnnie S. Paige of Richmond, Va.; Russell Paige of Raleigh and Robert C. Paige of Washington, N. C., and a sister, Mrs. Roy L. Tripp of Greenville.



CARVING FAMILY—Kenneth Gardner (foreground) and his father, William, carve sandstone decorations for the rebuilt bomb-damaged British House of Commons in London, as work nears completion.



EXPLORER AND TROPHY — Donald E. MacMillan, 75-year-old explorer who is planning his 29th expedition to far north, stands with wife as they examine white owl brought from Greenland, at the Provincetown, Mass., Far North Museum.



DIME DRESS — Patricia Novell displays a black satin evening gown trimmed with highly-polished Roosevelt dimes, made by Eugenia Seymour of Monrovia, Cal., former WAC, for March of Dimes fund. Mrs. Seymour spent 3 months making dress.

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THE DAY AFTER
So you are cleaning up the Christmas-day debris, are you? What a riot Christmas can be. The children start out in the morning full of laughter, and end in the evening tired, over-fed, and full of wailing. Yet in spite of the hectic rush to get ready for the day, the late hours occasioned by the trimming of the tree, and the drudgery of the big meal, and the dishes afterward—in spite of all this, Christmas is certainly a day worth remembering in the lives of most people and a season the children will look back to in future years as they would upon a vision of dazzling glory.

The wise men came from afar and laid their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at the feet of the young Child. There, of course is where we get our Christmas for all we get through at present—time in behalf of the children. It is one of those seasons which waters everybody out with the glorious fatigue of well doing.

Now and again we declare that we are through. We will never again go through such a hectic season; it isn't worth it. But of course that is just so much idle talk, and we all know it. Hurrah for Christmas!

Around Capitol Square

(This is third of several columns on progress in North Carolina during 1949.)

That invisible, intangible entity called "government" is taking over control of individual activities throughout the world to greater degree than many people realize. Whether the descriptive word need be fascism, nazism, socialism, communism or democracy, fact is the prophetic utterance of Alfred Lord Tennyson that "the individual withers and the world is more and more" becomes every year more accurate.

Among world recognized governments the United States of America is tops, and among the states comprising the American Union North Carolina is in many respects unique. Whether because of, or in spite of, the fact the governor of North Carolina does not have veto power over legislation, he has more than average influence upon legislation and more than usual absolute control over state governmental activities.

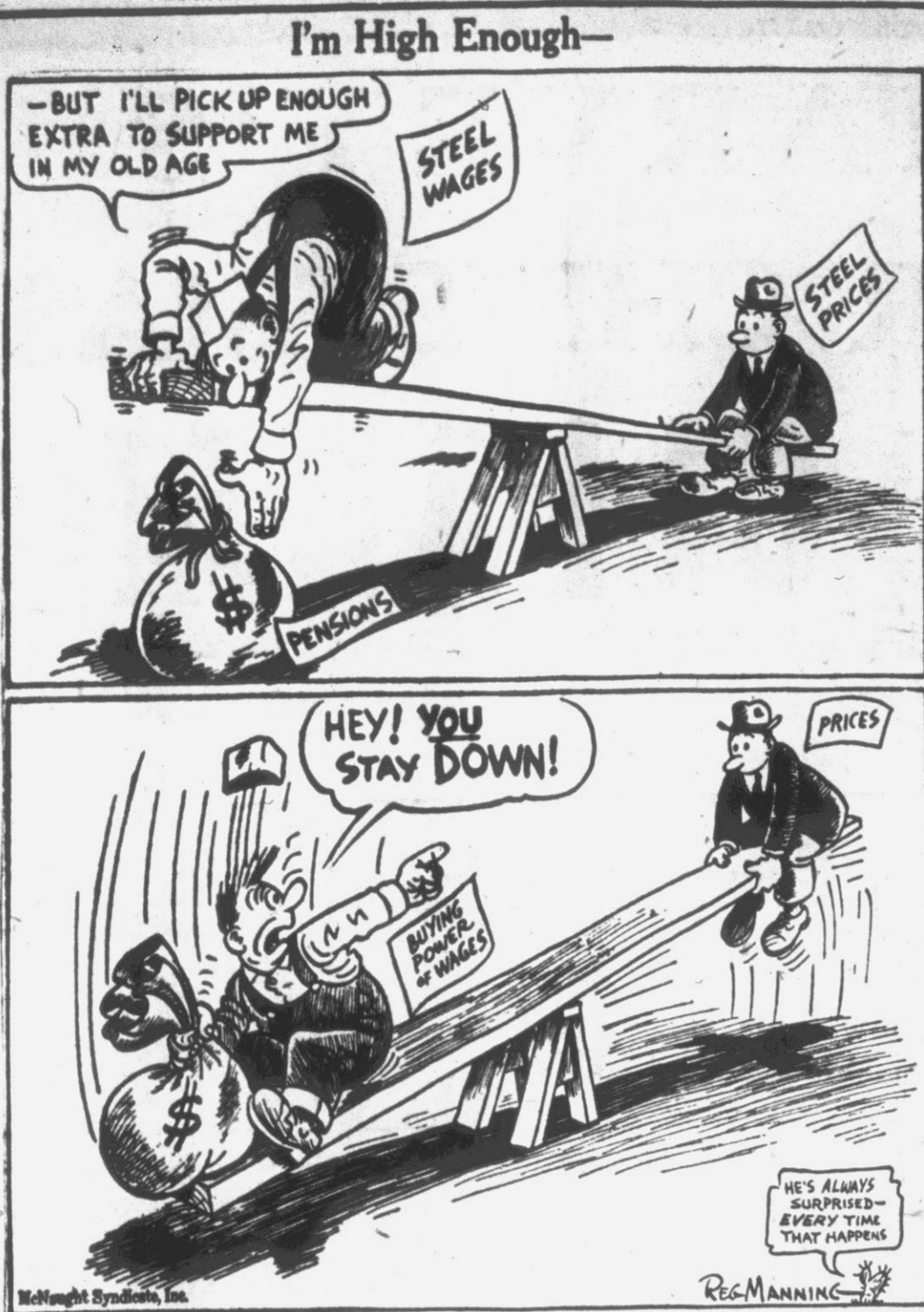
By legislative act the governor of North Carolina is director of the budget. The central office of purchase and contract is a statutory division of the executive office. The commissioner of paroles is a member of the governor's office staff. The legislature has provided that the governor names the commissioner of revenue, as well as many other top flight administrative officials.

Being thus charged with direct personal and official responsibility for the collection, allocation and spending of state revenue, subject to certain legislative restrictions, the governor of North Carolina is a more important official than the governor of most other states — although, singularly enough, he does not have the right to veto or approve legislative acts.

These basic conditions have prevailed for many years. What are the developments of the past year with respect to handling them?

The changes have been more noticeable in personnel than in policy. David S. Coltrane succeeded Robert G. Deyton as assistant director of the budget, and duties of that office were divided through legislative establishment of a personnel department with Henry Hillton as director. Technically, that removed control of personnel from the governor's office, actually it did not. Charles M. Williams replaced Wilmer Z. Betts as director of purchase and contract. Talmadge C. Johnson became commissioner of paroles instead of Hathaway Cross. These changes made good on the campaign promise by Kerr Scott that he would open the windows and let some fresh air in top levels of the administrative section of state government. The new men had new ideas and some changes have been noted. Upon the whole, the policies which have prevailed for years have been carried out.

Savings have been effected in closer attention to budget items, such as out of state travel and use of state automobiles. Whether these have been offset by additional cost of the personnel department is an open question. Certainly the two departments are costing more. Savings in time and work are not so easily reckoned. Almost the



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Somebody Told Me...

By L. J. (JACK) EDWARDS, JR.

Of all the learned men in the world, there is one who stands out above all the rest; one who puts in the shade all the educators, scientists, and business tycoons. That one man is particularly popular at this time of the year. His name: Santa Claus.

That guy is a genius. Never will I understand how he manages to find out what I need every Christmas. Just about anybody would guess that a man could use a sport coat and trousers, but how did he know that I needed drawers? If you ask me, that's a rather personal observation.

All grown-ups love children more than they do each other, and Santa is no exception. Did you ever hear of Santa bringing children cribs, diapers, rompers, or shoes? Never! He brings them dolls, electric trains, airplanes, bicycles, tractors, and toy sewing machines. He brings his favorites, the children, what they want, never what they need. As brainy as he is, surely he could determine what the children need if he wanted to. If the truth were known, it would be that Santa enjoys giving the children toys because he knows that later in life he'll have to burden them with the necessities of life.

The Christmas Santa must be getting a bonus from the Water and Light Commission. He brought Wife Rachel an electric hair dryer, toaster, and coffee maker. After getting our next month's light bill we'll probably have an auction sale of appliances.

Despite the fact that Santa is a pure genius, there is one thing he can't cope with: our habit of changing our minds. All day today Greenville's shopping centers were full of people exchanging things that Santa brought. You have to understand that no one, not even Santa, is perfect. In fact, the old boy was completely confused by Bill Taylor (Belk-Tyler) and Bob Ross (Guaranty Bank) They ordered electric trains for Christmas, and since Bill is 28 and Bob 24 or 25, Santa figured there was some mistake. Christmas was over when Santa found out that the order was correct. He contends that it's never too late to correct a mistake, so Bill got his train yesterday, and Bob's is on the way. Last night when I saw Bill he was on the way home to hook up his train, and in a bigger hurry than any five-year-old in town would have been.

Bill and Bob have a plan for a super terminal, combining both trains with all the trimmings. Eventually they'll have the newest feature of electric trains: a station with a small phonograph inside that sings out: "All aboard!" Coleman Ruffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eltis Ruffin, has one of the new stations in operation.

And I thank you.

Boyle's Column

By HAL BOYLE

New York—(AP)—"Have a nice Christmas?"

No thanks. I just had one. What I am looking for now is a bear trap—to catch Santa Claus.

It's a long story. Sit down and I'll tell it to you.

My Christmas started out real nice. I got dozens of friendly messages. Some of them were from well known people. The Governor of Michigan sent me a Christmas card. And so did Dorothy Lamour, Roy Rogers, Morey Amsterdam, Comic Sid Caesar and Pretty Margaret Phelan, the rid-haired Warbler at the Waldorf.

And somebody sent a scarf. Another fellow sent a bottle of bourbon to help tide us over the water shortage. And, naturally, I got a necktie. It came from a bachelor. It was a delicate purple and decorated with 15 naked ladies, seated, with hands clasped over their knees. I intended to offer the whole tie to the museum of modern art, as I would feel a little silly going around with 15 unclad ladies dangling from my neck. Who wants to look like a sales catalog of French postcards?

But the pleasantest part of my Christmas was the goodwill expressed on cards sent by readers. I thought it was kind of them indeed to take time out from their own busy day to send a greeting to a guy they'd never met except in a newspaper. One old Irish lady in Denver wrote: "May God bless you and keep you well. I went home from work last Friday feeling good about everything."

"What do you most want Santa Claus to bring you?" Frances asked. "I asked him to bring me a couch for my brown study," I said.

"It wouldn't amaze me if he did, Rover boy," said my wife.

"My 'brown study' is a utility bedroom that I have been trying for three years to convert into a workplace. In that time I have furnished it with a rug, a desk, a chair, some books and a typewriter. But it need-

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Prophet
2. Planet
3. Works out
4. Straight
5. Bewail
6. Public speaker
7. Silk worm
8. Character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
9. Unruffled
10. Existed
11. Shelter
12. English composer
13. Become less light

DOWN

1. Flew high
2. City in New York state
3. Preceding night
4. Hire
5. Muddy
6. Southern connotation
7. Sharp answer
8. Dialect
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Washington Letter

Washington—Muriel Howe was a mandarin teacher in New Castle, New South Wales, Australia, when she up and got ready to go to China as a missionary nurse. Her father was against the idea.

"It seemed the Lord had definitely called me to go there and there just wasn't any way out," the energetic little woman with smiling eyes told me.

Now, after 15 years of nursing and running hospitals for Seventh Day Adventists in China, she is visiting the United States for the first time. She expects to tour the States and lecture on her work in the Far East. She has plenty of hair-raising experiences, especially during the 12 years that China has been at war.

But even in the beginning, she says, "it wasn't easy." She explains she was "just a countrified young woman of 26" when she went to the Shanghai Sanitarium to take her nurse's training along with Chinese girls with whom she roomed, slept and ate, day in and day out. Only once in three years did she have a night out. That was to attend a pageant given by the British for the King's Jubilee at the Shanghai race track.

In 1937 she went out to West China, to Lanchow, where she was director of nurses. At this time

Four Children Burn To Death In Orphanage Party

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Four little girls have died after their dresses caught fire from a candle-lit Christmas tree at a German orphanage party, police at Beuchen, Lower Saxony, reported today.

The children were between eight and 12 years of age.

Police said the orphans and other children staged the Christmas play "Snowflake" on Christmas Eve. The little girls wore cotton costumes as snowflakes. One of them caught her costume afire from the Christmas tree and ran screaming among the other tots. Altogether six girls' dresses blazed.

Two girls died on Christmas Day and two others yesterday.

His Daughter Born At Naval Hospital

A baby girl was born December 2, 1949, to Mrs. George W. Stokes, wife of George W. Stokes, aviation electrician's mate, first class, USN, of Route 3, Greenville, N. C., at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. The baby's name is Paula Josephine.

The baby's father is serving with Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 3 at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

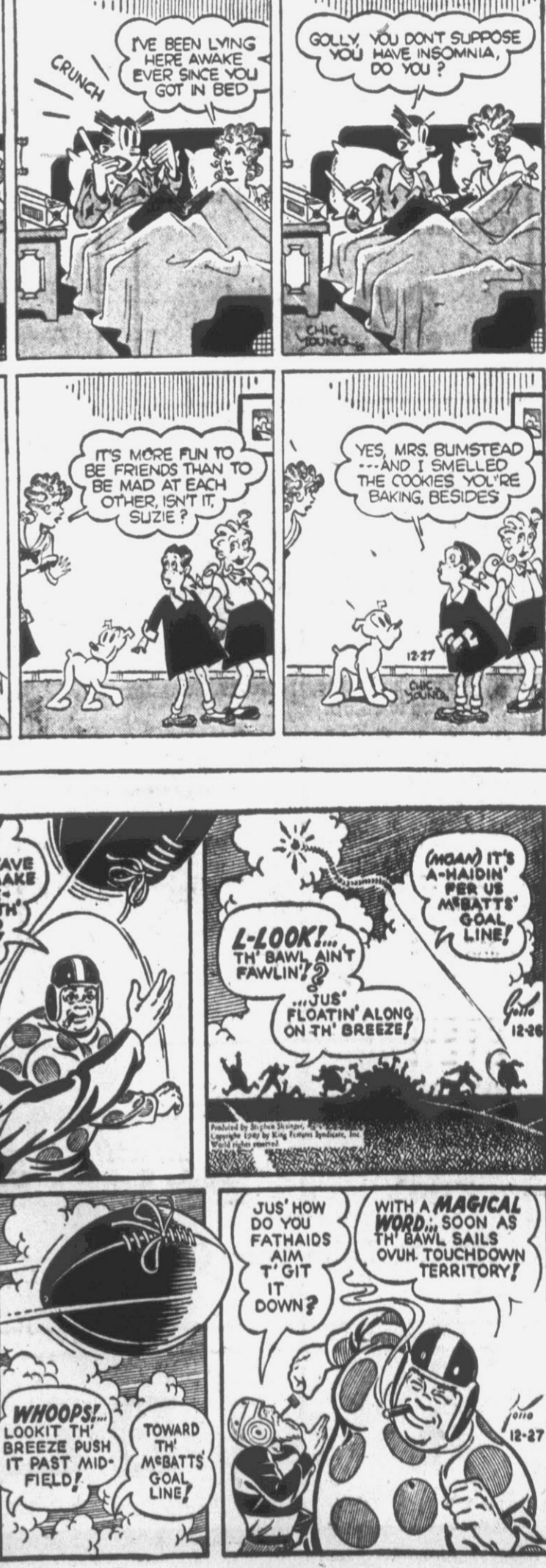
THIMBLE THEATER — Starring Popeye



BLONDIE — By Chic Young



OZARK IKE



Ezzard Charles Continues To Gather Honors For Ring Work

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Ezzard Charles continues to pick up awards for his ring work of 1949. Latest honors for the NBA-recognized world heavyweight champion is to be named "Fighter of the Year" by Editor Nat Fleischer of Ring magazine. The award is announced in a copyrighted article in the February issue.

Charles, the Cincinnati Negro who earned NBA title recognition as successor to Joe Louis by besting Jersey Joe Walcott recently, voted the Edward J. Neil Memorial Fighter of the Year by the National Writers Association. He will accept both awards at the writers' annual dinner January 12.

Fleischer may have stirred up an international situation in his boxing ratings by placing England's Freddie Mills, world light heavyweight champion, third in his division. Nat put Joey Maxim of Cleveland and Archie Moore of St.

Louis ahead of the champ. Mills and Maxim meet in London Jan. 24 in a title bout that should straighten out that situation.

Ray Robinson, welterweight king, is ranked No. 2, right behind Champ Jake La Motta, in the middleweight division.

Fleischer still refuses to recognize Charles as world champ, pointing out that Bru-e Woodcock of England and Lee Savold of Paterson, N.J., have legitimate claims. Walcott, Lee Oms of Detroit, Woodcock and Savold are placed in the same group 2 but Charles is rated all by himself in group 1.

The Ring editor goes on record as believing it likely that Joe Louis will re-enter the heavyweight sweepstakes. He is not alone in that viewpoint as Joe continues to tour the nation in his 10-round exhibitions.

Robinson missed being named "Fighter of the Year," according to

Fleischer, because of a record-marring draw against Henry Brimm at Buffalo, Feb. 15. "Too many postponements" also hurt. Sugar Ray won 12 other starts including a title defense against Kid Gavilan and a sensational knockout win over Steve Belloise, ranking middleweight.

Willie Pep, featherweight titlist, was the other contender for the year's top award by Ring. Pep was brilliant last February in regaining his title from Sandy Saddler but failure to give Saddler another chance cost him the big prize.

'Last-Half' Grid Teams In Biggest Cotton Bowl Game

Dallas, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The largest crowd ever to see the Cotton Bowl football game will be in the cavernous stadium next Monday. And all of the 75,347 fans are advised to wait until the last gun fires before moving for the exits.

Lots of things happen in the final periods for the competing teams in this bowl game—Rice and North Carolina. Especially North Carolina. They don't always win them in the last minutes but they probably win more at that stage of the game than any other team.

Rice is a last-half outfit, too, only the Owls have had more success with it this season than the Tar Heels. The most notable garnish finish by Rice was against Texas. They were behind 15-0 until late in the game yet won 17-15 as Froggy Williams kicked a field goal with 10 seconds to go.

North Carolina beat North Carolina State in the last few minutes, licked Georgia 21-14 with two minutes to go, scored 21 points in the fourth period to beat South Carolina.

stopped Virginia on the seven-yard line with a minute to play and the score 14-7, edged Duke 21-20 as Art Wetner blocked a field goal try in the last minutes and otherwise added ulcers for veteran Coach Carl Snavely.

They couldn't make gallant finishes against Notre Dame, Tennessee and Louisiana state but they were in the game with the Irish until the last period and led Louisiana State 7-6 most of the way.

Rice had to come from behind to beat Southern Methodist, Texas and Baylor and had to stop Texas Christian down around the two-yard line as time ran out.

No Active Role In Handling Club

Washington, Dec. 27.—Hugh A. Grant, wealthy Pennsylvania oil man who has \$400,000 invested in the Washington Senators, says he plans to take no active part in the ball club.

"I have no idea of being active in the club until some time later," Grant told a reporter by telephone from his Bradford, Pa. home.

He declined to elaborate other than indicating that "sometime later" means the far distant future.

Pitching Great Is Hospitalized

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of the greatest pitchers in the history of baseball, is in a hospital so near that he is suffering from cancer.

Two years ago in St. Louis his right ear was cut off in an attempt to halt a cancer. Physicians believe an injury the great right-hander suffered in 1908 in Indianapolis when he was struck by a pitched ball is partly responsible for his condition.

Montreal Gets Pair Of Braves

Boston, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Montreal Royals of the International League—a Brooklyn Dodgers farm club—have acquired outfielders Jim Russell and Ed Sauer of the Boston Braves.

Braves General Manager John Quinn said the two players were part payment for Louis Olmo, traded by Brooklyn to the Braves last week. Waiters were given on Russell and Sauer by 15 other major league clubs.

Quinn said the trade was "just another move in our policy of strengthening the Braves wherever possible."

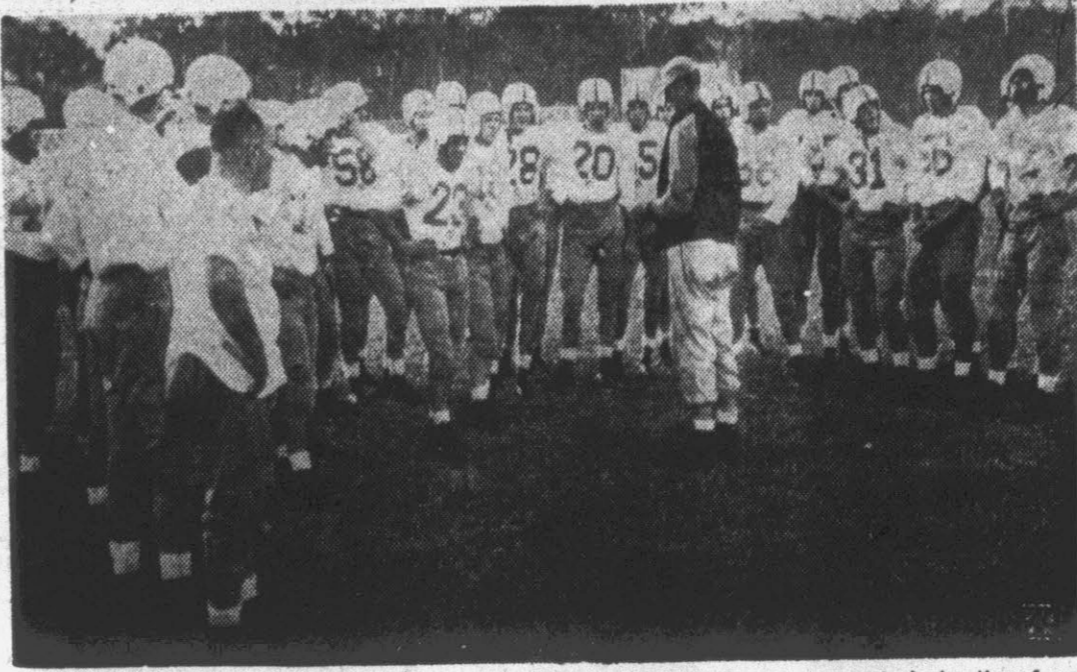
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Kentucky Preps For Orange Bowl Game



The University of Kentucky football team, working out under a warm Florida sun, gets instructions from Coach Bear Bryant in a practice session at Cocoa, Fla. The Wildcats will meet Santa Clara in the Orange Bowl on January 2. Early drills centered primarily on pass offense with star quarterback Babe Parilli doing the pitching. Tackling and blocking was hard and approached mid-season form, the Wildcats' mentor said. (AP Wirephoto).

Touring UCLA Topples LaSalle

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—UCLA and Western Kentucky demonstrated last night they must be ranked among the nation's leading college basketball teams.

Fresh from a 65-63 victory over Illinois the touring UCLA quintet knocked LaSalle out of the unbeaten ranks 52-57 in the feature of a twin bill at Philadelphia this evening.

Western Kentucky, opening its annual eastern tour, put on a second half spurt that downed Canisius, 74-61, in the top attraction of a double header at Buffalo.

UCLA and Western Kentucky, each have lost only once. UCLA to San Francisco and Western to Cincinnati.

San Francisco, the national invitational tournament champion, took it on the chin again in Madison Square Garden, this time a 66-48 licking from Long Island.

Utah, from the skyline six conference, fell before St. Joseph's of Philadelphia in the other game at Philly, 69-68.

In the garden first game Santa Clara spurted in the closing minutes to whip Manhattan, 73-44.

Negro Home Demonstration News

Haddock Home Demonstration Club News
Fourteen members of the Haddock Home Demonstration club held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Sarah Smith.

The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery and the Yuletide spirit did exist throughout the home. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Delphia Hardy, vice president of the club. A group of Christmas carols were sung, followed by the Club Collect. Greetings were given by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Amelia Capehart spoke to us in her own way on "The Art of Staying Young" after which more songs were sung and Christmas games were played. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged. The meeting adjourned.

Calico H. D. Club
The annual Christmas meeting and Christmas party was held by members of the Calico Home Demonstration Club Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy I. Chapman. Mrs. Estella Edwards, president of the club, called the group to order by singing "Silent Night," followed by the Club Collect. The minutes of the last meeting were read and roll called. Reports by club members were given after which Mrs. Amelia Capehart, Home Agent, talked to us on "The Art of Staying Young" and the Spirit of Christmas.

The recreation hour was spent in listening to a special Christmas radio program. Mrs. Rebecca Chapman played Santa Claus to all members and guests present, also gifts for their husbands, while the poem "The Night before Christmas" was read.

Plans were made to visit the inmates of the county home during the Christmas season. With wishing of a Merry Christmas by every one the meeting was adjourned.

Sally Branch H. D. Club
The regular monthly meeting of the Sally Branch Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Miss Geneva Atkinson Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Studie Mae Sharpe.

The meeting was opened by singing "Silent Night" followed by the Club Collect. The secretary read the minutes and called the roll. New members joining the club was Miss Decie Gorham. The lesson for the month was "The Art of Staying Young" given by Mrs. Amelia Capehart. Games were played and an exchange of Christmas gifts. The hostess served holiday punch and cookies.

Nose Operation For Newcombe

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Don Newcombe, star Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, was scheduled to go under a minor nose operation today at Elizabeth General Hospital.

The big righthander from Colonia, N. J., said he had difficulty breathing during late innings because of an obstruction caused when he was struck by a baseball as a boy. Muggy weather in particular made it tough for him to breathe, he said.

Sport Slants



Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Los Angeles Times has honored 21 of the nation's top athletes at its annual National Sports awards dinner.

Bob Hope, just in from a Christmas air jaunt to entertain troops in Alaska, was master of ceremonies for the affair last night.

The athletes presented medallions: Basketball—pitcher Joe Page of the New York Yankees; college basketball—Alex Groza of the University of Kentucky; amateur basketball—Don Barksdale, Oakland, Calif.; Bitners; College football—Leon Hart of Notre Dame; pro football—Rick Huffman of the Los Angeles Rams; Golf—Sam Snead and Patty Berg; Horse racing—Jockey Gilson; Swimming—Joseph Verdeur of LaSalle college, Philadelphia, and Barbara Olson Jensen, San Francisco; Tennis—Richard (Poncho) Gonzalez and Mrs. Margaret Osborne Du Pont, Wilmington, Del.; Track and field—Mel Patton of the University of Southern California and Craig Dixon of UCLA.

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New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A new B vitamin, named PGA, was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science today by Dr. Elvio H. Sadun of Tulane University School of Medicine.

It protects chickens against all worms, and thus becomes the first known vitamin to protect against

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Northern Grid Stars In 20-14 Win At Miami

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A squad of hand-picked northern college football players overpowered a select group of southern collegians in the second annual Shrine charity game in the Orange Bowl last night, 20-14.

The Yankees evened the score for last year's 24-14 southern triumph and did it convincingly before 37,378 rain-soaked fans.

Yale Coach Herman Hickman's hefties came charging back to erase an 0-7 half time deficit with two quick touchdowns in the third quarter and another in the fourth.

The Rebels, under coaches Andy Gustafson of Miami and Bob Woodruff of Baylor, grabbed a lead in the second quarter on a 90-yard touchdown run by Vanderbilt's Lee Walley.

The speedy halfback took a handoff from Miami's Whitey Campbell and, behind perfect blocking, raced down the sidelines to put the South ahead. Forrest Griffith of Kansas added the extra point, his first of two for the evening.

With the third period only five minutes old, the Yankees struck for their first touchdown with Notre Dame's Walter Grothaus recovering a South fumble on the South's 24.

Two plays later Villanova's Steve Romanik passed to Harry Wetlaufer of Pennsylvania to the eight. Larry Coutre of Notre Dame rammed through to the four and then squirmed to the one foot line.

Romanik sneaked over for the touchdown. Ralph Pasquerello of Villanova missed the extra point.

The South still led, but not for long. Pennsylvania's Ray Dooney took a pitchout around right and went eight yards to score with two Rebel tacklers still hanging on. Billy Bye of Minnesota kicked the extra point and the Yankees went ahead, 13-7.

The North hiked its lead in the fourth quarter after Dooney recovered a south fumble on the Rebel 10. On the next play Pasquerello scored on a pitchout around right end. Bye again added the extra point.

Rupe Wright of Baylor recovered Dooney's fumble on the North's 43 and the Rebels took it from there. Griffith traveling the final 15 yards for the touchdown.

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Sent Greetings

By BERT MOYE
Manager Pappy Williams of the Greenies the past season, in a letter to the writer, has asked that he be remembered to all you fans here in Greenville and said that he wished for all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Pappy said the Greenville fans were the nicest folks he had ever played for in his baseball career and that he appreciated all that was done for him and his family while they were here in Greenville. In his letter, Pappy stated that no plans as to where he will play next year are completed.

Roanoke Rapids To Field A Team

Roanoke Rapids, Dec. 26.—The drive to raise \$10,000 for the Roanoke Rapids Jays went over the top at a victory celebration dinner held here last week.

By raising the full amount in cash or pledges the Roanoke Valley Athletic association will receive a \$10,000 gift from Frank C. Williams, president of the local textile division, which will make it possible to put a ball team on the field with all debts paid and money on the bank.

Government statisticians estimate that the rat population of the U.S. is at least 140,000,000, about equally divided between farm and city.

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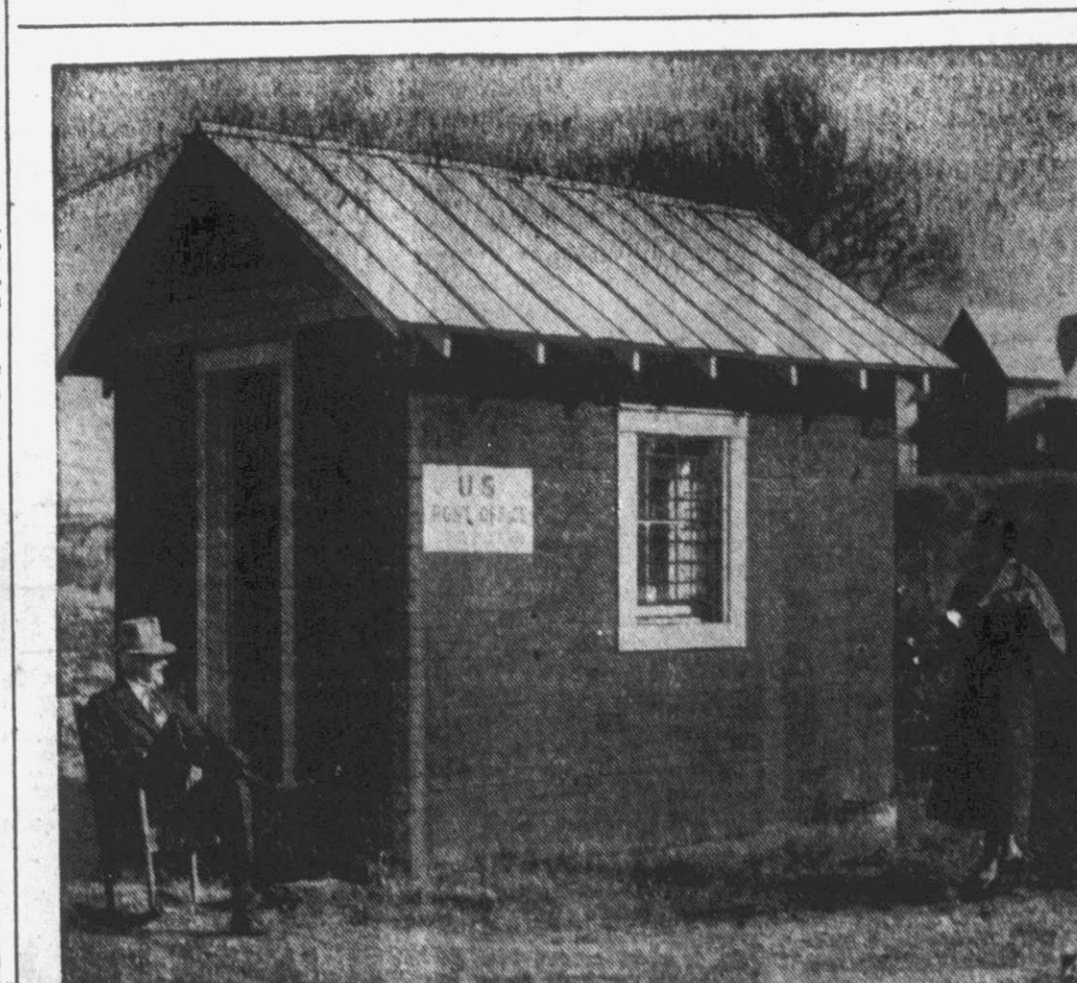
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Senatorial Duck Hunt

Sen. and Mrs. Millard Tydings (center) and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hines discuss their bag after a duck hunt on Tydings Chesapeake Bay, Md., estate.

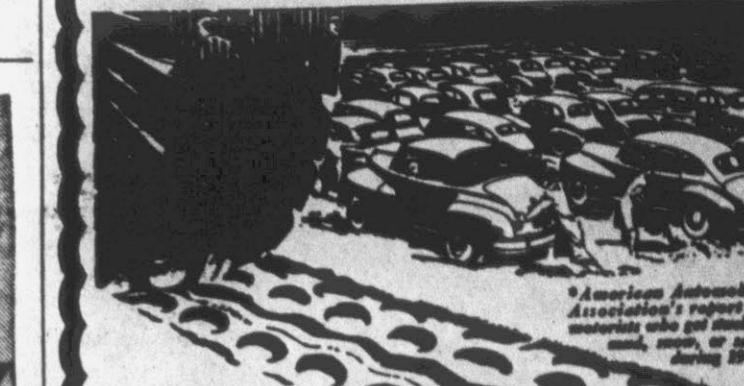


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POST OFFICE AT HOME—V. C. Booth, who was Jones, Tenn., Postmaster 32 years, his wife who succeeded him bring the mail to the tiny Post Office in back of their home.

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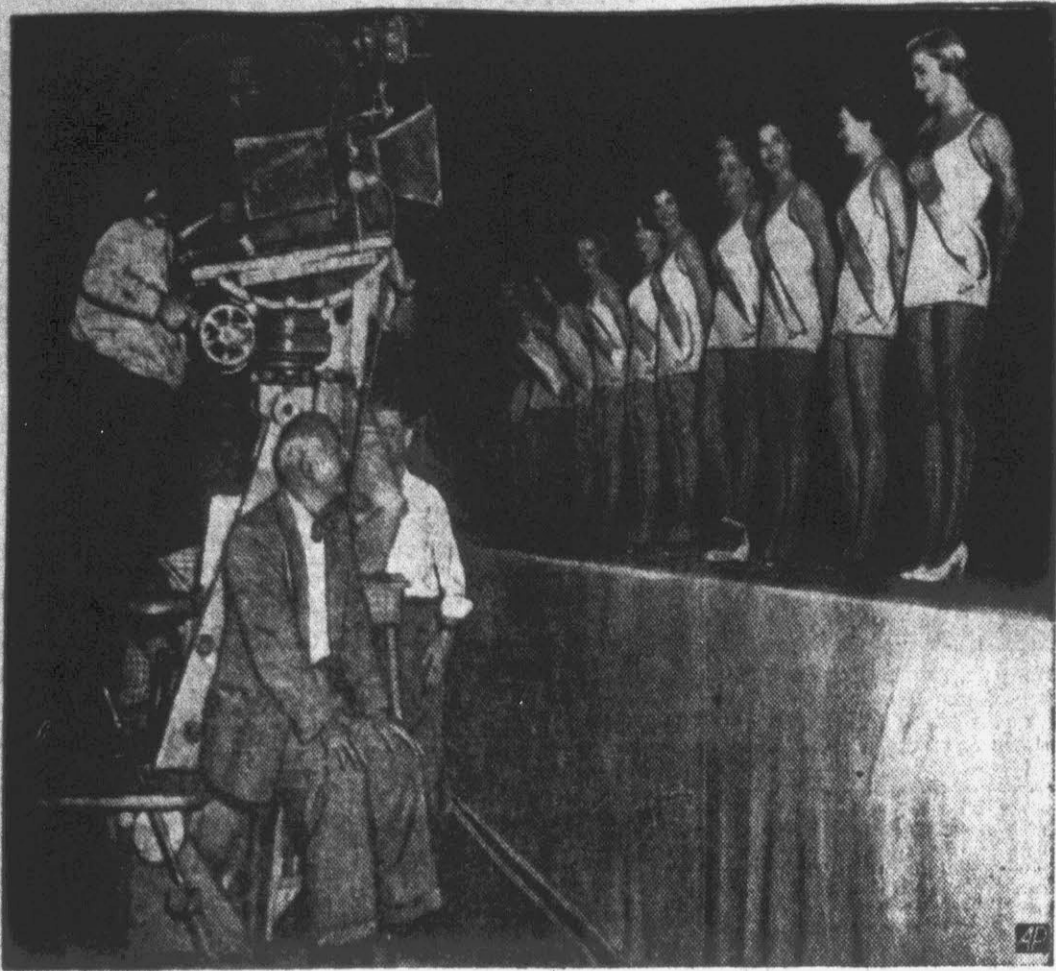
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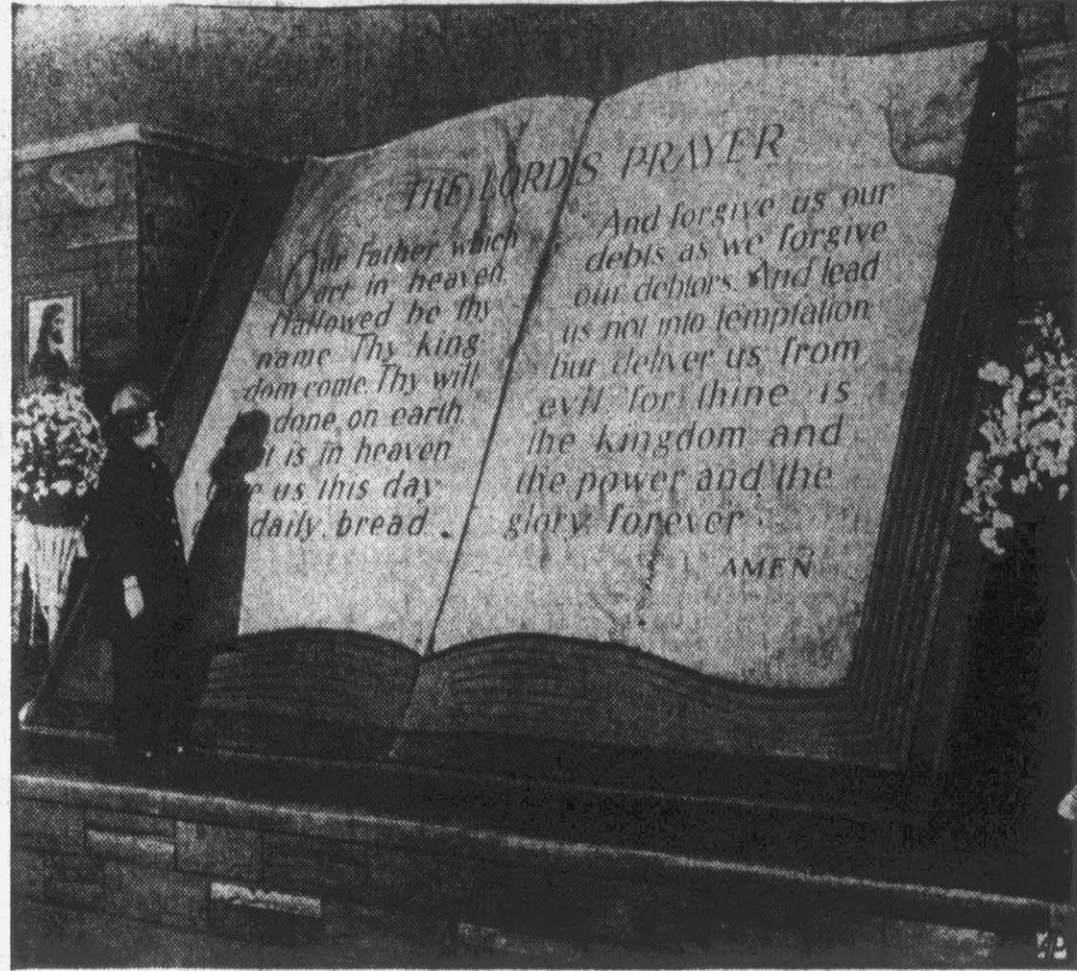
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SCANNING LINE—Director Lew Landers takes in some of the scenery as he rides a camera dolly during filming of picture in Hollywood. A line of girls is being photographed as camera and director are pushed down a track.



DWARF STEER—A boy, 4, and a Great Dane tower over one of three dwarf steers from western United States at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada.



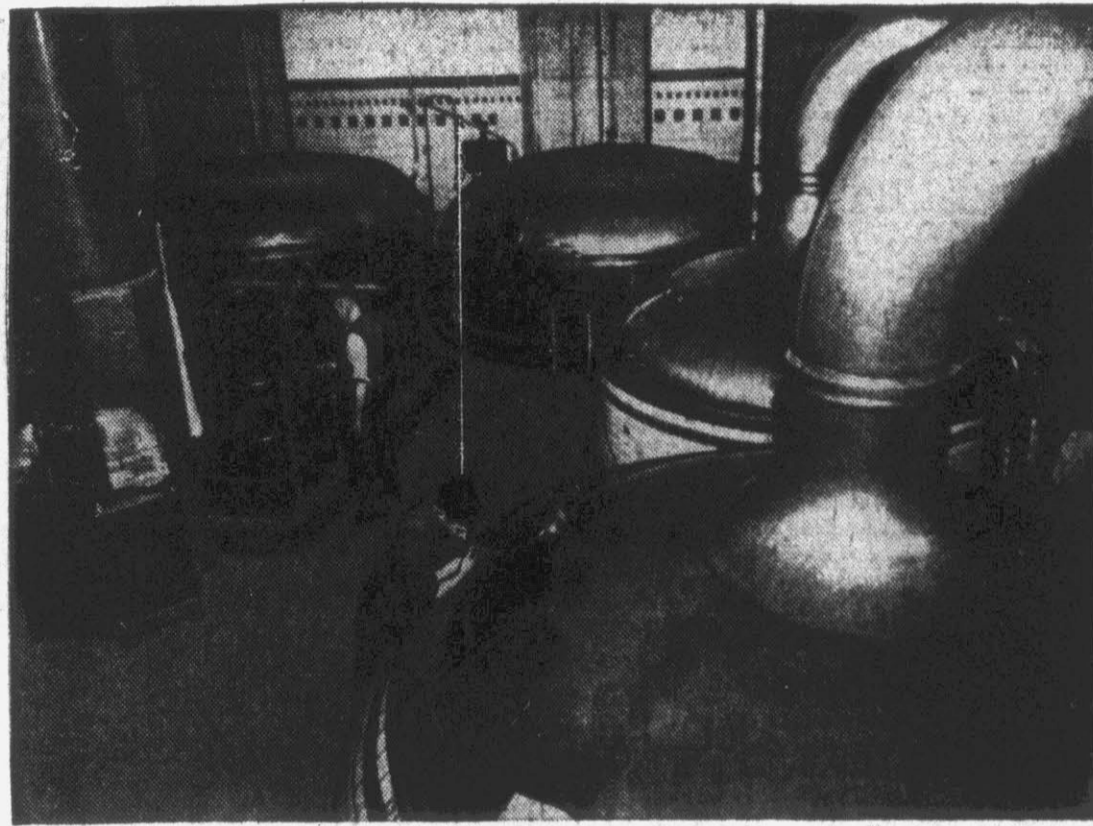
LORD'S PRAYER IN STONE—Frances Murphy, 8, reads The Lord's Prayer, carved in stone fourteen feet wide and 9 1/2 feet high in a massive Bible set on a 32-foot base in Chicago's Memorial Estates cemetery. The huge stone book weighs 37 tons.



DUTCH HERO HONORED—Sculptress Gra Rueb works in her studio at The Hague, Holland, with a full sized sketch and working model of a statue to a legendary hero, the boy "who saved Holland by putting his finger in the dyke." Finished statue will be set up on the Eye Polder, at Haarlem, Holland, built in 1611 and one of the country's largest dykes.



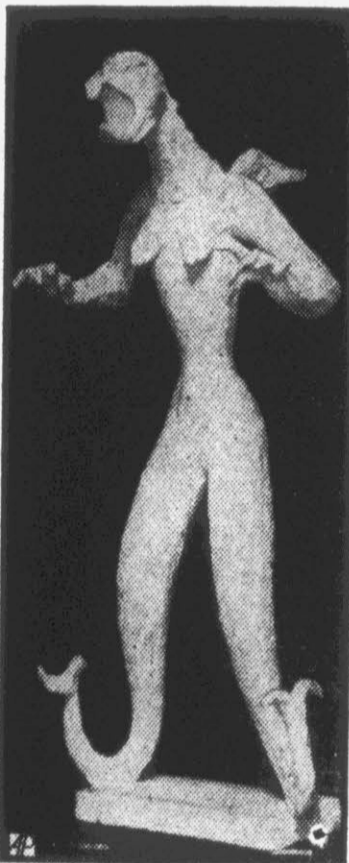
GLITTER GAL—Just before curtain call, Mae West puts on "prop" diamonds which she wears in her current Broadway play. The props are valued at \$2,000.



BAVARIAN BREWERY—Munich's Loewen Brewery, Bavaria's largest, replaced its bomb wrecked brewing house with a new one processing more than 50,000 gallons of beer daily.



FEEDING TIME—A young chimpanzee is fed by Pop Marquis, vaudeville performing chimp, after being christened "Cheerful Charlie" at London's Palladium Theater. Charlie was flown to the British capital from Sierra Leone, West Africa.



'EVIL'—Italian-born sculptor Diego Calcagno-Feraud exhibited this statuette called "Evil" in his first one-man show in London. Born in Naples, Feraud studied in Rome.

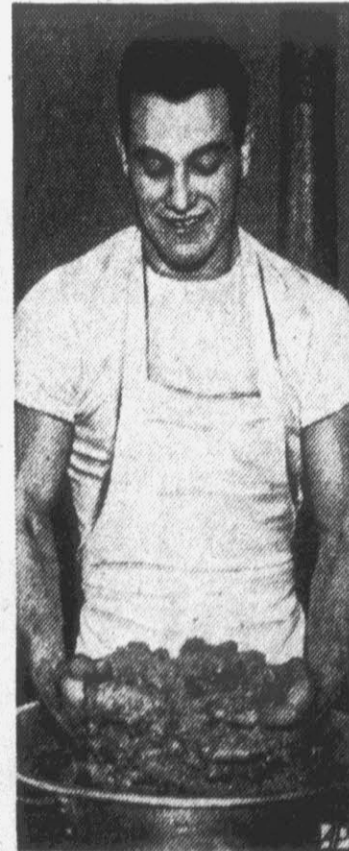
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THE PHANTOM



DEBUTANTE COTILLION—This is general view of the grand ballroom of New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel when 120 debutantes made their debut at the Cotillion and Christmas ball. All the debutantes are dressed in white or silver.



ATHLETIC COOK—John Glorioso, halfback of the Missouri football team which plays Maryland at Jacksonville, Jan. 2, mixes ground beef for the weekly spaghetti dinner he serves his brothers of Phi Delta Theta in Columbia, Mo.

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FREE REMOVAL — DEAD AND disabled horses, mules cows and hogs. Phone 3181, Greenville, N. C. Norfolk Tallow Co., Inc. 12-9-4f

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COON, RABBIT, SQUIRREL dogs. Every dog guaranteed as represented. Prices reasonable. Write us your wants. Gold Hill Farm, New Canton, Va. 14-12

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RARE ANTIQUE HANKER, AP- proximately 150 years old. Companion piece to old spinning wheel. Cheap for quick sale. Dial 5468. 23-2

FOR SALE—75 TABLES ORIGINALY used for hand stemming. Can be bought cheap. Good condition. Call 2171 or 2172. 21-1f

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PERFUME—BY MERLE NORMAN, week-end bags fitted with Merle Norman Cosmetics, Costume Jewelry, and numerous gifts to please her. See them at 212 State Bank Bldg. 12-11f

CASH FOR YOUR HOUSE—WE have customer for 5 or 6 room house. Also have clients for city and country property. List your property for sale with Page-Barbore, Dial 4323. 21-6

THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW!



Short of Murder

By Tom T. Ness

Chapter 33

Belligerent and menacing, the master of The Eighth Gable entered the parlor, holding his weapon at his side, its muzzle slanting toward the floor. He advanced toward Larry Hackett slowly, his pale blue eyes grim, his thin lips taut with suppressed emotion.

Hackett's hand stole toward his hip pocket. Fred Staley clenched his huge fists.

"Oh, no!" The novice nurse ran from the window to Franklin Sayre. "Mr. Hackett thinks a murderer is in there," she told him, pointing to the closet door.

Sayre unclamped his lips, but before he could speak the young woman whispered something in his ear. Then, "Excuse us for a few minutes," she said to the two newsmen.

Sayre permitted her to lead him by an arm to the reception hall. "Now for the pay-off," murmured Hackett, wearily resuming his seat on the divan.

Ten or more minutes elapsed before Franklin Sayre and the brunette returned to the parlor.

"Mr. Hackett," Sayre began harshly, approaching him, "what have you to say?"

"Inspector Lavin of Boston and a Plymouth officer should be here soon," Hackett went on. "Would you rather wait and let them hear our conversation?"

"On the contrary," Sayre replied vigorously. "I prefer to settle some matters before they arrive."

"Very well," Hackett crossed his slender legs, and pivoting his body at the waist to face Sayre, placed his arm on the back of the divan. "Several weeks ago, you sold some superfluous pieces of furniture to Eben Daniels, an itinerant buyer of antiques. For one thing, Daniels acquired a rickety spinet from you, from the drawer of which you had neglected to remove a rare book, 'Fanshawe,' to say nothing of a writing desk that included a paper-knife, incidentally, became an instrument of murder."

"In a sense," said Sayre crisply, "he stole the contents of the drawer."

"A week ago last night, at approximately eight-thirty, you recovered the book and fled from the vicinity of the antique shop in your sedan, its headlights out." After a pause, Hackett asked: "What have you to say about that?"

Clearly trying to compose himself, Sayre drew his hand across his pale brow and moistened his thin lips with his tongue.

"When I first missed the book I was deeply concerned, but did not anticipate Daniels' unwillingness to return it to me. I drove to Boston that afternoon, but by the time I had located the shop the proprietor was gone for the day. I telephoned him at his residence and arranged to meet him at the antique shop at eight-thirty that night.

"At the appointed time Daniels took my cherished 'Fanshawe' out of his safe but would not give it to me. He argued that in giving him the spinet I had given him its contents also; and that, though I hadn't charged him for the spinet, it and its contents were part of the bulk sale. I felt that whatever his

Group To Seek Excise Tax Cut

By FAGALY and SHORTEN

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The repeal of wartime excise taxes on so-called "luxury goods" will be demanded by a new group formed here yesterday.

Named the National Committee for the Repeal of Wartime Excise Taxes, it is made up largely of executives connected with the taxed industries.

The only groups affected by excise taxes that were left out were wine, alcohol, tobacco and gasoline industries, which have paid excise taxes for years.

The other taxed items included furs, jewelry, entertainment, transportation tickets, phonograph records, luggage, cameras, telephone calls and a variety of other merchandise and services.

The committee, made up so far of 38 members, calls the war-imposed taxes discriminatory and will work for their earliest repeal.

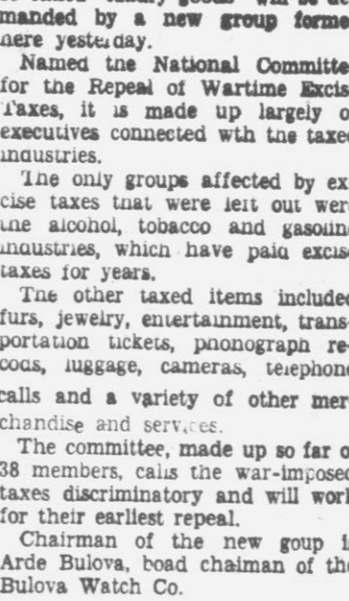
Chairman of the new group is Arde Bulova, board chairman of the Bulova Watch Co.

Colored News

There will be a joint meeting of the C. B. club and I. Q. society at the home of Mrs. Ben Sherrod, 613 Clark street, Thursday, December 29, at 2 p. m. Business of importance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— Tom Showers, Los Angeles County fireman at Pico, Cal., shows the model fire apparatus he built since he started eight years ago as U. S. Army fireman.



HAITI OPENS EXPOSITION

"Point of Liberty" in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, during ceremonies opening Bicentennial Exposition in which 26 nations participate.



Father Is Held In Bludgeoning

Union, S. C., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Police were holding a 59-year-old father for investigation today as his pretty teen age daughter lay near death with a skull fracture.

Officers investigating the mysterious bludgeoning of 16-year-old Virginia Grace Eubanks Christmas Eve, reported they were holding her father, Charlie Eubanks of Union, without charge for questioning.

The attractive brunette was still unconscious and in a "critical" condition early today, according to hospital authorities at Charlotte, N. C. She has not regained consciousness since she was found alone in her home here in the midst of presents she had been wrapping for Christmas, with her skull crushed.

Police said yesterday they had not been able to establish any motive for an attack or find any weapon. The girl's mother, a hotel waitress, was working Christmas Eve and her father, a textile worker, said he had left the house just before his daughter was found by relatives who had arrived for a holiday visit.

The girl's boy friend, James Estes, about 22, told police he talked to her by telephone just a few minutes before she was found.

An uncle of the girl, R. P. Gossett, who operates a dry cleaning plant in Union, has declared, "It was no accident. It was foul play." Gossett added, "We're going to push this thing to the limit."



SNOWBOUND CYCLES—An all-night snowfall caught students of Smith College, Northhampton, Mass., by surprise as they arose to find some of the 1,484 campus bicycles buried.

Fire Prevention Honors Awarded

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Top honors for the best job done during this year's annual Fire Prevention Week have gone to Memphis, Tenn. The National Fire Protection Association and the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which sponsors the contest, named Memphis the winner yesterday.

The city placed first in the 26th annual contest among 3,762 entries for extensive work in every phase of community activity during prevention week last October.

Mediterranean Tour For Gerald D. Smith

Gerald D. Smith, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith of 210 East 12th St., Greenville, arrived at Norfolk, Va., December 10 after a two-and-a-half month cruise in the Mediterranean as a crew member aboard the light cruiser USS Worcester.

During the cruise the Worcester visited Athens, Greece; the Free State of Trieste; Venice, Italy; the French Riviera, coast port of Golfe Juan; Bizerte, South Africa; and Iskenderon, Turkey.

Second Set

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kohal are the proud parents of their second set of twins within 10 months.

Yesterday, the day after their third wedding anniversary, Jeffrey and Michael were born. Each weighed a little more than five and a half pounds. Mother and babies are reported to be "doing fine."

Last February 9 Mrs. Kohal, 37, gave birth to twin girls.

Following the latest additions to the family, Kohal, 31, a grocery manager, commented: "I'm a little weak. But very pleased."

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Janis J. Simmons, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned or to J. H. Harrell, attorney, at Greenville, North Carolina, on or before December 17, 1950. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of December, 1949.

ANNIE J. SCOTT, Administratrix.

J. H. Harrell, Atty.

Dec. 20-27 Jan 3-10-17-24.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of K. S. Woolard, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, or their attorney named below, on or before the 12th day of December, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of December, 1949.

LILLIAN T. WOOLARD, Administratrix of the estate of K. S. Woolard.

Dink James, Attorney

Dec. 13-20-27 Jan. 3-10-17.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

North Carolina
Pitt County

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Thomas Knight and wife, Martha Jane Knight, dated the 10th day of November, 1948, and recorded in Book H-25, page 2, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Greenville, North Carolina, at noon, on the 19th day of January, 1950, the property, conveyed in said deed of trust, and described as follows, to wit:

Located in Swift Creek Township near the Town of Grifton, North Carolina, and lying on the northern side of the old creek road, beginning 300 feet from an iron stake at the southeastern line of the colored school property, thence N 81-00 E 385 feet with the line of Lot No. 12 to a branch; thence with course of branch 100 feet, more or less; thence S 85 W 378 feet to the old creek road, thence with the road 100 feet to the beginning, being Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the J. C. Gaskins heirs subdivision as shown on Map No. 3 recorded in the Pitt County Public Registry in Map Book No. 4, at page 68.

The high bidder at said sale will be required to deposit 10 per cent of his bid, pending confirmation of the sale, to show his good faith.

This the 16th day of December, 1949.

L. W. GAYLORD, JR., Trustee.

Dec. 20-27 Jan. 3-10

ELECTED—Claude A. Fu- nam, Keene, N. H. machinery manufacturer, was elected president of National Association of Manufacturers at its board meeting in New York.

Guaranteed Well Drilling

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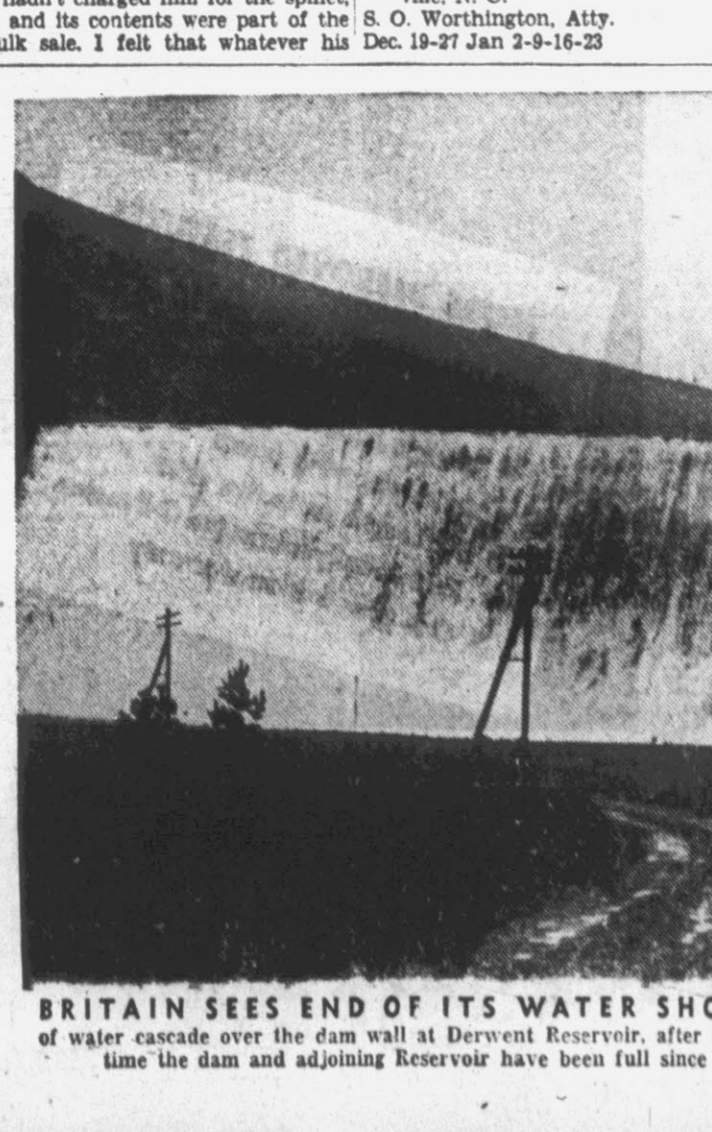
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BRITAIN SEES END OF ITS WATER SHORTAGE—Looking like a miniature Niagara, millions of gallons of water cascade over the dam wall at Derwent Reservoir, after a heavy rain in the Derbyshire district of England. This is the first time the dam and adjoining Reservoir have been full since last Summer's drought, with ample supplies for next Summer.

Two Newcomers On Roster Of Best-Dressed Women

New York, Dec. 27—(AP)—The 1949 list of the world's 10 best-dressed women was out today and it reads a lot like last year's list.

Only two newcomers are on the roster of fine fashion. They are Broadway stage star Mary Martin and Mrs. Kingman Douglas, the former Adele Astaire, of Middleburg Va.

Heading the list for the second consecutive year is Mrs. William Paley, slender, brunette wife of the head of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Runners-up, as announced by the New York Dress Institute yesterday, are:

- 1 The Duchess of Windsor, of New York and Paris.
- 2 Mrs. Harrison Williams, New York.
- 3 The Duchess of Kent, London.
- 4 Mrs. Leland Hayward, the former Mrs. Howard Hawks, of Hollywood.
- 5 Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Washington and New York.
- 6 Miss Martin, star of "South Pacific," of Norfolk, Conn., and New York.
- 7 Mrs. Byron Foy, New York.
- 8 Mrs. Louis Arpels, Paris.
- 9 Mrs. Douglas.
- 10 Mrs. Douglas.

Except for Miss Martin, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Foy, all were on the 1948 list. Mrs. Foy was on the 1947 roster and several previous ones. Many of those names have been among the top 10 for years, including the Duchess of Windsor and Mrs. Leland Hayward. Mrs. Williams has been so listed every year except one since 1933.

Mrs. Paley, in winning top fashion honors, is described as a simple dresser who buys comparatively few clothes.

She is the former Barbara Cushing Mortimer, of Boston, and a sister of Mrs. Vincent Astor and Mrs. John Hay Whitney. She was a fashion editor before her marriage to Paley.

Cases Tried At Municipal Court

Judge J. W. H. Roberts imposed sentences totaling 48 months on the roads and fines totaling \$95 to the defendants whom he found guilty of charges in municipal court Friday.

John Weston, Negro, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to two years on the roads, while Willie Savage, Negro, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads for larceny.

David Tyson, Negro, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads after being found guilty of "peeping tom."

James S. Knight was found guilty of assault and sentenced to 60 days suspended on payment of \$25, cost deducted, and ordered to pay \$25 to doctor's bill and not to visit the West End Tea room for six months.

George H. Brannan was fined \$10 and costs for having improper lights on his motor vehicle.

Arthur Lee Payton, Negro, appealed to superior court on a careless and reckless driving charge.

Willie Jones, Negro, was fined \$15 after being found guilty of drunkenness.

Samuel Worthington, Negro, was found not guilty on a drunken driving charge.

Lyman Haddock was fined \$25 and costs for driving a vehicle without an operator's license.

J. C. Whitehurst was fined \$20, costs deducted, on a careless and reckless driving charge.

Willie Hyman, Negro, was fined court costs for assault on a female.

Charges against Clarence L. Jones, Negro, for assault with a deadly weapon, were nolle prossed.



ANOTHER SPHINX FOUND IN EGYPT—Egyptologists touch up new Sphinx recently uncovered in the long lost Avenue of Sphinxes between Karnak and Luxor, in Egypt.

Truman Holiday Is Nearing Close

Independence, Mo., Dec. 26—(AP)—The fun of walking and talking with old friends is about over for President Truman.

After three days of doing just what he wanted to during a brief Christmas holiday vacation in his home state, Mr. Truman planned to get in some work today in his Muehlebach Hotel penthouse apartment in Kansas City.

Charles G. Ross, presidential press secretary, told reporters that while the President intended to do considerable work, nothing urgent was expected to come before him until he returns to Washington tomorrow.

The President still must put the final touches on three major messages to Congress—state of the union, economic report and the budget.

Presumably, however, this will be done in Washington after last-minute talks with top government leaders and congressional leaders.

No schedule has been finally decided upon for the delivery of the three messages. Mr. Truman, however, has indicated that he expects them to be given in this order: state of the union, economic and budget.

The state of union message may be delivered Jan. 4, the day after the next Congress convenes.

Weekend Toll

By The Associated Press
At least 563 violent deaths were a grim payment today for the nation's three-day Christmas holiday—with another long week-end looking ahead.

One person was killed in traffic, fire or one of a variety of other accidents approximately every 13 minutes during the holiday period from six p. m. (local time) Friday until midnight Monday.

The biggest killer, as usual, was the automobile with 399. A large portion of them were pedestrians. Fires killed 65 persons and many of them children. And children were notable among victims of 98 miscellaneous accidents.

Six Automobiles ...

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The driver was taken to Pitt General hospital to be treated for his injuries.

Two cars parked on the side of the highway were in an accident on the New Bern highway Christmas night when they were struck by a car operated by Charlie Frank Murphy, Route 1, Tarboro.

The accident resulted in the driver of the car being arrested on charges of driving drunk and careless and reckless driving. Damages to the two cars were estimated to be around \$1800.

The parked cars, with parking lights on, were owned by William O. Crisp, Jr., Route 3, Greenville, and William L. Mills, Route 3, Greenville.

Early this morning around 7:30, a car operated by Wade Johnston, Route 4, Greenville, was struck by a car being operated by Dempsey J. Holland, Route 4, Greenville, as the second car attempted to pass the other car, and went off the left side of the highway onto the soft shoulder of the roads and struck a tree.

Damage to the car driven by Holland was estimated at \$300.

Patrolman Dick Chadwick stated that investigation of the accident is not complete.

An Important ...

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helped write. When the Republicans bossed Congress in 1947 they put that through.

But on of the main planks in Mr. Truman's 1948 successful presidential campaign was a promise that if he and his Democrats got control of the government, T-H would be wiped out. Labor backed him.

Then when repeal of T-H came up in the Congress in 1949, it turned out that Mr. Truman and all-out supporters didn't have enough strength after all to push it through.

Since there hasn't been any big change in that strength, it's doubtful the Trumanites will try to repeal T-H in 1950. But—they they then can appeal to labor again in 1950 and say something like this:

"We want to repeal it. But we need more Trumanites elected. So get behind us."

And labor probably will, since labor wants outright repeal and it's only the Trumanites who promise that much. The most the Republicans are willing to go for is some changes in T-H.

Mr. Truman in 1948 appealed to the Negro voters of the north with his campaign program for new civil rights laws, such as anti-lynching, anti-lynching, and an FEPC (Fair Employment Practices Commission).

The southern Democrats were able to block that in the 1949 session and probably will be able to do so again in 1950. So on that one, too, the Trumanites can, in the 1950 elections, talk of what they'd do in 1951 if they got more Trumanites into Congress.

This is only part, although a big part, of some of the big issues in this up-coming Congress. But more than ever in 1950 congressmen will have to have one eye on the bills they vote on and the other on the voters they'll face.

Policeman's Car Popular Target

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 27—(AP)—Sgt. Miles Rhyme of the Gastonia police department is beginning to think some motorists have little respect for the long arm of the law.

Rhyme parked his car in the driveway at the station and went inside to make a report. He heard a crash and ran outside, another car had struck his left rear fender.

Then he decided he wasn't going to take any more chances. The policeman parked his car in an area designated for city officials.

Back in side again he heard a second crash. Rhyme rushed out. Another car had smashed the other rear fender.

Only 21 Arrests During Week-End

Greenville police reported only 21 arrests in the city during the Christmas week-end—none on serious charges.

There was one drunken driving charge listed among the Christmas holiday arrests, and no arrests were made on simple drunkenness charges.

The largest number of arrests were made during the holidays on gambling charges. The city police booked seven persons for violation of the statutes prohibiting gambling.

Two persons were arrested for discharging fireworks within the city limits, and one person was arrested on a larceny charge.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 27—(AP)—Fryers and broilers weaker at 20 to 23; eggs steady. A large 42.

Colored News

The family of the late Mrs. Naomi Jenkins Smith wishes to express their sincere thanks to the many neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during her illness and death, and for the beautiful floral offerings, and the use of your cars.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins and family

Wants To Plug Loopholes In U. S. Tax Laws

Washington, Dec. 27—(AP)—Congress may call for a crackdown on tax evaders and close some tax law "loopholes" before it considers any legislation to raise tax rates on individuals or corporations.

Rep. Forand (D-RI) member of the tax-framing House Ways and Means committee, today told newsmen:

"If every tax legally owed the government were collected, I believe the budget could be balanced without resorting to tax increases."

Treasury and Congressional experts now are studying the problem of tax dodging. Some estimated that the government is losing \$5,000,000 a year by tax evasion and by the so-called loop-holes. These permit some taxpayers to work the tax laws in a manner to trim-down their tax obligations.

Sale Of Motor Vehicle License Plates Goes Up

The sale of city auto license tags took a turn for the better today following the Christmas holidays, City Clerk J. O. Duval said.

Duval said ten tags were sold during the first half hour the city office was open this morning and estimated the city will sell 100 tags a day between now and the first of the year.

A total of 607 tags had been sold by the city through this morning compared with a total of 696 tags which had been sold through December 27 a year ago. The city sold slightly over 2,500 auto tags during 1949, and for 1950 the city purchased 3,000 auto tags.

Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 27—(AP)—Hog prices mostly 25 to 50 lower; \$15.25 at Kingston, Rocky Mount, and Tarboro; \$15 at Greenville, Wilson, Goldsboro and Washington.

More than 400 war crimes trials have been completed by U.S. military commissions in Yokohama and Manila.

Cotton Market

New York, Dec. 27—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 15 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were 25 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower than the previous close. March 30.70, May 30.47 and July 29.83.

Murder Charges Follow Christmas Night Beating

Charlotte, Dec. 27—(AP)—Police were holding a 50-year-old Negro man today on a murder charge for what they describe as the most brutal slaying in this area in recent times. The Negro, David McCall of Charlotte, a stone and marble company employee, is accused of chaining his wife and beating her to death Christmas night.

Detective Lieut. A. J. Gilleland identified the victim as Louise McCall, 46. He said he got most of the details of the beating from the Negro's 15-year-old daughter, Virginia.

The girl told police her father pulled her mother into the basement of their home here and chained her hands. She said her father then beat her mother for about 30 minutes with a heavy slab, a belt and a rubber-covered electric

cord. The youngster said her mother's dress was torn from her body during the beating.

She told police the attack followed an argument that developed when she and her father returned home from a trip and found no sign of her mother.

Gilleland said McCall later took his wife to a field nearby and beat her again, tearing another dress from her body and leaving her naked on the ground. She died at a local hospital where police arrested McCall.

See Drop ...

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will sell above loan, the experts predict.

Recommendations
Tobacco growers are advised to concentrate on quality tobacco in the coming year in the face of keener foreign competition. Disease resistant varieties are important where diseases abound. The farmers are urged to buy fertilizer, oil, and other supplies in the off-season while prices are lower. A close grading in order to get a better overall price is recommended. The growers are advised to keep check on demonstrations being carried on in their respective localities.

Cotton Outlook
With an eight and one quarter million bale carry-over, cotton farmers in North Carolina have been cut 11 per cent in acreage for the coming year. That is only one per cent lower than the 1948 acreage, however.

The acreage cuts were not uniform to each producer. Under the new allotments, the small farmer is favored. Some of the larger producers may be cut 50 per cent or more unless adjustments can be made within the state quota.

Cotton prices will be supported at 90 per cent of parity in 1950. Based on the 1949 prices in September, the support would be around 28-30 cents for most North Carolina cotton.

Exports will be lower but domestic consumption should be up to give the same total consumption of cotton as this year.

Recommendations
Cotton producers are advised to get at least support price for their cotton and to use as much of their allotment as they can handle. They should depend on efficient production rather than support price for profit, the experts remind.

Slack left by production of livestock or some other enterprises. Marginal producers will be pushed closer to the wall and farmers are advised to divert marginal cotton land to hay and pasture.

The Peanut Picture.
Peanut acreage, which took an 18 per cent drop in 1948, will be cut around seven per cent in North Carolina in 1950. The state is still fourth in the nation in production. There will be mandatory price support for peanuts in 1950 at 90 per cent of parity. Price support probably will be around 10 cents a pound.

The export demand for edible peanuts will be small but home consumption of edible peanuts will be about the same.

Advice to peanut growers is to plant within their quotas since the price will be at or near the support price. Growers should rotate their peanut planting, using the same land one year out of three. Checking on local demonstrations is also advisable.

Corn Situation.
With national and state corn supplies especially large at the end of the 1949 season, the 1950 corn program is uncertain. It looks like the farmers will take acreage allotments with cuts of about 20 per cent for the country as a whole.

The heavy 1949 production and the big carry-over of old grain has forced corn on the market at prices 40 and 50 cents below support.

Some counties in North Carolina will be classified as commercial areas with quotas and support price of 90 per cent of old parity.

Counties not classified as commercial areas are eligible for support price at 75 per cent of the support price in commercial areas which probably will not be over \$1 per bushel.

With a normal year, corn will be below support price, the experts say. Economical yields are a must to North Carolina producers of corn in 1950. Marginal land which has been used for corn should be turned into pasture. Good land, high yielding hybrid seed and good cultural practice should keynote the corn producers program for the coming year.

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Independence ...
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As a matter of fact the Indonesian minister of defense, Sultan Hamengkubowono, has said that he expected trouble makers to try to mar the ceremony of transfer today, and he was providing armed force to maintain order. He didn't identify the possible source of trouble, but it was apparent that he

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