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Local Moose Give Party For 107 Children



This is one of the tables with some of the 107 children and their mothers at the "Underprivileged Children Christmas Party" at the Moose Lodge Wednesday night.

and their mothers are brought to the Lodge and given a "knick-knack" type meal plus a bag of fruit, nuts, and candy and a gift and clothing. When the party was started three years ago only 45 children were present; last year there were 75 children; and this year it has risen to 107. The mothers are invited each year also.

It takes five weeks of planning to make the program successful. The families are first contacted for their needs and wants and then members of the Lodge begin preparing for the night of the party at which time the children and their mothers are transported to and from the Lodge on Dickinson Avenue.

Pitt Roads Scene Of 14 Accidents

Several Injured; One Woman Dies Of Heart Attack After Mishap

An 81-year-old woman died of a heart attack a short while after the car in which she was riding left the road and crashed into a telephone pole on the Grimesland highway on Christmas day.

The accident was one of 14 reported by Pitt County Highway Patrolmen during the freezing, rainy two-day holiday period.

Miss Lois Correll of the Beaufort County nursing home died in Pitt Memorial Hospital at 12 noon yesterday, only an hour after the accident took place.

She had been riding in a car driven by Miss Bessie Harding, 76, of 528 West Second Street, Washington. The accident occurred about seven miles east of Greenville on U. S. 264.

Miss Harding stated that she either fainted or was overcome by fumes in the 1938 model car and that the auto left the road, crossed a ditch and hit the telephone pole, breaking it, about 125 feet from where the car left the highway. She said that she did not remember the accident. Miss Harding suffered a nosebleed from the wreck.

Patrolman James W. Boykin, who investigated the accident, placed no charges against the driver.

On Christmas afternoon at 3:00 o'clock a car operated by Clayton Norfleet, Negro, of 833 Fleming St. ran into a ditch about five miles from Greenville on the prison camp road. Norfleet told investigating patrolman Boykin that he met a car which was in the center of the road and he pulled off to the right side of the road to miss it. Norfleet said he lost control and ran into the ditch doing approximately \$3,800 damage to the vehicle.

Boykin reported that it was raining at the time of the accident and no charges were placed against Norfleet.

A half hour later at 3:30, another car skidded off the slick highways and the driver of the vehicle could not be located. Patrolman Boykin stated that the accident occurred on N. C. 11 about two miles south of Greenville. He said the car was traveling north when it went off the road and hit a pack house on a farm owned by C. Heber Forbes.

About \$25 damage was done to the pack house and about \$400 damage to the car. Boykin reported that the driver of the vehicle still had not been located but that the car belonged to Joe Tyson of Route 1, Greenville.

At 3 a. m. Friday morning Robert Lee Blount, Negro, of Winterville skidded off a rural paved road five miles east of Winterville. Boykin said that the car turned over and was a total loss. Blount was alone in the car and was not injured.

Other charges were placed. Highway Patrolman W. W. Joyner reported three highway accidents investigated in the Farmville area Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Only one of the accidents resulted in personal injuries.

Christmas morning about 10:20, an automobile driven by Charlie Wallace, Negro, 601 Pamlico Ave., Greenville, skidded on the ice-covered Creek bridge one mile west of Falkland, went off the highway and overturned in a field.

Joyner said Viola Meeks, 34 Hancock Street, New York, a passenger in the car, suffered cuts about her legs and was admitted to Pitt Memorial Hospital for treatment. Also in the car was Charlie Barrett, 86 Glen Street, New York, owner of the car. Neither Wallace nor Barrett was injured. Joyner said the auto was a total loss. He placed no charges against the driver.

Traffic Accidents May Reach New Record Today

Holiday Toll Still Rising

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Traffic accidents continued to reach toward a new record death toll today as the halfway point was reached in the Christmas week-end.

The list showed 255 deaths in traffic mishaps exactly half the number predicted by the National Safety Council for the full 78-hour period. The new count was taken after 39 hours had elapsed from 6 p. m. Thursday, Christmas Eve. In addition 37 persons had died as a result of injuries suffered in

fires and 26 others had lost their lives in miscellaneous accidents, making a total of 318 deaths from all accidents.

Commenting on the swiftly rising highway toll, Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council said: "Unless motorists put on the brakes, it's going to be the most tragic Christmas in history for traffic accidents."

President Back At Work On His Annual 'Reports'

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower, refreshed by a merry Christmas with his family, turns today to work on a sheaf of January messages to Congress—and he may squeeze in a round of golf. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower arrived by plane from Washington yesterday afternoon after a brief stopover at Ft. Benning, Ga., to pick up their son, Maj. John Eisenhower, his wife Barbara, and the three young grandchildren.

They with Mrs. Eisenhower's mother, Mrs. John S. Doud, assembled around the Christmas tree last night at the Little White House at the Augusta National Golf Club.

The President was in a happy mood and the first lady asked him to tell newsmen what he had told her Christmas morning before leaving Washington.

"I said," Eisenhower laughed, "that I was not going to be mad at anyone today. I was so happy to get away."

The President remarked that the last month has been a particularly grueling one for him. In it were crowded such events as the Bernadine Big Three conference, his atomic pool speech to the State Nations, and a series of conferences with Republican congressional leaders on the administration's 1954 legislative program.

On the President's work docket is the drafting of three messages to Congress. The first is the State of the Union message, which he will deliver in person Jan. 7, the day after the legislators convene. Budget and economic messages will go to the Capitol a few days later.

Also to be put together here is the television and radio report he will make to the nation Jan. 4 on the administration program thus far. He also will outline future goals.

Eisenhower was accompanied from Washington by only a small White House staff, but other aides and perhaps some members of his Cabinet will join him in a few days.

The scene last night at Eisenhower cottage recently completed at the golf club was typical of the Christmas scene in thousands of other American homes.

In the center of the spacious living room was a gaily decorated Christmas tree. Beneath it were the family gifts, several of them still unopened.

And as everywhere where there are youngsters on Christmas, Eisenhower grandchildren got most of the attention.

Four Countries Count Up Fearsome Toll Train Accidents Kill 362

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Four countries around the world counted a death toll of possibly 362 persons today as a result of Christmas-time train wrecks.

Two of the rail disasters—in New Zealand and Czechoslovakia—were among the worst in history. The other accidents were reported from Peru and Pakistan.

In New Zealand, an estimated 166 lives were lost when a speeding Wellington-Auckland passenger train plunged into a river gorge Thursday night after a bridge had washed out 250 miles south of the capital. The catastrophe cast gloom over the little country at the time it was entertaining Queen Elizabeth on her commonwealth tour.

The Bratislav-Prague express in Czechoslovakia smashed into another passenger train near Sakvice, killing from 100 to 186 persons according to unofficial piecemeal reports from the Iron Curtain country. The wreck also on Christmas Eve, may have been the third worst train crash in history.

A heavily loaded ore train jumped the tracks on an Andes Mountain grade 12 miles from Lima, Peru, and six crewmen were killed. The seventh man aboard the train was seriously injured.

Another freight train derailed in Pakistan took the lives of four crewmen. This accident occurred yesterday about 30 miles from Quetta in the western part of the country.

In Auckland, Queen Elizabeth, broadcast an annual Yuletide message to nations of the commonwealth around the world, paused to express her sympathy to the families of the New Zealand wreck victims. The young monarch's voice wavered as she spoke of the grave disaster.

The engine and five cars of the train which was traveling about 50 miles an hour, shot into the swollen Wangapehu River shortly after floods had swept away a section of the railway bridge. Another car tumbled on the brink a few moments and then toppled into the flood.

A rescue organization was set up within a few minutes but 154 of the 267 persons on the train were still unaccounted for and there was little hope they would be found. The known dead numbered 31.

New Zealand Prime Minister Sidney Holland rushed to the scene of the accident on Mt. Ruapehu as soon as he was notified early yesterday. Internal Affairs Minister W. A. Bodkin was appointed minister in attendance to the Queen, and it was announced that the schedule of her royal tour would not be altered.

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Two 'Neutrals' Object To Majority Action Charge Agreement Broken

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PANMUNJOM (AP)—The two Communist members of the Korean repatriation commission have accused the other three members of a "very serious violation" of "international agreements" in ending efforts to win prisoners home, the official Peiping radio said today.

The charge was in a statement issued by the Czech and Polish members which was broadcast by the Chinese Red radio.

The Red delegates were angered by the majority decision of India, Sweden and Switzerland to end the 90-day explanation period at midnight last Wednesday.

The Czech and Polish statement declared "an arbitrary interpretation" of the armistice agreement.

The Communists have insisted that there should be 90 days of actual explanations. They had talked with anti-Red Chinese and North Koreans only nine days during the period which began in September, and accused the Allies of obstructing the explanations.

The repatriation commission's ruling agreed with the U.N. Command position—that the truce agreement set a 90-day period available for interviews rather than specifying 90 days of actual interviews.

The Czech and Polish statement said: "Not only the entire spirit of the terms of reference (prisoner agreement) but their explicit provisions grant both sides the right to conduct explanations for the whole period of 90 days."

"The decision by the majority... amounts to a very serious violation of the terms of reference of the Korean armistice agreement."

"The Czechoslovak and Polish delegations are strongly opposing such violation of international agreements and can never agree to an arbitrary interpretation as if explanations to the prisoners of war... had been carried out."

Panic, Stampede, Kills 23 At Church Services

TOLUCA, Mexico (AP)—The little mountain village of Temoaya mourned today for 23 friends and neighbors killed in a panicky stampede after a Christmas mass in the local church. Some 300 other worshippers were injured in the rush for the doors.

The tragedy was touched off by a failure of the church's electric lights. Many of the 3,000 faithful jammed in for the midnight mass early yesterday were country people unused to electric lights.

The parish priest, Rev. Jose Cruz, said he tried vainly to quell the panic-stricken crowd pushing toward the churches' two doors.

"Mass was just finished," he said, "and the congregation was leaving the church. Somebody stepped on a wire lying on the floor. There was a blue flash and the lights went out. They rushed for the doors."

"The speaker system has its own batteries and was still turned on. I told them there was no danger and to go out in an orderly manner. But they didn't pay any attention. We couldn't see much by the light of the candles on the altar and around the shrine."

"Then when the lights came on again, there was nobody in the church, but me and the victims. I went around and administered the last sacraments to them. There was nothing else I could do."

Report Soviets Seek New Date For Meet

MOSCOW (AP)—Informed Western sources reported today the Soviet Union has rejected the proposed Jan. 4 date for a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in Berlin and proposed instead Jan. 25 or later.

Western diplomatic sources said the Soviets stated there were "administrative difficulties" in the way of the Jan. 4 date proposed by the West on Dec. 8.

The Soviet counterproposal was given in notes delivered to the U. S. British and French ambassadors in Moscow at dawn. The notes were reported very brief. They have not yet been officially published.

The sources added the Soviets also appeared to object to the Western proposal that the Berlin conference be held in the former Allied Control Authority building, in the American sector of the divided city.

It was reported the Russians proposed instead that the four high commissioners in Germany confer in advance on an alternative site.

PARIS (AP)—France may have a new government by Jan. 25 — the date Russia today proposed for a Big Four meeting at Berlin—but don't bet on it.

When President-elect Rene Coty, 71-year-old grandfather of 10 children, is inaugurated Jan. 17, Premier Joseph Laniel's Cabinet will be automatically dissolved.

That gives Coty just eight days to pick a new Premier and for that Premier to build up a Cabinet and get approval from a National Assembly split wide open in half a dozen ways.

Just how badly split the French Parliament is was brought home in the presidential elections at Versailles. It took 7 days and 13 ballots to elect Coty. The most it had ever taken before was 2 ballots.

In fact, in the last Cabinet crisis, France went without a government for 36 days. When Premier Rene Mayer's Cabinet resigned May 21, more than half a dozen politicians failed to form Cabinets or get Assembly approval before Laniel finally succeeded on June 26.

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Took Holiday?

What happened to the Stork over the Christmas holidays? That question might be on the minds of many people in Pitt County because the Pitt Memorial Hospital reported this morning that no babies were born there on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

According to the hospital officials the last baby arrived December 23 and everything has been quiet since.

—either the stork froze up or he was grounded by the rainy, cloudy, and miserable Christmas weather.

Greatest Christmas Gift: Sight



Stanley Smith, 40, rejoices on arrival at his home in Somerville, Mass., with his wife Hazel and daughter Margaret, 21, a WAC private, but the Christmas gifts, he holds are nothing as compared to the gift of sight he received after 15 years of blindness. His vision was restored after two cataract operations in 10 days. He saw his present wife for the first time since their marriage three years ago when bandages were removed a few days ago in the hospital. Aside from Margaret, on leave from 5th Army headquarters in Chicago, he has another daughter and a son by his first marriage. (AP Wirephoto).

Red Vietminh Army Attacking In Indochina French Forces Falling Back

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—The French High Command announced today that French Union forces have evacuated the town of Thakhek on the Mekong River border with Thailand, in the face of a Communist-led Vietminh drive aimed at cutting Indochina in two.

An official communique said the withdrawal was made to pull as many French forces together as possible to meet the rebel thrust across Indochina's narrow waist from the coast to the Thailand border. It said Vietminh troops already have reached within 32 miles of Thakhek.

The announcement came shortly after a French spokesman said supplies and reinforcements were being rushed to the threatened area where strong Vietminh forces were advancing in several columns through sparsely inhabited mountainous country.

(A dispatch from the Thailand capital of Bangkok reported the government has declared a state of emergency in nine northern and northeastern states adjoining Indochina of the Vietminh offensive.)

(The dispatch said the declaration was issued after a conference of Cabinet members and high military officers decided the Indochinese situation constituted a threat to Thailand's sovereignty. Thakhek is just across the river from the Thailand town of Lakhon.)

(Reports in the Thailand capital said French forces opposing the rebel drive were falling back to new defenses set up about 50 kilometers (31.5 miles) from Thakhek.)

The French population of the threatened city, which lies about 240 miles south of Hanoi and dominates the Mekong Valley, has been evacuated to Savannakhet, 50 miles to the south. The French spokesman said elements of two Vietminh divisions have been identified as taking part in the drive into Laos, one of the three French-associated states of Indochina. The rebel troops, he said, were carrying only light arms and few supplies, apparently to speed their advance.

The Vietminh forces started their thrust from the rebel-held coastal area of North Annam. Indochina is only about 100 miles across at this point.

The French said hard fighting along Colonial Rt. 12, a main road connecting Annam with the Mekong River. This would place the rebels about 100 miles south of the area they overran last year in their first assault against Laos.

(Unconfirmed reports in Bangkok said, however, that other Vietminh troops had opened a surprise attack on Luang Prabang, the seat of Laotian King Sisavang Vong's royal residence. Luang Prabang, one of the targets of the previous Vietminh invasion, is more than 200 miles north of Thakhek.)

French spokesmen expressed hope that with reinforcements and fresh supplies the French Union forces would be able to chop off the Vietminh spearheads as the rebels extend their lines of communication.

Abandon Hope In Bomber's Crash LONDON (AP)—Hope was given up today for any survivors of an American Navy bomber that crashed on an Iceland glacier nine days ago.

United States Air Force headquarters here said the search has been suspended because of bad weather.

Earlier, a helicopter rescue team landed beside the wreckage and reported the nine crew members of the bomber apparently perished. Only one body was found. The other eight airmen were believed buried in the snow.

Series Of Three Auto Accidents Mar Holiday

A series of three traffic accidents in the city marred the holidays for the car occupants and for city police who were on duty during the two-day period.

On Wednesday afternoon two cars collided on North Greene Street at the intersection with Mumford Street.

A car driven by Annie Joyner Langley, Negro, of 211A West Second Street pulled out of Mumford Street on to North Greene Street. A second auto operated by Frank Sreeter Jr., also Negro, traveling north on North Greene Street, struck the rear of Mrs. Langley's car. Damage to Mrs. Langley's auto was estimated at \$250 and to Sreeter's at \$10. No arrests were made in the accident.

On Thursday evening at 5:10 a total of \$475 damage was done when cars driven by Therman Stocks of Route 3, Greenville and James Clarence Harrell, 109 East Sixth Street, Ayden were wrecked on Evans at Seventh Street.

The police report stated that Harrell, who was headed north on Evans had stopped and Stocks car struck his car in the rear. Damage to Stocks' car amounted to \$375 and to Harrell's auto \$100. Police arrested Stocks for driving without an operators license.

The third accident occurred at 7:45 p.m. on Christmas day when James Thomas Harper's auto was hit in the rear by a car driven by Robert D. Anderson. Harper's damage amounted to \$225 while Anderson's damage was estimated at \$300. Harper is from Norfolk and Anderson is from Portsmouth, Va. Police made no arrest in the accident.

Theatrical Producer Lee Shubert Is Dead

NEW YORK (AP)—Lee Shubert, 78, a magic name on Broadway and a powerful personality through out the theatrical world, died yesterday after a brief illness.

Shubert, president of the Shubert Theatrical Enterprises, entered Mt. Sinai Hospital just four days ago for treatment of a circulatory disturbance.

The hospital attributed his death to "the complete failure of the circulatory system."

Lee was one of three brothers—Sam S., who died in 1905, and Jacob J., who survives—who parlayed an obscure booking business into a theatrical empire once estimated to be worth 400 million dollars.

The three brothers made the theatrical world their life, even as the young men in Syracuse, N.Y., when they invaded the Broadway scene they were confronted by the all-powerful Klaw and Erlanger booking agency known as "The Combination."

Throwing their energy and astuteness into a fight for survival, the Shubert brothers eventually smashed the combine and themselves became the top theatrical power in the business.

The Shubert brothers added to the theatrical lustre of Broadway by building many of their own theaters. Shortly before World War II the two surviving Shuberts, Lee and J. J., leased or managed half of more than 40 legitimate theaters on the "Great White Way." They also controlled 15 show-places in other cities.

Lee was president of the theatrical organization, with J. J. acting as general manager. In his later years, Lee left to J. J. the business of producing shows, and concentrated on the financial aspects of the organization.

Lee is survived by his wife, the former Marcella Swanson, whom he married a few years ago.

Funeral services will be held Monday (2 p.m., EST) in Temple Emanuel. Place of interment was not immediately announced.

Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 a. m. will be published the following day. Dial 6100-9 a. m. to Noon; 1 to 4:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Asher W. Harman Jr. of Alexandria, Va. arrived today to visit Mrs. Harman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Whiteley.

Visiting their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Richard E. Hardaway, for Christmas are their three sons and their families; as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hardaway Jr. of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Hardaway and children, Barbara Louise and Nancy Jane, of Baton Rouge, La.; and Dr. and Mrs. John S. Hardaway and John Jr. of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Richard Duncan of Burlington and Miss Louise Fink of Charlotte are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Duncan.

Pvt. Charles Stocks, who is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., is spending the holidays with his parents of near Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Maxwell and little daughter Ione IV of Augusta, Ga. will arrive Monday to spend a week with Col. and Mrs. Owen Marshburn.

Mrs. Helen M. Sumrell of Atlanta, Ga. is visiting her brother, W. E. Moore, and family.

Attention German Club
The German Club will have its Christmas dance Tuesday, December 29, at the Greenville Golf and Country Club from 9:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m.

Special Masonic Notice
Hiram Council No. 18, Royal and Select Masters, will confer the degrees on a class of candidates on Monday night, Dec. 28, at 7:30. New Bern Degree Team will do the work. Supper at 6:30 at the Temple. All officers, candidates and companions please be present by 7 o'clock.
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Radio Devotions
Morning Radio Devotions for the week of December 28 through January 2 will be conducted by Rev. James Earl Raper. Rev. Raper will be preaching in a revival each evening at 7:30 in the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, 557 Evans Street. Tune in for the devotions each morning at 9:30. Attend the revival as you have opportunity.

Grace Church Announcements
Sunday morning at 9:45 Sunday School will be conducted at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, 557 Evans Street. A special Bible course is being taught in the adult department. A new unit in the course will begin on January 3. New students will be able to enroll for credit beginning December 27 or January 3. Those who are not working for credit will be privileged to sit in on the class for information and inspiration. Worship service will be conducted at 11:00 o'clock.
Rev. James Earl Raper will begin revival services on Sunday night at 7:30. The revival will continue for one week. Visitors are always welcome.

First Presbyterian Announcements
This Sunday will conclude the church year. Beginning January 1, 1934 the church year will be the same as the calendar year.

At the 11:00 a. m. worship service Sunday the pastor will preach on "The Creed of Christianity." This sermon will have as its purpose a concise statement of "The Beliefs of Christendom."

The Pioneer and Senior Youth Fellowship will meet for supper and worship at 6:30 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. College students who are members of the church will be special guests.

On the first Sunday in January the newly elected officers will be installed. Elders: N. Shelly Beard, D. Angus Blue, G. V. Smith, W. Earl Stokes; deacons: W. W. "Billy" Brown, John D. Grier, J. Howard Moyer, J. Lawrence Smith and Fred Webb Jr.
The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the 11 o'clock church the first Sunday in 1934, January 3rd.
There will be an annual meeting of the Elders and Deacons, on December 30 at 8 o'clock in the church parlor.

Christian Church Announcements
At the Christian Church Sunday morning the two Fulllove sisters, Miss Agnes Fulllove and Mrs. Dink James, will sing the duet arrangement of "In His Keeping" by Morris. The guest minister of the day will be Dr. Howard S. Hilley, graduate of old Transylvania College and a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, for many years president of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and now the Executive Secretary of "Christmount," Southeastern Christian Assembly at Black Mountain, N. C. Rev. William E. Tucker, student in the seminary division of Texas Christian University, will have a part in the service.
The young people of the Chircho and the Christian Youth Fellowship will bring their own bag suppers to the meetings Sunday night at 6:00. Appreciation is expressed to the good ladies of the church for their services every Sunday night but they will not serve this Sunday. So the young people are urged to come and bring their own bag lunches.

The officers of the church and their wives or husbands will open the work of the New Year auspiciously on Tuesday evening, January 5, when they sit down together in a supper meeting at 7 o'clock for the fellowship and the business meeting of the month. Every officer should plan to keep this date—January 5, 7 p. m.

Allstate Appoints Agent Pitt County
William E. Ellington of P. O. Box 67, Grimesland, N. C., has been appointed agent of the Allstate Insurance Co. for Pitt County.
Before joining Allstate, Ellington was a salesman for Eastern Insurance Co. of Charlotte. He holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina. Ellington is the father of a two-year-old girl.

30 Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
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Mr. Ed Batchelor left today for Madison, Wisconsin to attend the Garrett-Dwight wedding.

Rev. Mr. Watts and family of Burgaw, who have been visiting Mrs. Watts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, returned home today.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharpe of Burlington are visiting Mrs. Sharpe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollen Warren.

Mack Brown, who is attending school in Raleigh, and Brice Brown of Schenectady, N. Y. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown.

Social Calendar

SATURDAY
8:00 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Sigmon-DuPre wedding at the First Presbyterian Church.

9:00 p. m.—Mrs. Bryce Sigmon and Miss Frances Sigmon will entertain the Sigmon-DuPre wedding party at the home of Mrs. Z. P. Van Dyke, 1602 E. Fifth St.

SUNDAY
4:30 p. m.—The wedding of Miss Emille DuPre and Bryce Sigmon Jr. will take place in the First Presbyterian Church.
5:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey L. DuPre and Mr. and Mrs. Louis DuPre of Montgomery, Ala. will entertain at a reception in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church honoring the Sigmon-DuPre wedding party.

MONDAY
6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club
7:00 p. m.—Lions Club
8:00 p. m.—Lodge No. 885, Loyal Order of Moose

TUESDAY
4:00 p. m.—6:00 p. m.—Mrs. Guy Evans and Mrs. C. Y. Griffin of Ayden will entertain at tea at the Episcopal parish house to honor Mrs. Guy Evans Jr.

THURSDAY
8:00 p. m.—Chapter 1308 of the Women of the Moose.

FRIDAY
6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club
6:30 p. m.—Exchange Club
7:30 p. m.—Red Men meet.

Pocahontas Have Christmas Party

Fifty-five members met at the Red Men's Hall Tuesday night for their semi-monthly meeting and annual Christmas party. Among them were six distinguished visitors: Jennie Hawkins, Past Gr. Poc. of N. C., from Gastonia; Marian Vincent, Gr. Poc. of N. C., from Winterville; Mrs. Reid Wallace and Florence Steel from Gastonia; Gladys Wynne, Past Gr. Poc. of N. C., from Washington; and Faye Sawyer, Pocahontas of Washington Council. Marian Vincent's husband was also present. Lissie Harris, outgoing Pocahontas, presided over the meeting.
The meeting was called to order and four new members were adopted by the council: Ruby Bruhal, Alice Culbreth, Fannie Harris and Audrey Jordan. Christmas greetings and thank you notes were read from Mamie Radcliff, Carrie Mercer, Blair Houser, Minnie Davis, Marion Vincent, Dorothy Blackwell and Jennie Hawkins.
It was reported that Resolutions of Respect were due Retha Dunn for the loss of her brother who was accidentally drowned. Several members presented a very interesting Christmas program and presented one of the members with two boxes of gifts which were contributed by each individual member of the council. The Christmas Cheer Fund also reported on what they were doing in order to cheer others for Christmas.
Officers were elected for the next six months. Lissie Harris was elected Prophetess; Thelma Vincent, Pocahontas; and Mildred Murrell, Wrennonah.
Ruth Cox introduced the visitors to the council. They reported on their trip to the States and on the work they had done. They also reported on the good fellowship they had enjoyed while staying in the home of Kathleen Woolard.
After the meeting adjourned, Santa Claus presented each member with a gift and fruits of all kinds were served to all.

Window washing can be lightened if you assemble all your tools before starting. Place the pail or pan of cleaner on a high stool to avoid needless stooping. When you finish washing one window, move your equipment along to the next to be cleaned.

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BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28th, 9 A.M. A CLEAN SWEEP OF ALL CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES, FALL AND WINTER APPAREL FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, YARD GOODS AND THOUSANDS OF ODDS AND ENDS, ALSO MANY REMNANTS . . .

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\$39.50 COATS	NOW \$26.33
\$49.50 COATS	NOW \$33.00
\$59.50 COATS	NOW \$39.67
\$69.50 COATS	NOW \$46.33
\$79.50 COATS	NOW \$53.00
\$98.50 COATS	NOW \$65.67

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Greatly Reduced

Children's Shoes In Most Styles
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\$22.

Ladies Fall & Winter SUITS
Some Wonderful Values Formerly sold up to \$59.50
\$33.

Ladies Fall & Winter SUITS
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\$44.

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1/3 Off Regular Price

CLEARANCE FALL and WINTER DRESSES
Women's, Misses' and Juniors'
1/2 Price And Less

Cotton-Rayon-Wool REMNANTS
1/2 Price

AFTER-CHRISTMAS SALE OF MEN'S ITEMS
113 Men's White Broadcloth Shirts Including Name Brands Formerly sold up to \$3.95
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Says Wiretapping Will Win Approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Ferguson of the Senate Republican Policy Committee predicted today Congress will legalize the use in spy trials of evidence obtained by telephone wiretapping.

"A proper bill can be worked out and passed, protecting both the inalienable rights of citizens and the welfare of the nation," the Michigan senator said in an interview.

Sen. Potter (R-Mich) also said he thinks some such law will be enacted, but Sen. McCarran of Nevada, senior Democratic member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, rated present chances as doubtful.

Gov. Gen. Brownell has announced he plans to ask Congress to permit the use of such evidence in trials under certain conditions. The idea reportedly was discussed during President Eisenhower's conferences with Republican Congress leaders at the White House last week.

Federal law does not prohibit wire tapping by federal officers but it does forbid the use of such evidence in a trial court. The rule has been interpreted to block the use of evidence uncovered as the result of "leads" produced by wire tapping.

The issue is hotly controversial. It has been before Congress before, but Ferguson said he thinks this time "the administration and Congress can work out a bill keeping

in mind our historical background" that would satisfy most opponents of the idea. Ferguson declined to say what the administration might propose along that line. He emphasized that he was expressing only his views as a senator and former judge.

The courts, he said, now allow search and seizure practices to obtain evidence from private premises. As "the guardians of constitutional institutions," he said, it is the courts which also should determine when wire tapping to uncover crimes against the nation's security should be permitted.

Presumably, he was referring to the suggestion often-made that federal officers be allowed to introduce such evidence only if they first get a U.S. court's permission to tap the lines.

McCarran, in a separate interview, spoke much less confidently of prospects for approval of such a bill. He is an advocate of limited use of wire-tapping to convict subversives. He indicated that he has very definite views on what safeguards would be necessary and will discuss them only when and if the matter comes before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

He said he believes there is "a very serious question" whether the most carefully-drawn bill could muster enough votes to pass both Senate and House next year.

Will Attack 'Reasoning' On Statehood Argument

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) said today he will attack the reasoning of Republican leaders who would delay statehood for Alaska, but grant it to Hawaii.

Sparkman told reporters he will support a move to grant statehood to both, despite plans of the Republican leadership to press only for the admission of Hawaii.

"It would be a very serious mistake to offer statehood to either without offering it to the other," Sparkman said. "I can't but feel that it's a political thing to want to admit one without the other. Alaska is deserving of statehood."

Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb.), chairman of the Senate Interior Committee which handles statehood legislation, contends pending proposals to admit Alaska are unworkable because they would leave more than 90 per cent of its area under federal ownership and exempt from state taxation and administration. He has announced, however, he will vote to admit Hawaii.

A bill supported by the Eisenhower administration which would admit only Hawaii has been stalled in Butler's committee since it voted 8-7 last March to tie in a provision for admission of Alaska also. However, last Monday Sen. Long (D-La.), one of the committee members who voted for the amendment to the bill, said he is now willing to support the legislation in its original form—for admission of Hawaii—both in the committee and the Senate.

Sparkman said he will attack the argument that pending legislation would leave too much of Alaska under federal ownership.

"There's no reason why the federal government should keep that land forever," he said. "It could be opened up, a portion at a time, for home-steading and so forth."

Asked whether he would oppose statehood for Hawaii unless Alaska could have it too, Sparkman replied "I'm not saying I will oppose it. But I certainly will support any move to include Alaska."

He said it is certain that an Alaska statehood amendment will be offered on the Senate floor if any bill to admit Hawaii only is brought up for debate.

PITT — SUN. & MON.

Newspapers Will Again Be Ready

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Truck drivers of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune were to return to work today, permitting the newspapers to resume deliveries halted during a six-day strike of the AFL Teamsters' Union.

Both sides Friday accepted terms of a new 26-month contract worked out in negotiation sessions arranged by federal conciliators. The pact's main provision was for a 15-cent hourly pay raise for the approximately 100 drivers.

Ten cents of the raise was retroactive to Nov. 1, 1953. The other five cents takes effect Nov. 1, 1954. Drivers voted to accept the settlement, then immediately removed pickets from the newspapers' loading docks.

Only papers sold during the strike were those purchased on a "cash and carry" basis in the Star-Tribune building's main lobby. Sales were limited to five copies per person.

Prior to the settlement the Teamsters' Local 638 had sought increases of 12 and 17 cents an hour for day and night work, respectively. The company offered 8 and 11 cents. The new contract will bring drivers \$2.23 hourly for day work and \$2.33 for night work until Nov. 1, 1954, when the rates go up to \$2.28 and \$2.33. The work week is 38 hours.

Luxury Home Is Brief Fairyland

BALTIMORE (AP)—Lusa Ponselle, former dramatic soprano with the Metropolitan Opera Co., has converted her luxurious country home into a Christmas fairyland for one week and is charging admission for the benefit of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

The singer's home, Villa Place, in the Green Spring Valley at nearby Stevenson, Md., will be open daily from 3 to 6 p.m. beginning today, until New Year's Day. The ornate villa, replete with works of art, is crowded with flowers, plants, and Christmas decorations including a moving life-sized figure of carolers from which come recorded Christmas carols and anthems.



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Cattle Counting In Pitt County

Pitt County's cattle population is growing by leaps and bounds. That may not sound interesting to a lot of people who live in Pitt, but it is significant to the farm population of the county, and to the economy of Pitt County.

According to statistics released by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the number of all kinds of cattle in Pitt County has more than doubled in the past three years, and the cattle population now stands at 7,570.

In the 15 years from 1936 through 1950, the number of cattle on Pitt County farms fluctuated from slightly over 3,000 head to some 6,700; but 1950 found only 3,640 head of cattle in the county. Since that time the interest in cattle raising in the county has grown rapidly, and while the income from cattle makes little impact on the overall farm income of Pitt County each year, it has become an important supplementary crop on many of the farms of the county.

The greatest portion of the increase in the cattle population in the county in the past three years has come in beef cattle; but at the same time the quality of the dairy cattle in the county has been greatly improved.

Agricultural experts have expressed the opinion that cattle production in Pitt County still is far from its potential as a supplementary crop. Without too much shifting of crop enterprises in the county, they figure the number of dairy cattle in the county could be doubled or even tripled, and the number of beef cattle could be doubled.

With the increase in the cattle population of the county, there has also come an even greater increase in the amount of permanent pasture. Ten years ago there was less than 1,000 acres of permanent pasture in the county. Today permanent pastures occupy 7,500 to 8,000 acres of Pitt's farm land. By 1960, a goal of 35,000 to 40,000 acres of permanent pasture in Pitt County has been set by agricultural officials. With

that amount of pasture, they estimate Pitt County could easily support 20,000 to 25,000 head of cattle to supplement the other farm crops.

The development of the cattle industry is becoming more important to Pitt County as the years move by; and it is affording the county an important new source of farm income in the agricultural diversification program which is being carried out on a long range basis.

Still Hiding Behind Law They Seek To Destroy

Is refusal to answer questions before an investigating committee inquiring into communist activities in the United States just grounds for considering a person a communist or in sympathy with the movement to overthrow the American government? We would answer that in the affirmative.

Those who hide behind the fifth amendment to the constitution when they don't want to answer questions concerning communist activities obviously have something to hide from the people who are trying to root out communism in the United States.

In Cleveland recently, a school teacher was dismissed because he failed to answer questions before the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission. The Cleveland Board of Education felt the actions of the teacher in refusing to answer the questions posed by the commission was a "good and just cause" for dismissing the teacher. The board also asserted the teacher was guilty of "conduct unbecoming a teacher."

Unless an individual has something to hide which would help in rooting out communist activities in the United States, there is no good reason for his refusing to answer questions before any committee inquiring into the situation.

Certainly every loyal American realizes the threat of communism to freedom all over the world. Surely, loyal citizens are anxious to shed whatever light they can upon communist activities in this nation in an effort to expose such activities pointed toward the overthrow of the United States government.

Selected Shorts

ADDISON, N. Y., ADVERTISER. "When one party dominates any unit of government, and that party is controlled by self-perpetuating bosses, good government is pretty sure to go out the window. There is nothing like lively competition to keep public officials on their toes."

OAKLAND, CALIF., CALIFORNIA VOICE: "As the distaff side comes more and more into its own in the government, old-time politicians may view the trend with some alarm. We don't blame them for that. Many of them will have to buckle down and earn their government keep more convincingly, or a horde of determined, hard-working women may eventually give the Capitol a clean sweep and take over."

Strength for the Day

By EARL L. DOUGLASS
TODAY AND TOMORROW

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ Jesus hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).
The spirit of the Christmas season is the spirit of kindness. It seems as if the heart of the whole world is opened during these days. The children realize this, although both they and their parents may be a bit irritable and worn out as the result of yesterday's activities and overeating. But Christmas lights a taper in the heart of every true man and woman. Life is a little more mellow, a little kinder, a little more radiant because this season has come and gone. Would that we could keep its spirit through the whole year!

For there is nothing the world needs more than kindness, and—if we want to think of it selfishly—it is amazing how kindness pays off. There is many a man holding a big position today who has that fine job because he had a way of making everybody about him feel good. He can say the word that heals the gaping wound. He can lay his hand on one of life's painful bruises, and the miracle of healing takes place.

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted. . . Here is the spirit which enables us to forget the sorrows of yesterday and to look forward with relish and anticipation to the joys of tomorrow."

National Whirligig

Reply To Briton's Criticism

By RAY TUCKER
WASHINGTON—An American Daniel has come to judgment to demolish a famous British jurist's labored and published contention that Alger Hiss did not receive a fair trial, and may have been convicted wrongfully of slipping state secrets to Whit-laker Chambers, then a self-confessed courier for a Russian spy ring.

The American advocate in this almost unprecedented trans-Atlantic controversy over the century's most explosive courtroom drama is Judge Claude McCulloch of the United States District Court at Portland, Ore. In a stinging 10-page analysis, he reviews the book written by Earl Jowitt, former Lord Chancellor and Attorney-General of Great Britain. The volume is entitled "The Strange Case of Alger Hiss."

The Jowitt effort created a sensation in political circles here. It amounted to a gratuitous criticism of our judicial procedure and origins, of our leading lawyers and of our eminent judges by an Englishman who once held a post corresponding to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

HIGHLY PRAISED—Judge McCulloch's retort has won high praise from the few lawyers and members of the judiciary who have read it, and it will be inserted in the Congressional Record at the forthcoming session. Point by point, he refutes the Jowitt brief, as well as similar pro-Hiss arguments by Alistair Cooke, the cynical Washington correspondent of the Manchester Guardian.

With superb omniscience, Cooke also assailed the conduct of the Hiss case in a book entitled, believe it or not, "An American Generation on Trial." His principal complaint is that the trial lasted too long, far longer than British jurisprudence would have tolerated. If his peculiar reason had governed, Hiss might now be free, for the FBI was still uncovering evidence of guilt while the trial was in progress.

Widespread British sympathy for Hiss, as well as British correspondents' generous treatment of the Harry Dexter White conspirators, is explainable only

because Dean Acheson, a Hiss sponsor and friend, was so pro-British.

IMPUGNS JUDGMENT OF ABLE AMERICANS Although of principal interest to lawyers and judges, the American layman may appreciate a few typical samples of the McCulloch rejoinder.

"I think the former Lord Chancellor," he writes, "falls somewhat in self-analysis in putting out this extensive book, calculated to cast doubt on the correctness and justice of Hiss' conviction. He says that it is the custom of his country to put out books reviewing important trials. But is it customary for a judge, even though retired, to put out a book criticizing the conduct of another judge in a contemporary state trial?"

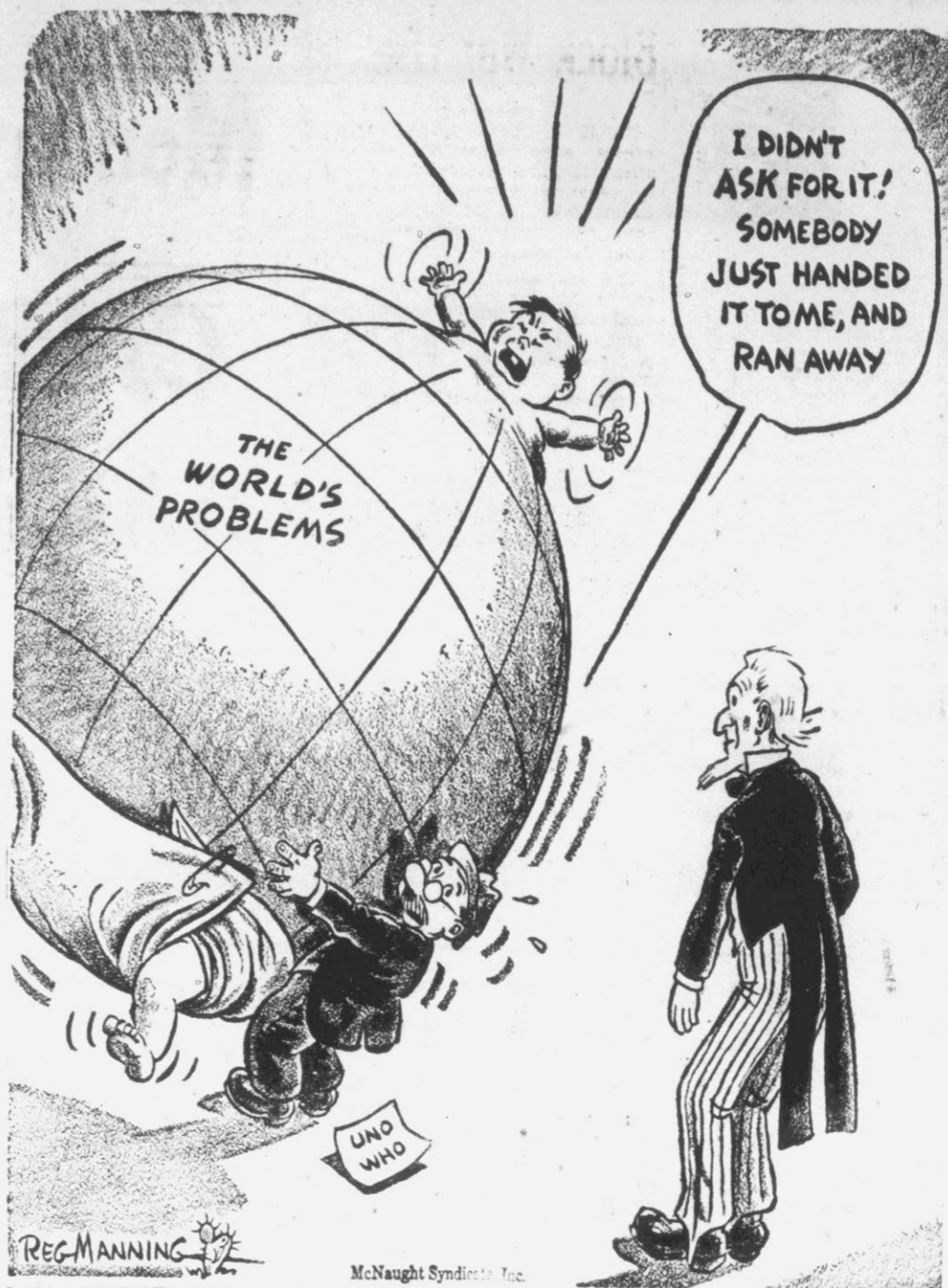
"It seems to me that the Lord Chancellor has had his leg pulled, for look at it as you may, when the author criticizes the conduct of Judge Murphy in presenting the Government's case, and Judge Goddard's conduct of the trial, and intimates that the result would have been different had they conducted themselves differently, he is impugning (at the minimum) the judgment of these two unusually able and experienced men."

BRITON'S GRATUITOUS CRITICISM—Judge McCulloch then notes a factor previously neglected in discussion of the Jowitt criticism—namely, that the British jurist embraced numerous other distinguished American judges in his attack.

"As to whether Hiss was guilty," continues Judge McCulloch, "Prosecutor Murphy thought he was. Judge Goddard, who tried the case, thought he was. He told the jury it was a just verdict. The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Judges Chase, Swan and Augustus Hand, who affirmed the conviction, must have had no disturbing doubt of Hiss' guilt. The Supreme Court, six Justices sitting, denied certiorari.

"I have noticed that books about famous criminal trials nearly all end the same way: 'And so, there you are, dear reader, it is for you to make up your own mind as to whether the defendant is guilty.' The present author (Jowitt) does that, but he also says that reading of the record leaves him personally in doubt of the correctness of Hiss' conviction."

Could I Exchange This "Gift"?



Somebody Told Me

A 3-Year-Old's Christmas

A three-year-old's Christmas morning is something everyone should have the privilege of witnessing.

So help me, our daughter Nancy was more impressed by Santa Claus' appetite than by anything else about Christmas! She left Santa a saucer heaping with cookies. "I'm going to leave them right by the fireplace so he can eat them," she said.

Christmas morning she was overjoyed because Santa Claus had eaten every one of the cookies and left only a few crumbs! After Nancy had opened and examined everything that Santa Claus brought her, she commented, "Where's something else he brought?" Whereupon, Wife Rachel and I looked at each other with that "you can't win" expression.

But we have a system that we use at birthdays and Christmas-time. After Nancy has seen all of the toys, we take part of them and put them away, without commenting to her. There are still so many that she doesn't miss the ones that are gone, and we later present them to her.

There are so many toys that require assembly these days that Santa's hard for me to figure out how Santa gets around. In fact, to assemble the gym set he brought our children required the help of several grown men and a major hauling operation.

Santa Claus brought me outdoor clothing, the kind a man needs for fishing. "Wonder what that guy's trying to do?" I asked W. R.

Doesn't he know that this kind of clothing will inspire me to go fishing, and doesn't he know that too much fishing will put me in the dog house?"

"Maybe he didn't mean for you to use them too much, but just wanted you to have appropriate clothing when you do go," W. R. said.

"Yes," I said, "I'm sure that Santa wouldn't want me to wear these toys out immediately."

It was a happy Christmas for us, and apparently for the majority of the nation. We have so much to be thankful for that at a time like this we should count our good fortunes and give thanks to God.

And I thank you,
JACK EDWARDS

What Other Editors Are Thinking

TELEPHONES HURT BY LONG DISTANCE CHARGES

(Kinston Free Press)

The extension of telephones to the Beaulieu community in Duplin County by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, late as it comes, is most welcome. The installation is marred only by the multiplicity of long-distance charges, which virtually separate neighbors and make it necessary to dial long distance for persons residing only a few miles away.

As we understand it, the Kenansville Exchange has to go through long-distance to reach such nearby communities as B. F. Grady School, Albertson and Warsaw, as well as the new exchange at Beaulieu.

This situation corresponds to that which prevailed some 15 years ago at Wilmington when it was necessary to call long-distance to talk to parties at nearby Wrightsville Beach. This is not necessary, now, thanks to action of the Utilities Commission. It is also paralleled in Lenoir County, where long-distance is needed to reach the Pink Hill, Moss Hill and La-Grange exchanges. Grifton and Hookerton require long-distance, even from Snow Hill and Kinston.

The rates are high enough, we believe, to defray whatever expense is encountered in the installation of the new exchanges and whenever possible the communities in a given county should not have to be reached through long distance exchanges.

The growth and development of Eastern Carolina owes much to the Carolina Telephone Company. It has rapidly expanded its service

since World War II to add many new communities which did not previously have telephone service. The people it serves are not unappreciative of this service. But something ought to be done about excessive long-distance set-ups which do more to separate the communities than they do to bring a greater unity and understanding to the whole section.

The Free Press shares the hope of residents of Beaulieu and other communities in Eastern Carolina which are now plagued by long-distance rates for "neighborhood" calls will get some relief from the State Utilities Commission on this important matter. The regular rates are high enough and the Commission has done little in recent years to keep them from going up every time the utilities companies have sought increases.

slump in the economy. Nobody knows just how much. And, as our shipments and tourism grow in the next few years, the total take may be doubled—quite a pot for a country of 5,100,000 inhabitants, fewer than in either New York City or in the metropolitan area of Chicago.

IMPORTS HIGHLY REGARDED Because the financial wealth of the nation is both fine and important, imports have a special significance to Venezuelans and few things are highly regarded unless they come from abroad. A leading French distiller exports more cognac to Venezuela than to any other country in the world. A dealer in Caracas sells 45 Packards a month, the majority in-volving trade-ins of last year's models. Scotch whiskey sells fast at from \$12 to \$14 a bottle; anybody who drinks native rum is regarded as decadent. American baked beans are in demand at 45 cents a can.

As in the United States, there

is unemployment in the midst of labor shortages. But in Caracas, unusual, the lot of the poor is SLIMS CLEARED

For several years the Government has been tearing down slums in the city, replacing them with parks, highways and fine buildings. So the poor, their number swelled by a heavy migration from the provinces, have moved to the sides of the mountains that ring the city. There they live in "ranchos," little huddles together of shacks and houses made of tar paper, adobe bricks and, not infrequently, of concrete blocks. The residents buy water from tank trucks, but the Government has run in power lines and this keeps radios, television sets and American refrigerators working. The poor enjoy far better TV reception than do the rich in the valley below.

The Government is spending millions for low-rent housing, and some of it costs the tenants less than \$5 a room a month. But whenever a housing development replaces a rancho, there are always some families that move further up the mountain. The rent money may be the equivalent of monthly installments on another appliance.

RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES Venezuela is loaded with natural resources, especially oil and iron, and it is willing to trade them to democratic nations for the things it wants. The estimated billion dollars a year now flowing in is about \$200 for each man, woman and child in the land. So much of this rolls into government coffers that even a dishonest government couldn't ship it all to Miami—and President Perez Jimenez's administrators are probably as honest as those in any

Business Today

Productivity Today

The nation's capital goods productive activity this year is estimated at \$58 billion by the Council for Technological Advancement. This capital goods activity is not to be confused with capital goods investment, which will be around \$28 billion this year. The CTA's figures apply to transportation, distribution, and servicing of capital plants and equipment, as well as production.

The council has been engaged in a study of the capital goods industry and, for the first time, has documented its size and structure. Its study of 1952 showed capital goods activity totaled \$54 billion—\$35 billion for machinery and other equipment; \$12 billion construction and \$7 billion servicing. The industry employed 8,100,000 last year. This year's figures, necessarily estimates, are \$4 billion and 19,000 jobs higher. Capital goods production, the study shows, amounts to 18.5 per cent of the nation's industrial output.

A breakdown of the 1952 expenditures, in billions of dollars, showed: equipment, 35.1; industrial and commercial construction, 5.1; public utility construction, 4; oil and well drilling (equipment and labor) 1.6; farm service buildings; 0.9; miscellaneous construction, 0.3; maintenance and repair of construction, 4; maintenance and repair of equipment, labor costs only, 2.8.

No one segment of the industry is dominant; no single major group of commodities accounts for more than 15 per cent of the total purchases of productive equipment. For instance, a breakdown of private purchases of capitalized equipment, in percentages, shows: furniture and fixtures, nonresidential, 3.9; fabricated metal products, 1.6; engines and turbines, 1.2; tractors, 4.4; other agriculture machinery, 5.3; construction machinery, 2.9; mining and oil-field machinery, 3.6; metal-working machinery, 5.4; special industry machinery, 7.1; general industrial machinery, 7.2; office and store machinery, 4.2 electrical machinery, 13.0; trucks, buses and trailers, 11.2; passenger cars for

business use, 15.0; aircraft, 0.8; ship and boat building, 0.9; railroad equipment, 4.2; instruments, 2.7; miscellaneous equipment, 2.0.

The size of the capital goods industry is a source of strength of the entire economy and its diversity is a source of stability.

ONLY SMALL PART OF SPANISH AID SET

Of the \$85,000,000 in economic defense support granted to Spain, only \$2,000,000 has been allocated. This will go for copper and copper products, aluminum and aluminum-base alloys and products, steel strip, tinplate, terneplate, and tin mill backplate. Names of the Spanish agencies authorized to make the purchases are available from field offices of the Department of Commerce. These offices will also have information on future authorizations.

NICKEL-CADMIUM BATTERY WORRIES COMPETITORS

While it was supposed to be a military secret, many executives in the battery and automobile industries have heard rumors—and more—about the nickel-cadmium battery. When the fighting stopped in Korea, it was everybody's guess that it was only a matter of time before the battery was made for civilian as well as military use.

The wraps are off and the battery is being brought to market now, to the 21-gun headchoppers of others in the battery field, brought on by worry whether the battery will measure up to claims made for it. The producers say it needs only a few drops of water a year; is smaller and lighter than existing batteries; is invulnerable to shock and vibration; will operate at temperatures from 0 to plus 165 degrees Fahrenheit; and will last the life of an auto.

The battery was an outgrowth of research for hearing aid batteries (by Sonotone). The original manufacturer has licensed two other companies to produce it.

New Year Looks Just Like 1953

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
AP Newsfeatures Writer

A new year is aborning. It is the season when one looks backward and when one looks ahead. It is a time when most of us resolve to do better henceforth. And we wonder what is ahead. I don't have a private crystal ball, but I think I've a pretty good idea of a lot of things which are ahead. Here follows a few predictions for 1954:

Women's fashions will be reformed as undergoing radical changes. Hemlines and silhouettes will blow up into a confused crisis depending on just which designer is making his pronouncement. Roughly 80 million women will discuss the subject thoroughly and joyously as they did in 1953.

Husbands will continue to shake their heads in bewilderment at their wives' hats, complain when their old clothes are thrown away, and hide gift neckties in the back of the closet.

Three-quarters of the new homeowners will start to build outdoor fireplaces, finish off expansion attics, waterproof their cellars and wind up calling in professionals to clean up the mess and finish the job.

A new, male singing star will emerge who sends teen-agers to raptures but who causes their parents to shake their heads in amazement and recall the way they felt about Rod Vallee.

Every child specialist will continue to write articles defending or condemning television for its effect on young eyes and minds—and find a good market for said articles.

Half the economic experts will view with alarm and the other half will predict continued good times—and no one will really

know whom to believe. Everyone will continue to deplore high prices, complain the dollar doesn't buy much any more and explain that everyone is being overpaid except himself.

Employers will bemoan the fact that responsible employees are almost impossible to find and that everyone wants ridiculous salaries. Employees will believe they could do a better job than the old man with one hand tied behind his back, grouse about his whims and peculiarities and hope for a great big raise in salary.

An unknown French actress, en route to Hollywood, will tell ship's news reporters that American men make lousy lovers and a couple of months after marry one who also happens to be rich. Congressional investigating committees will continue to probe, make many headlines but even more arguments among the constituents.

Everyone will talk about the perils of the nuclear age, discuss nervously the nation's defenses, and the civilian defense people will have a hard time getting volunteers, anyway.

The trend toward the complete toothpaste will continue and towards the end of the year one will only prevent decay, banish onion odor and guarantee romance, but which can be used in an emergency spread on crackers for hors d'oeuvres.

People will continue to drive automobiles too fast, postpone paying their income tax until the last minute, worry about delinquency, narcotics traffic, the future of the United Nations, the mortgage payments—and in spite of everything, have a pretty good time and some fun.

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Scholarship Fund, On Hand And Pledged, Now Totals \$36,169

The Greenville Junior Chamber of Commerce in its solicitation for donations to the Pitt County Scholarship Foundation for East Carolina College received the following in cash and pledges:

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Inc. \$600; Mack G. Smith, Salsed's Department Store, \$300 each; H. L. Hodges and Co., \$225; H. A. White and Sons, W. M. B. Brown, \$200 each; Berry Bastie and Son, Alton R. Merritt, \$150 each; Mrs. Morton's Bakery, Jackson's Shoe Store, V. A. Merritt, E. D. Lagans, James W. Brewer, Best Jewelry Co., W. H. Woolard, Greenville Marble and Granite Works, Taff Office Equipment Company, J. W. H. Roberts, Peoples Bakery, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrington, Cozart Auto Supply, L. M.

Ernest, Kares Restaurant, \$100 each; R. R. Forrest Roofing Co., Greenville Motor Parts, Edwards Auto Supply, \$75 each; Wagner-Waldrop Motors, Inc., New Carolina Warehouse, Cozart's Super Market, B. B. Drum, Louis W. Gaylord Jr., Dink James, \$50 each; Charles P. Gaskins, \$45; Mercer's Glass Shop, W. T. Lipscomb, \$33.33 each; J. W. Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Jess R. Moye, Moseley Bros., Inc., Proctor Hotel Barber Shop, Garner-Wynne-Manning, Inc., Garris Supply Co., Mrs. J. H. Letchworth, H. H. Gradis, Louis Fleming, Hudson's Garage, J. B. Spilman, Jake M. Hadley, W. W. Speight, \$25 each; Richard J. Stack Jr., Ward Machine Works, Nobles Florist, Eloise Ellington, Gammon Supply Co., \$10 each; C. C. Waters

Service Station, Goor's Shoe Shop, Perkins Oil Company, \$50 each; N. J. Sideris, \$30.00; Hotel Proctor Newsstand, Evans Street Grocery, \$20.00 each.
The status of the fund as of December 21, 1953 follows:
Total amount pledged \$47,680.16
Total amount unpaid 11,510.54
Total cash receipts \$36,169.62
The principal is being invested at 5, 5 1/2, and 6 percent, which will be used to help worthy students at East Carolina College.
"If there are those who haven't contributed or who wish to give an additional sum, please send to F. D. Duncan, Business Manager, Any gift to the College is exempt for income tax purposes," President John D. Messick said.

Claim U. S. Can Block War Use

PARIS (AP)—The newspaper Paris-Presses says American atomic scientists have discovered a way to "denature" plutonium and other atomic materials so they can be used for civilian purposes but never for weapons.

The newspaper, which gave no source for its report, declared yesterday this development was behind President Eisenhower's recent proposal that the United States, Russia and other nations contribute to an international pool of atomic material for peaceful uses.

In Washington, a spokesman for the Atomic Energy Commission said he had no comment on the report.

Paris-Presses, one of France's leading afternoon papers, said the United States was prepared to give other countries, including Russia, its secret for taking the lethal kick out of atomic bomb materials. The process, it was claimed, would eliminate fears that contributions to the American-proposed world "nuclear bank" could be used for war.



PILOT RESCUED:—Coastguardsmen assist Roy K. Carlson, 47-year-old pilot, from Livonia, Mich., out of a rescue helicopter at St. Petersburg, Fla., after he was rescued from the Gulf of Mexico. Carlson was on a flight to Lake Park, Fla., from Whitmore Lake, Mich., but crashed off a deserted section of Northwest Florida. Carlson was sighted by a sea-going tug 60 miles out in the Gulf seated on his partly submerged plane. He spent 36 hours in the water. (AP Wirephoto).

WNCN SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
8:00—Uncle Marvin
8:00—News
8:15—Sports
8:30—Weather
8:35—Safety Tips
8:35—Ranch Hands
7:00—Juniper Junction
7:30—Cisco Kid
8:00—Western Feature
9:30—WNCN Feature Film
10:00—Medallion Theatre
10:30—Hit Parade
11:00—News, Weather & Sports
11:15—Sign off

Firemen Called Out Over Holiday

A Christmas Eve fire did considerable damage to the home of Mrs. L. R. Taylor at 200 Tyson Street at 12:00 noon.
Fire department officials reported that the fire, which started from an upstairs stove gutted the entire attic of the house, one upstairs room and part of another one.
Firemen battled the blaze for some time before bringing it under control.

In a second fire Thursday, firemen were called to the home of Henry Barrett at 220 Vance Street when a Christmas tree caught fire. The fire, caused by an electrical short circuit, destroyed the tree and a radio nearby. The room was also damaged by smoke, firemen reported.
On Christmas day the firemen had only one call. That was to the home of Jim Evans at 114 West Eighth Street at 10:40 a.m. Friday. A boiler had overheated and no damage was reported.

It Could Happen Only In Texas

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Another Texas drought story popped up at the South Carolina Baptist Convention.
"The recent drought was so bad," a Texas minister reported, "that even baptisms were affected."
"Before the drought ended," he declared, "Baptists were sprinkling, Methodists were using a damp wash cloth, and Presbyterians were giving rain checks."

Cave Drawings Found In Spain

SANTANDER, Spain (AP)—A cave with prehistoric paintings on the wall has been found near the village of Puente Viego. This brings to four the caves discovered in the Monte del Castillo, described as a veritable underground town.
The drawings are of animals, mainly of horses, deer and bison, all of them painted by human fingers. The caves are near the world-famed Altamira cave.

Monkey Business At Park's Zoo

OMAHA (AP)—Caretakers at Riverview Park zoo here have acquired new respect for the mechanical aptitude of monkeys. The animals unscrewed the bolts holding the hinges on their cage doors and one got loose. Park attendants spent a strenuous afternoon running it down.
There will be no repetition. The bolts have been bent so they can't be unscrewed.
Indochina has an estimated population of 27 million.

Pet Cat Found; Child Is Happy

WARM SPRINGS, Ga. (AP)—Curly-haired Millie Dalton, 5-year-old polio victim, got her best Christmas present a day late. Tippi, her Siamese cat, has been found.

The bright-eyed Charlotte, N.C., girl tried hard all Christmas day to enjoy her many presents. But a tear appeared now and then when she thought of her favorite companion.

The cat had been especially dear to Millie since September, when the child's mother, Mrs. Robert L. Dalton, brought her here for treatment at the Warm Springs Foundation. Millie is suffering with severe paralysis caused by poliomyelitis.

A woman in Rome, Ga., read an Associated Press story about the missing Tippi and communicated with Mrs. Dalton at once. Her daughter, Doris Coker, visited the foundation earlier in the week, admired the handsome Tippi and got the cat as a gift from an official who didn't know it had strayed from Millie's room.

Tippi missed Millie very much, too. The Cokers told Mrs. Dalton the cat had been yowling unhappily for several days.

Christmas Day Reward For Boy

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Timmy Whitecloud, 11-year-old Albuquerque Indian boy, used money he'd been saving for a bicycle to purchase a present for the King and Queen of Greece on their recent visit to New Mexico.
He got his reward Christmas morning. Mrs. Angelo Mazas, Albuquerque Greek woman gave Timmy a new bike for Christmas.
"I really enjoy riding it," the boy said.
"It's the best Christmas he ever had," his mother added.

Forms Returned To Man By Cat

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—When census enumerator Dan Kennedy found no one home after several visits to a residence here, he dropped a Census Bureau form into a mail slot.

It came flying right back out. He tried again. Same thing. Kennedy peered through the mail slot.

Inside was a Siamese cat, which had been batting the envelope back at him with its paws.

Accident Killed Engagement Plan

VERNON, Del. (AP)—Robert D. Baynard, 21, of Denton, Md., and Margaret Marshall, 17, of Harrington, Del., planned to announce their engagement today.
Shortly after buying the engagement ring yesterday, Baynard's car smashed into a guard rail of a bridge near here. He was killed instantly.
Miss Marshall died later at the hospital.

Disposal Wasn't Quite Complete

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—A civet cat, is a pint-size skunk with a gallon-size stink. One took up residence under a local woman's front porch. She called the cops.
Officer Charles Slavens took the corpse back to headquarters.
The street department buried the civet cat but they're still wondering how to dispose of Officer Slavens.

Guided missiles have traveled at four times the speed of sound.

Grandchild Was Featured Guest

PIEDMONT Calif. (AP)—Chief Justice Warren's 5-year-old grandson, Jeffrey, was a center of attraction as the former California governor carved a 30-pound turkey at a Christmas reunion of the Warren family.

Young Jeffrey was just home from the hospital and still a bit weak from an appendectomy this week. The celebration was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Warren.

On hand to open presents were Chief Justice and Mrs. Warren, Jeffrey, James and his wife, the chief justice's daughters, Nina, Dorothy and Virginia, his son Robert, and James' two other children, James Jr., 9, and John, 5.

Warren's third son Earl Jr., was the only missing family member. He is in Army officer training in Kentucky.

Warren, on his first trip back to California since he succeeded the late Chief Justice Vinson, expects to return early next week to Washington.

Funeral Sunday For Miss Lois Correll

Miss Lois Correll, 81, died at Pitt Memorial Hospital at 1:50 o'clock Friday afternoon following an auto accident near Grimesland. She was on the way to Greenville to spend the day with friends.

Funeral services will be held at the graveside at Lexington, Virginia on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Correll was born and reared in Lexington, Virginia, and spent her early life there. She was a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music, and also the Eastman School of Music, and had taught piano at Due West, S. C. and at Chowan College before coming to East Carolina College in 1920. She taught piano at the college until her retirement in 1950, and continued to have private students until last year, when she entered a nursing home in Washington on account of her health. She was a very active worker and member of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Surviving is a niece, Mrs. A. C. Hall of Wake Forest, and among others, two cousins of Pactolus, Mrs. Paul Davenport and Mrs. Kathrine Thomas.

Rhode Island boasts that she produces more than half of the lace turned out in the United States.

Funeral Held Today For Marvin Carmon

AYDEN—Marvin E. Carmon, 68, farmer, died suddenly of a heart attack Christmas morning about 1 o'clock at his home near Roundtree Christian Church.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Britt's Funeral Chapel in Ayden. Rev. Perry Case, Christian minister of Wilson, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.
Surviving are his wife; three sons, Fred Carmon of Richmond, Va., Thad Carmon of Norfolk, Va., and Willis Carmon of the home; three daughters, Ruby Jean Carmon of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Richard Burgess of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Cleo Vandford of Charleston, S.C.; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Cannon of Ayden and Mrs. George Pittman of Falkland, and seven grandchildren.
Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean contains one of the world's largest deposits of phosphate.



NOT SANTA'S:—Francis N. Bartjen of Cleveland, Ohio, posted this sign, "This Is Not One of Santa's Reindeer," after sobbing small fry in his neighborhood accused him of killing one of the reindeer they hoped would bring them presents Christmas Eve. Bartjen, a veteran of many deer-hunting seasons, said "some of them were pretty peeved." (AP Wirephoto).

Girl Will Wed Her Professor

fell in love with her professor while studying for her master's degree will marry him today.
"I fell in love with the professor during his course in educational research," said Miss Eleanor Sullivan, 32. She received "A's" in the two courses taught by Dr. Alfred L. Papillon, 40, at De Paul University last semester.

Rev. Plus J. Barth, Chairman of De Paul's Education Department

will marry the couple today at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.
SNOW IN FLORIDA
LONGWOOD, Fla. (AP)—A light snow flurry was reported here last night by Police Chief Claude Lavo. The temperature was about 40 degrees when a few small flakes fell. Longwood is in central Florida.

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SYNOPSIS
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CHAPTER FIVE

ONCE when Dale was checking a list of guests for Kelly's birthday party, he said thoughtfully, "You know, all our friends here in Swanscombe are either very old or very young. Teen-agers, or six-tish. Hardly any our own age."

She nodded a grave agreement. "The old people are mostly retired farmers. And when the young ones finish high school, there's nothing to keep them here. All the big jobs are in the cities, and off they go. They only come back at Christmas, or for family reunions."

"You came back?"

She smiled. "I'm not the career-girl type. Besides, if I hadn't come back, who would be Mrs. Kelland Fraser now?"

"Some lucky girl would have snatched me up," he told her magnanimously. "Matchmaking, I've called me a catch. I'd have been gobbled up."

She pummeled his chest softly with her fists. "Your cue was to say ardently, 'My darling Dale, in my heart I knew you were somewhere in the world waiting for me. And I would have found you.' That's what you should have said, you bum!"

"My darling Dale," he said with overdone Charles Boyer ardor. "In my heart I knew you were somewhere in the world—" The cajolery faded. "Don't joke about it, Dale. It's true."

She leaned happily against him. "Oh, let's be romanticists, darling, even if it is out of style!"

Kelly's friends came, at first from curiosity. They came back again and again to sit happily around the crackling fires in winter, to swim off the dock in summer.

"You two," they would say, shaking their heads in envious tribute. "You two!"

"When are you coming back to us, Kelly?" everyone asked. Kelly would draw Dale into the close curve of his arm. "When the book's done and my girl are going to sail a tramp schooner down the South American coast. Or take a space ship to Mars. Or a plane to Samarkand."

"What do you think you'll find anywhere that you haven't got right here?"

Everyone knew how it was with them. The book was finished on an afternoon in November. Dale sat up half the night reading it, now and then absentmindedly replenishing the logs on the fireplace. When she crawled into bed beside Kelly at four in the morning, she knew she hadn't words to say what she wanted to say.

She shook him awake. "Hey!" he protested, sitting straight up. "I wasn't asleep. I've been lying here suffering the tortures of the damned." He reached for a cigaret on the table at his elbow, lit it casually. "Don't say it's good if it isn't," he said quietly. "I think it's wonderful." Tears filled her eyes. "I'm so proud of you."

"Don't cry. He pulled her against him. "Don't cry."

But with their faces close she knew that some of the tears on her cheeks were Kelly's.

He decided to take the manuscript at once to New York. Dale was to have gone with him, but Grandy and Grandmother both came down with the flu, and Dale said, "I can't leave while they're both so ill. You go, Kelly."

He stared at her. "Without you?"

She laughed and hugged his arm. "Darling, with the manuscript finished, you'd go crazy sitting around the house, waiting. You know you would. As soon as Grandy and Grandmother are on their feet again, I'll come."

On the night before Kelly's departure Grandy's fever rose alarmingly high. Dale fought her way through the season's first blizzard to the big house, and came back anxiously to the cottage.

"Kelly!" she called.

His answer came from the bedroom where he was packing his bag. She stood in the doorway, shaking snowflakes from her hair. "Darling, I think the doctor should come tonight. I telephoned him, but something's gone wrong with his car. He promised to come in the morning, but—"

Kelly got up from his crouching position on the floor. "If he's got to have a doctor tonight he's got to, that's all. I'll get him, Dale."

"It's an awful night. The road will be filled in with snowdrifts."

Kelly was already shuffling into his overcoat. "I've flown a bomb-er through worse than this." He stopped and turned and kissed her. "Don't worry, sweet. I can drive a car through any old storm."

Half an hour later news of the accident reached Dale. A fast and unscheduled freight train. Poor visibility through the thick wall of roadside rears, the howling wind, the swirling snow.

The train had struck his car at the crossing, and Kelly was dead. Kelly's note brought it all back so vividly that for the space of heartbeats Dale re-lived his first unbelief and shock. She had not gone back to the cottage. Grandmother had gone to lock it up and bring Kelly's manuscript, the only

thing Dale wanted from the cottage. Not even her clothes. How could she possibly wear any of them again, and be reminded every time she dressed of something Kelly had said? The crimson velvet negligee. You look like a cardinal bird in that, Dale. . . . Miraculously Grandmother understood, and ordered a complete new wardrobe by mail for her.

She hadn't wanted to part with Kelly's manuscript. Once he had said that every author, consciously or not, was in his work, and Kelly was in his—alive, sensitive, gay. The pages grew dog-eared from innumerable readings, but Grandy's pointed digs about the sin of waste and hiding one's light under a bushel had finally chipped away Dale's resolve to keep the book for herself, and she had re-typed it and sent it off to New York.

Tomorrow she would make the trip that Kelly was to have made on that November day. . . . Dale slid the note under her pillow. The only sound she heard in the room, above the wind, above the moving ice was the heavy beating of her own heart.

Two days later, looking down from her hotel window on the tops of a thousand taxicabs, listening to the great beat of the city's heart, she wondered why she had come. To escape April? But it was here! It was in everyone's face an awareness of all she had run from. It was in the wide curve of the taxi drivers' grins, in the lift of the elevator girls' voices in the swagger of the bellhops and their perkily cocked caps.

A breeze lifted her hair as she stood by the window, stirring the hothouse perfume of the daffodils Steven Carruthers had sent, yesterday, when she telephoned to say she was in town. Not the woody scent of violets pushing through winter's moss and dead dry leaves, nor the smokeless incense of trilliums—but its message was the same.

Dale closed her eyes and pressed her forehead against the cool glass. Where can I go to escape it? Kelly, where are you? I'm lost.

Her body flinched as if struck when the telephone rang. After a moment, she walked across the room to answer it.

"Yes?" And sinking down on the bed with a deep, resolute breath. "Grandy!"

"You got there all right, eh?"

"Oh, yes!"

"You seen them men about Kelly's book?"

"I have an appointment this afternoon."

"Don't let them put anything over on you! That book's good, and it's up to you to see Kelly ain't gypped."

Not for the money, Dale. . . . "Yes, Grandy," she said quietly, for Grandy wasn't talking about money either.

"Atta-girl!" said Grandy softly.

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CHAPTER SIX
 WHAT strange telepathy had relayed Dale's desperate need to him all those miles away? For she was ready, now, to face the interview with Steven Carruthers. She gathered up her gloves and handbag, put on the new beige straw hat with its arrogant thrust of feather. Yesterday she had felt herself to be the only dowdy woman on Park Avenue, and she had walked into one of the stores and bought the hat and a new printed silk dress. Her hair was suddenly all wrong. To a competent hair stylist, she had said, "Do what you like with it." She had closed her eyes while he snipped and shaped.

He'd certainly shorn her! Dale bent to the mirror. For a long time it hadn't mattered how she looked or what she wore. Here, it seemed pressingly important, if only because everyone else made it so. Besides, it gave her courage for the unavoidable new contacts.

Out on the street, the wind almost blew off her hat. She took it off and waved its feather at a taxicab. The man grinned and pulled over with a flourish. She got in and leaned back against the upholstery.

After today, what was she going to do with herself until it was time to go home? There were a dozen of Kelly's friends within reach of her voice on the telephone. Yet, without Kelly, where did she fit into their lives? They had accepted her as Kelly's wife, had genuinely liked her, but what bond had she now with any of them? The thought of remembrance made her flinch. She put her hat on again using her compact mirror, noting her pallor, but afraid to apply rouge hastily for fear of overdoing it.

The taxi drew up before a sky-climbing office building. Dale got out, paid the fare, went into the lobby. Among the firms alphabetically listed on a brass plate was that of Carruthers and Scott. As she rode up in the elevator to the eleventh floor, Dale noticed that someone had on a sprig of real lilac, its perfume assailed her senses, and she thought rebelliously, Even here!

"Eleven!"

She stepped out, not sure which way to turn. A girl carrying a stenographer's pad said, "That's way," in answer to Dale's query, and pointed. "Last door, end of the corridor."

"Thank you."

She stood irresolutely before the door. Well, here you are, Dale! And whether you like it or not, you are going to have to talk about Kelly.

The receptionist's face lighted with flattering recognition when Dale gave her name.

"You're to go right in Mrs. Fraser." She pressed a button on her desk. A responsive buzz came from behind a closed door. The girl inclined her head toward it, and then Dale was opening it, was inside. Steven Carruthers, a tallish, middle-aged man, was offering her a chair and smiling at her.

The interview was not difficult, after all. Dale realized that Steven Carruthers was putting himself out to be considerate and thoughtful, although excitement over Kelly's Trumpet at Noon flashed in and out of his friendliness. Finally, opening a drawer of his desk, he took out the contract.

"Take this along and read it carefully," he said. "Before we're through with this, there's going to be a lot of money involved. And," he added, "publicity."

"How will you like being a celebrity's wife?"

"I've never been one! What does she do?"

She lags along while I sign autographs, and reads the reviews to me in bed some twenty floors up, and goes to cocktail parties with me. . . .

"It sounds like a very mad whirl!"

Kelly hadn't known that she would be a celebrity's widow.

"The money doesn't particularly interest me," Dale said. "Nor the publicity."

"It interests us." But it was kindly said, softened with a smile. Dale folded the contract across and stuffed it in her handbag.

"I've misplaced your address, Mrs. Fraser."

She mentioned the name of her hotel and he jotted it down on a pad. Then, coming around the desk to shake hands again, "Swanscombe—where's that?" he asked.

"Never heard of it before."

"It's not even a dot on the maps," she said.

She was suddenly filled with homesickness for it. Already she felt the city pushing at her from all directions. She shrank from going out on the street, hailing another cab, fighting off the violent surges of energy and activity everywhere about her.

Carruthers accompanied her to the receptionist's desk, where a man was sitting astride a chair, his arms resting along the back. A long-legged man with a lean face and astonishingly dark eyes under his blond hair, he was on his feet in one swift motion as their approach. "Hi, Steve."

"Oh, hello Phil. You here again?"

"Haut you, don't? I just stopped by for this." He ducked his head at a manuscript lying on the desk. With a quizzical grin, his dark eyes twinkling, he asked, "Did you read it yourself, or one of your hirelings?"

"Three of my hirelings," Carruthers said amiably. "The tenor of their reports was distressingly identical. Shall I quote it for you?"

"Don't bother. Eleven other publishers already have. Verbatim." He shoved his chair back in place under the table. "In a word, the thing's a dud. I shall ride the ferry and drop it in the river. And then I shall go back to my desk, dust off the name plate, and start in selling houses again. Would you?" he turned unexpectedly to Dale and smiled disarmingly at her. "We are interested in buying a house? We have all the newest sizes and shapes and colors." He appealed to Carruthers. "Introduce me to the lady, Steve."

"Mrs. Fraser, this brash young man is Philip Parrish. He thinks all it takes to write a book is a Remington, a Roget, and a Winston."

"And I am not alone! Besides," Phil Parrish said aggrievedly, "every man is entitled to his one big mistake. And you might add that I'm a first-rate real-estate man."

"That you are." Carruthers slapped him heartily on the back. "Stop being an incompetent, author, you lug."

Phil swung to Dale again. "If you are ever tempted to write a book, Mrs. Fraser—" He checked himself with mock dismay. "Or have you?"

She shook her head.

"Wise girl! Publishers have a sterner No than Joe. Look, let's get out of here, you and I, and find a drink, shall we? We'll leave Steve to fret over the rising publishing costs of engraving, inks, maintenance, and machinery. I need a good stiff hooker of Scotch to wash away the taste of defeat." He took her arm. "So long, Steve. No hard feelings."

Carruthers handed him the manuscript. "You forgot this."

"Oh, foul up one of your wastebaskets with it!"

He made a flip salute and, still grasping Dale's arm, piloted her out to the elevator.

Lightness, she thought his guard. He's trying too hard to be cheerful. She did not really want a drink. Still less did she want to be left alone. Phil Parrish was a buffer between her and the trusting city.

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Horse 'Wanted' In Hit-And-Run

DAYTON Ohio (AP)—"Attention all cars, attention all cars," the police radio blurted out. "Wanted for hit-and-run accident, a large white horse pulling a vegetable wagon."

No Politics For School Exercise

CHELSEA, Mass. (AP)—The School Board would take "politics" out of Junior High School graduation exercises.

Politicians—even members of the board—would be banned from speaking at the exercises under a resolution being studied by the board. Successful business and professional men would be substituted.

Great Grandma Earns A Degree

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—An 85-year-old great grandmother has won her college degree. She is Mrs. Marie A. McLean, former Deer Lodge County clerk.

Western Montana College conferred the degree. Looking on were her 10 children, 32 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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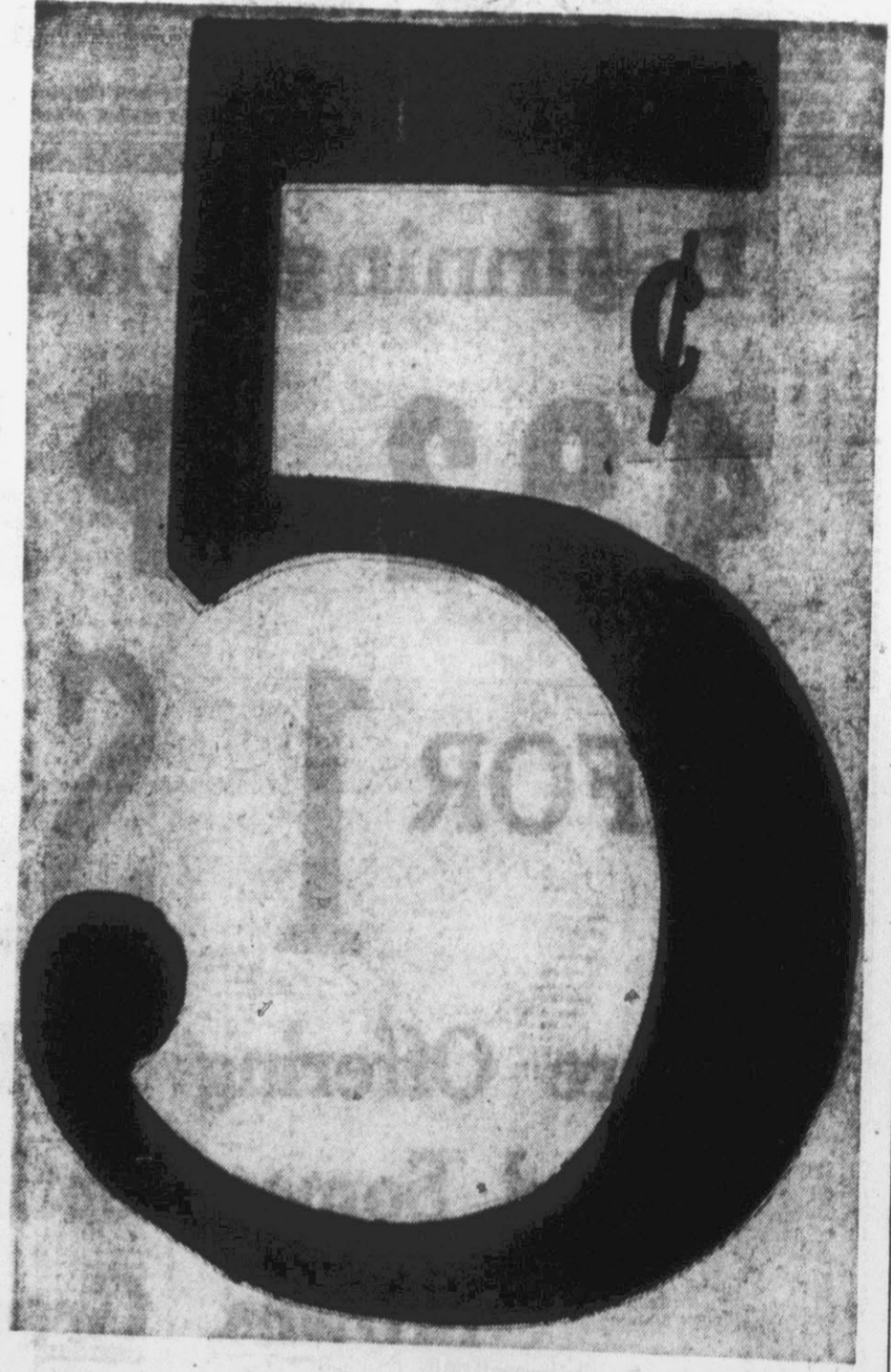
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THE WATER OUT THERE'S ABOUT 35 FEET DEEP.

FIRST, THE HEAVY WOOL CLOTHING TO KEEP HIM WARM—THEN THE RUBBER SUIT.

HAVE TO SOAP MY HANDS TO ALLOW THE TIGHT RUBBER CUFFS OF THE SUIT TO SLIP ON.

OKAY, LET'S HAVE THE BREASTPLATE.

AND THE REST OF THE WEIGHTS.

READY FOR THE HELMET?

LET ME HAVE ONE LAST CIGARETTE.

KEEP THAT COMPRESSOR ROLLING, ED, AND LET'S GO.

OKAY, I'M ALL RIGHT NOW, ED.

STEADY, FELLOWS, GIVE ME MORE LINE.

HOW ARE CONDITIONS, JIM?

VERY ROCKY, BUT THE LIGHT DOWN HERE'S OKAY.

AND SO ANOTHER PHASE OF POLICE WORK GETS UNDER WAY. A DIVER LOOKS FOR A WEAPON THAT CAN CLEAR AN ACCUSED MAN.

WOW! THIS PLACE IS A FOREST OF ROCKS. THAT GUN COULD BE HID IN ONE OF A THOUSAND PLACES.

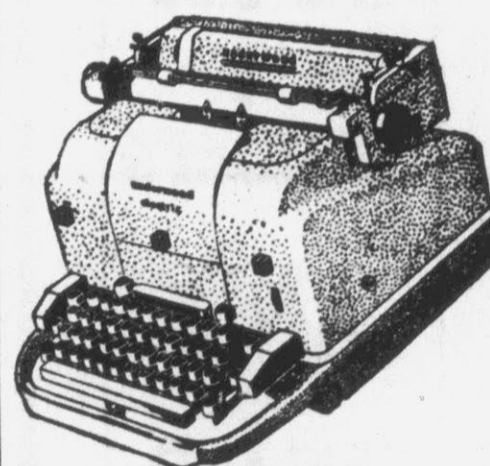
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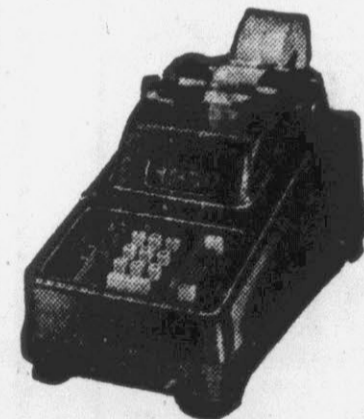
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SOUNDS LIKE A TRAP

I THINK YOU SHOULD PUT MORE PEPPER ON THAT

TURN UP THE OVEN—YOU NEED MORE HEAT

THE TWO OF YOU SIT IN HERE AND RELAX... I'LL CALL YOU WHEN DINNER'S READY

HE EVEN DID THE MARKETING, AND HE INSISTS WE'RE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO BUY

THIS IS WONDERFUL!

OKAY, EVERYBODY... DINNER IS SERVED

THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST MEALS I'VE EVER EATEN

FOURTH COURSE

DAGWOOD, HE'S EVEN WASHED ALL THE DISHES AND STRAIGHTENED UP THE KITCHEN

NOW I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH YOUR HUSBAND

NOW DO YOU WANT TO BUY THE COMPLETE KITCHENWARE SET FOR YOUR WIFE?

NO—BUT IF YOU'LL COME BACK TOMORROW, WE'LL HAVE THE WOODLEYS OVER

OH, DARLING, YOU BOUGHT ME THE COMPLETE SET!

YES, BUT IT WAS HIS IDEA, NOT MINE

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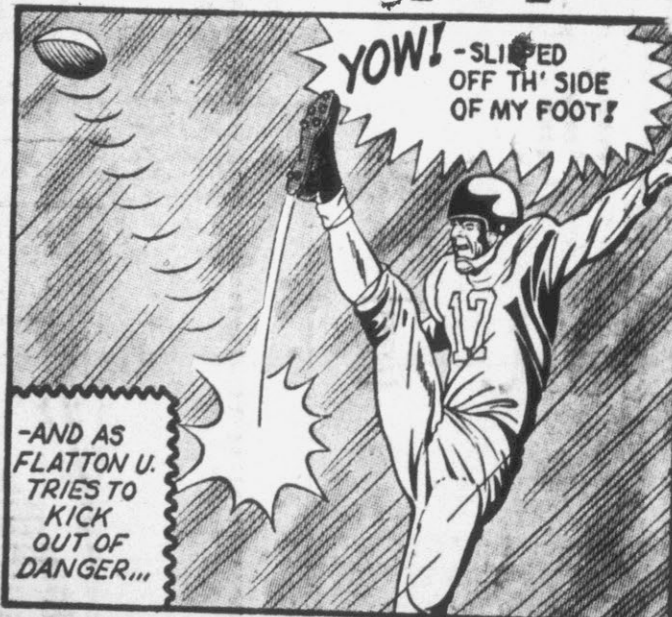
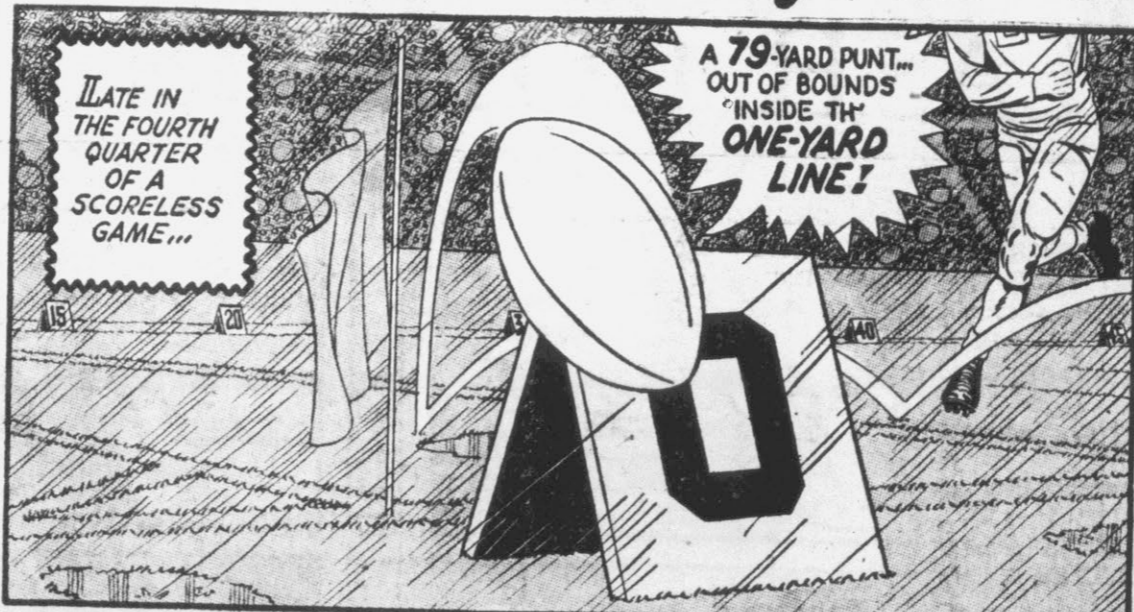
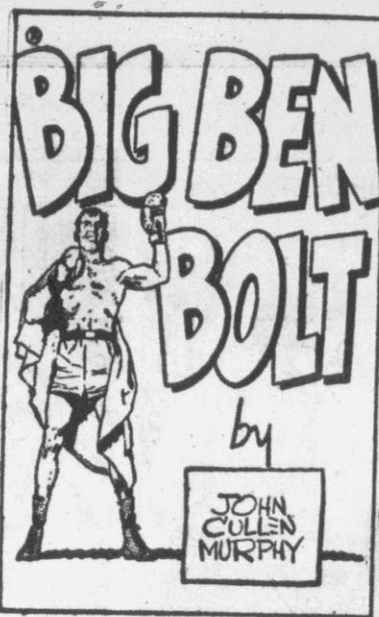
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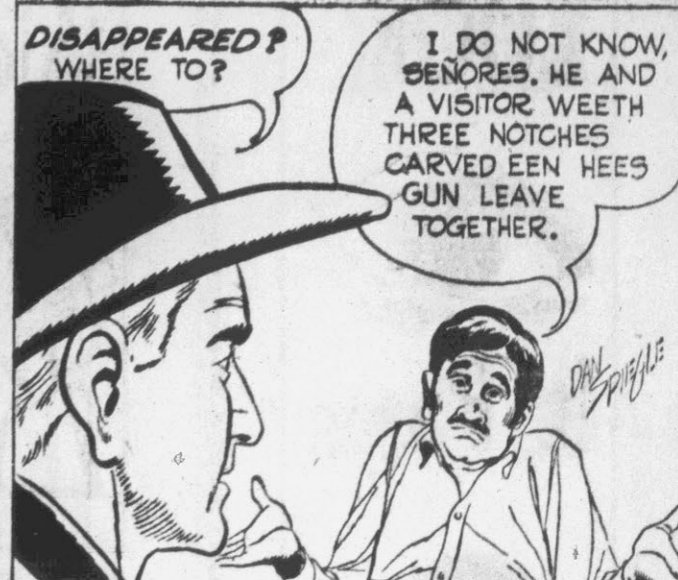
HOPALONG CASSIDY

By
DAN
SPIEGLE



WE'RE LOOKIN' FER
CLAY SANDERSON. I WAS
T'MEET HIM, HERE IN
BRASADA BASIN.

THEN YOU ARE TOO
LATE. THEES SENOR
SANDERSON DISAPPEAR
TWO-THREE DAYS AGO.



DISAPPEARED?
WHERE TO?

I DO NOT KNOW,
SENORES. HE AND
A VISITOR WEETH
THREE NOTCHES
CARVED EEN HEES
GUN LEAVE
TOGETHER.



BAT BADGER!
HIT TH' SADDLE,
CASSIDY, WE GOT
MORE RIDIN' T'DO!



IT'S A CINGH THEY
HEADED FOR THE SWAMP
AND THE LOST SPANISH
MINE!

WHICH IS EXACTLY
WHERE WE'RE HEADIN'!



TH' LOST DIGGIN'S
ARE IN A CLEARIN'
JUST AHEAD. WE'D
BETTER MOVE
IN EASY.



WHAT'S THIS?
WHERE'S THE MINE
ENTRANCE AND THAT
SHACK YOU DESCRIBED?

I... I DON'T KNOW!
TH' WHOLE THING'S PLUMB
DISAPPEARED... JUS' LIKE
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FLASH GORDON

by Mac Raboy



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DIFFICULT THAN THE OTHERS, BUT
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AGAINST ME AND BE LURED
INTO MY LAIR!

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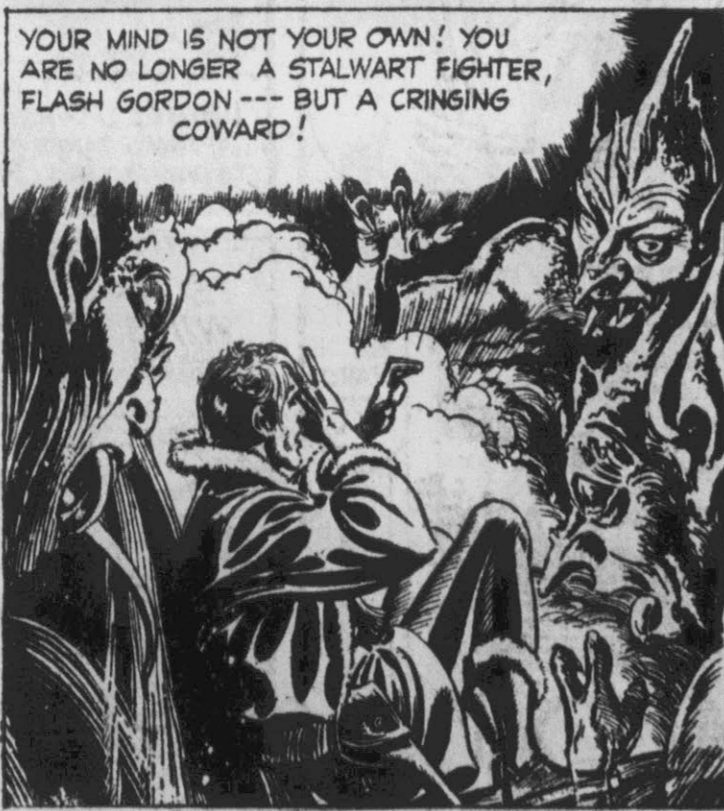
I CAN CAUSE YOU PAIN
BY MERELY THINKING
IT... SO!

OH-H-H-H...



... OR PLANT
TERROR IN
YOUR
HEART!

NO--!
NO!



YOUR MIND IS NOT YOUR OWN! YOU
ARE NO LONGER A STALWART FIGHTER,
FLASH GORDON --- BUT A CRINGING
COWARD!



NOW BEG
FOR MERCY,
COWARD!

PLEASE!
NO MORE!
NO MORE!

MERCY,
MASTER!



WHILE ABOVE, IN THE STREETS....

THE PEOPLE ARE IN PANIC!
THE MIND HAS RELEASED
HIS CONTROL OVER
THEM TO FOCUS
ON FLASH!

WE MUST
HURRY TO THE
PALACE! I PRAY
WE ARE NOT TOO
LATE, PHYLO!

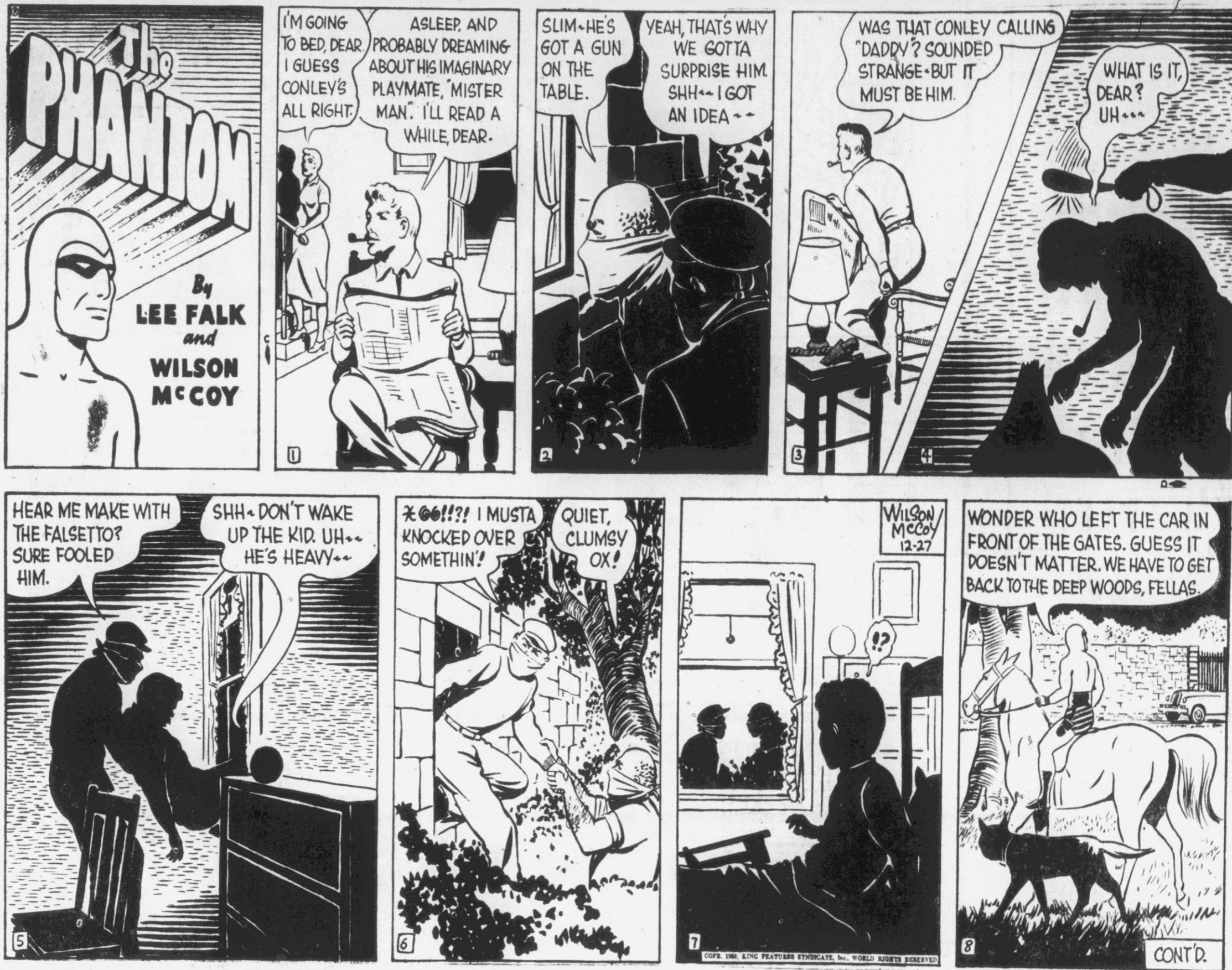
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Constant Reminder



Pictured above is one of the many of the "Help Prevent Forest Fires" signs scattered about the State's highways. The signs serve to caution motorists against tossing out matches and cigarettes which could cause forest or brush fires. (Reflector photo by Alvin Taylor).

Marketing Quota Systems In Line With Sec. Benson's Ideas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced the proclamation of a marketing quota of 1,325 million pounds for flue-cured tobacco for the 1954 crop.

The proclamation was issued in conformity with the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, which requires the proclamation of a quota for any kind of tobacco for which a quota was proclaimed for the immediately preceding market year.

Converting the quota of 1,325 million pounds to acres, on the basis of the average yield during the five years, 1948-52, results in 1954 acreage allotments totaling 1,057,000 acres compared with 1,044,500 acres allotted for 1953. Allotments for most individual farms will be the same in 1954 as in 1953.

As in the past a small acreage will be held in reserve for establishing allotments for farms upon which no flue-cured tobacco has been grown during the past five years and for increasing allotments of farms where Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (formerly PMA) Committees find allotments to be inequitable.

In a referendum held July 19, 1952 a total of 245,317 of the 260,163

(97.8 per cent) flue-cured tobacco growers voting favored marketing quotas for the three years, 1953-55. Marketing quotas have been in effect on flue-cured tobacco each year since enactment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, except for 1939 when quotas were disapproved by the growers.

"It is a foregone conclusion that we will continue to have the agricultural price support principal in some form," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson recently told the New England Council at Boston, Mass.

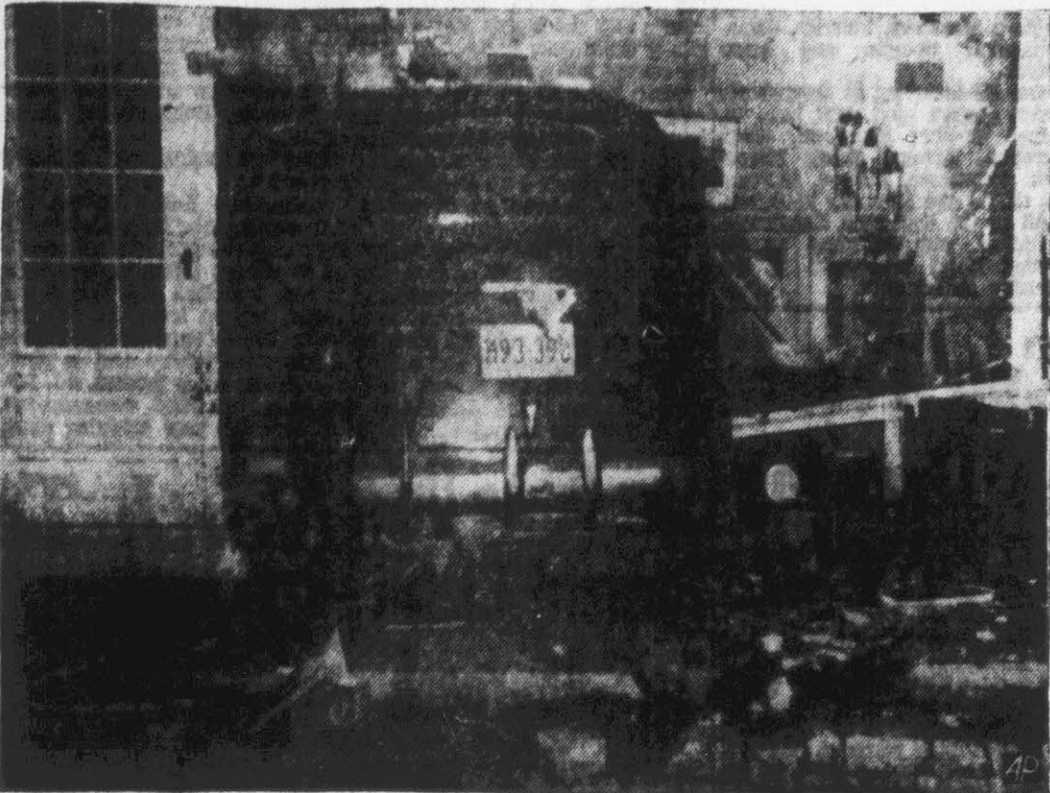
He said that farmers and their representatives are not of a mind to entrust the fate of agriculture to the unimpeded forces of a free market.

"Many farmers," he said, "feel that other groups have gained economic advantages under Federal sponsorship: Workers have their minimum wages, and manufacturers their tariffs—then why not price support protection for farmers?"

Benson stated that much has been claimed for price supports which was actually the result of war and inflation. Questions that must be answered by the new program: At

what levels shall prices be supported? Will these supports help us to adjust our production and supplies to the levels of our needs, or will they tend to prevent adjustments? Will they promote or hamper foreign trade? Will they promote or harm the general economic health of the country? Will they be reasonably equitable as between the various segments of agriculture and as between agricultural and non-agricultural groups? Finally, and most important of all from his point of view, Benson said, is this question: How will the program affect the character, morale, and well-being of our people?

Speaking of development of a farm program in general, he said: "A sound farm program is like progress in that it goes through a process of evolution. What we must seek to do is to sift out the good in the present programs and keep it—take that which is fairly adequate and improve it—and perhaps find entirely new answers for those programs which are not doing the job. And all the while, the transition must be orderly so that there will be as much continuous economic stability in agriculture as possible."



DIDN'T TRY THE DOOR.—An automobile missed the front door (left) but went right through a picture window beside it to gain entrance to this Milwaukee home. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Emerson and their daughter, Gail, 5, were asleep in a bedroom a few feet beyond where the front bumper stopped. All escaped injury. The driver, John D. McLees, 29, was held for reckless driving. Police said he apparently didn't know the street ends where the Emerson driveway begins. (AP Wirephoto).

Farm Homes Are Changing



Pitt County countryside is constantly changing as farm homes are remodeled and rebuilt. Above is the home of Zeno Stocks on the Grimesland highway which is in the process of being rebuilt and repainted throughout. The house was formerly a weather-boarded, unpainted building. (Reflector photo by Alvin Taylor).

Prison Program Gets Go Ahead

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—A vast program of expanding prison industries in Pennsylvania's seven state penal institutions gained momentum today.

Arthur T. Prase, state commissioner of correction, disclosed three new industries have been added to

the prison program with six to be placed on the list soon.

When Pennsylvania's expansion plan is completed, Prase said, the commonwealth will have the equal of any prison industry program in the nation.

The manufacture of automobile license plates long has been a leading prison industry in Pennsylvania. Others include printing, the weaving of cotton and wool and making of clothing and shoes for prison use.

Recently added to the program have been road sign making and other metal working and mattress making.

Cardinal Tours Korea Outposts

U. S. 40th DIVISION Korea (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman flew across snow-covered mountains today to visit more than 3,300 men of the 40th U. S. Infantry Div.

He stood bareheaded before a microphone and addressed a crowd of 500 men and officers who met him at the division airstrip, including the 9th Corps commander, Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Hickey, the 40th Div. commander, Maj. Gen. Ridgely Gaither and 40th Div. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William B. Sharp.

The 160th regimental commander, Col. Charles R. (Monk) Meyer, Bradentown, Pa. former West Point football star, was the cardinal's host at a moon meal at his regiment.

Later the Catholic archbishop of New York talked to more than 2,000 at the 160th Reg. theater. The cardinal told the men that they should try "to be worthy of

their earthly mothers who bore them and their heavenly mother, Mary."

Cardinal Spellman then conferred briefly with Catholic Chaplain Capt. George Schumaker, Sioux City, Iowa, and Capt. Robert Peeney, Scranton, Pa.

The church leader then traveled to the 224th Rgt. where he was the guest of Col. Louis A. Walsh, Manhattan, N. Y.

About 800 men heard the cardinal say: "American soldiers have taught me better than I could have learned in any other way what America means to me."

Bleak Yuletide Outlook Improved

MERRIMAC, Mass. (AP)—It looked like a bleak Christmas for Mrs. Russell S. Kaskiewicz, 30, when her husband's car was stolen Christmas Eve loaded with Yuletide presents for her.

Yesterday, the car was recovered. The only items missing were a pair of slippers and a sprig of mistletoe.

Forty Visits By Santa Claus

GARDEN CITY, Idaho (AP)—Santa Claus called 40 times yesterday on police patrolman Theoford Marion, his wife and five youngsters.

They got a three-room apartment with a month's rent free. Neighbors installed a Christmas tree and piled it high with food and clothing.

A lawyer sent a check for \$100. Others gave more than \$200 in cash. There were frozen turkeys, fruit cakes, and bottles of plum jam.

A toy store opened its doors—and the children walked out with almost \$100 worth of hobby horses, tricycles and dolls.

The gifts put the Marions back where they were on Christmas Eve, when their house burned down, destroying everything they owned.

Chicago handles more water-borne traffic than does the Panama Canal says the National Geographic Society.

Capitol Square

(Continued from Page 4) forces—a veritable palace on a ledge carved into a hillside—a building festooned with old masters and imported French tapestries, equipped with beauty and barber shops, a nursery for officers' children, a tropical conservatory, a swimming pool bordered with the whitest sand this side of Mars, a bowling alley with electronic pin-setters and green plastic telephones in green-tiled private bathrooms.

TWO NEW STADIA The Government also dedicated a University City, in free-form modern architecture, with two—not one—brand new stadia. There is said to be a third stadium on the grounds but it was not on display, perhaps because it has been used. In the last month, President Perez Jimenez has dedicated a total of 450 public works, including schools, hospitals, housing developments, roads and other projects the total cost of which amounted to \$295,000,000. That most of this money came from America should not worry us because Venezuela, buys as much from the United States as we buy from her.

This fantastic economy, this colossal swapping of natural resources for incredible luxury, has an obvious weakness. It depends on world prices for oil and steel, which rise and fall together. A sharp decline in world demand for either commodity would put Venezuela in an uncomfortable position from which not even its burgeoning tourist business could protect from which not even its burgeoning tourist business could protect it. The consequences might be a flare-up of "anti-Yanqui" sentiment and, perhaps, a revolt. But until that day, Venezuela will go on converting oil, iron and scenery into towers, highways, schools, champagne and votes.



CHRISTMAS CHEER.—Pfc. David Welch of Endicott, N. Y., happy recipient of a package from home filled with Christmas goodies, shares it with a South Korean buddy at a position held by 45th Infantry Division troops in a forward area of Korea. (U. S. Army Photo via AP Wirephoto).



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Advertisement for John Flanagan Buggy Company. Text: 'Attention Farmers— We Have For Immediate Delivery Good Used Tractors With Our Famous Flanagan Guarantee'. Lists various tractor models: 'Farm-All "Cubs" with Complete Set of Implements', 'Farm-All "A" Models with Implements', 'Farm-All "A-V" Models with Implements', 'Farm-All "C" Models with Implements', 'Farm-All "H"', 'Used Ford Tractors—1946 Thru '51', 'Dearborn Implements'. Prices: 'Prices Begin at \$400.00. Liberal Terms Available. All Our Tractors are priced to sell!'. Contact: 'JOHN FLANAGAN BUGGY COMPANY Dial 3547 — Ask For Tractor Dept.'

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New Year's Bowl Set-Up

SUGAR BOWL

New Orleans, La.

GEORGIA TECH	0	WEST VIRGINIA	7
53 Davidson	0	17 Pittsburgh	7
0 Florida	0	47 Waynesburg	19
6 S.M.U.	4	40 Wash. & Lee	14
27 Tulane	13	27 Geo. Wash.	6
24 Auburn	6	52 V.M.I.	20
14 Notre Dame	27	20 Penn State	19
43 Vanderbilt	0	12 V.P.I.	7
20 Clemson	0	14 South Carolina	20
6 Alabama	13	61 N. C. State	0
13 Duke	10		
28 Georgia	12		
246		290	112

ROSE BOWL

Pasadena, Calif.

U.C.L.A.	0	MICHIGAN STATE	7
41 Oregon State	0	21 Iowa	0
19 Kansas	7	21 Minnesota	7
12 Oregon	0	26 T.C.U.	19
13 Wisconsin	0	6 Indiana	18
20 Stanford	21	0 Purdue	6
44 Wash. St.	7	34 Oregon St.	7
20 California	7	28 Ohio St.	13
22 Washington	6	14 Michigan	6
13 South Cal.	0	21 Marquette	15
204	48	212	90

ORANGE BOWL

Miami, Fla.

MARYLAND	6	OKLAHOMA	28
20 Missouri	6	21 Notre Dame	28
52 Wash. & Lee	0	7 Pittsburgh	7
20 Clemson	0	19 Texas	14
40 Georgia	13	45 Kansas	0
24 North Carolina	0	27 Colorado	20
30 Miami	0	34 Kansas St.	0
24 South Carolina	6	14 Missouri	7
27 Geo. Wash.	6	47 Iowa St.	0
38 Mississippi	0	30 Nebraska	7
21 Alabama	0	42 Okla. A & M	7
298	31	286	90

COTTON BOWL

Dallas, Texas

RICE	16	ALABAMA	25
20 Florida	16	19 Miss. Southern	7
28 Cornell	7	7 L.S.U.	7
40 Hardin-Simmons	0	21 Vanderbilt	12
7 S.M.U.	12	41 Tulsa	13
18 Texas	13	0 Tennessee	0
13 Kentucky	19	7 Miss. State	7
47 Arkansas	0	33 Georgia	12
34 Texas A&M	0	21 Chattanooga	14
19 T.C.U.	6	13 Georgia Tech	6
41 Baylor	19	0 Maryland	21
267	92	10 Auburn	7
		172	124

Picked Basketball Teams In Series Of Tourney Play

Offense, Defense Shows Are Looming

By ORLO ROBERTSON
NEW YORK (AP)—Three of the 17 holiday basketball tournaments, bringing together 112 hand-picked college teams on courts from New York to Portales, N.M., get underway today with action in New York, Kansas City and Hempstead, N.Y.

Top ranked Indiana and second rated Kentucky, winner of its own tournament earlier in the week, will sit out the holiday court carnivals but six members of the top 10 add flavor to five of the tourneys.

Unbeaten Duquesne (3) is the favorite for the second annual cage festival opening at Madison Square Garden today. The Oklahoma Aggies (5) are the choice in the All-College event starting in Oklahoma City Monday.

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers (6), also undefeated, figure to be the team to beat in the Louisville Invitational which opens Monday.

North Carolina State (9) is one of the choices for the Dixie Classic at Raleigh, Dec. 28-30. And Fordham (7) and Holy Cross (10) are in the Sugar Bowl Tournament.

Duquesne meets New York University (4-1) in the first round at the Garden tonight. La Salle (6-2), featuring All-American Tom Gola, goes against a crippled St. Louis team in the nightcap.

Before they take the floor at night, Brigham Young (7-0) meets Manhattan (3-3) and Niagara (5-1) plays St. John's of Brooklyn (3-2).

Kansas State is the choice in the Big Seven affair, which brings together all members of the conference plus the University of Washington. Kansas meets Colorado and Missouri goes against Iowa State in today's play.

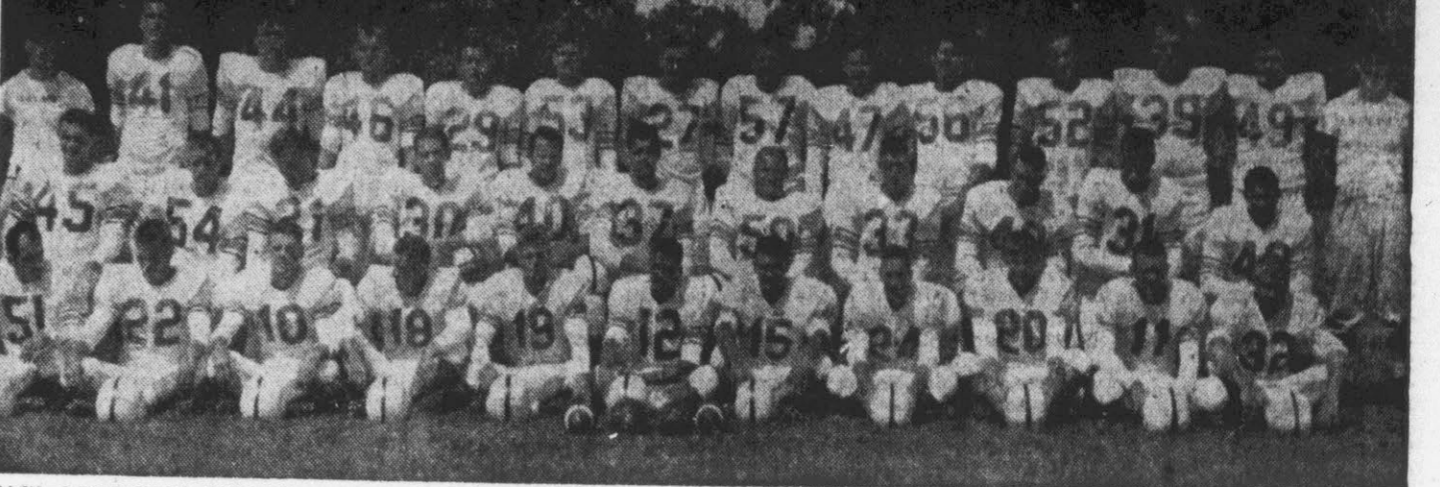
The tournament at Hostra in Hempstead brings into action several of the East's top small colleges. The field includes favored Lafayette, defending champion Cortland Teachers, American University, Hofstra, Delaware, Wagner, Lehigh and Wesleyan.

The Dixie Classic shapes up as one of the best of the holiday season. In addition to North Carolina State, the field includes Oregon State, recent conqueror of Indiana, Navy, North Carolina, Seton Hall, Duke, Tulane and Wake Forest.

The Oklahoma Aggies line up against Furman, Oklahoma City, Mississippi, Wyoming, Cincinnati, Santa Clara and Tulsa. And at Louisville, West Virginia Kentucky sends its high scoring five against a field that includes Louisville, Eastern Kentucky, Murray, Siena, Villanova, Houston and Xavier (Ohio).

The All-American at Owensboro, which doesn't start until Dec. 30, brings together Maryland, South Carolina, Arizona State, Evansville, Tennessee, Denver, St. Francis (N.Y.) and Kentucky Wesleyan.

All of the Southwest Conference members with Alabama as the invited guest take part in the Houston jamboree.



EAST CAROLINA'S PIRATES

Although the football classic to be held at the Elks Bowl game in College Stadium here on January 2 gives promise of being an outstanding display of power on offense, the two opposing teams, East Carolina Pirates and the Morris Harvey Eagles of Charleston, W.Va., may turn the contest into a defensive struggle.

Coach Eddie King's West Virginia Athletic Conference 153 champions boast of a forward wall averaging around 200 pounds per man which could give Coach Jack Boone's 200-pound plus linemen an interesting afternoon.

During the East Carolina Pirates' highly successful 1953 season, the Pirates put almost impenetrable forward wall before nine foes, stingily giving up only 371 yards in rushing, 11 touchdowns and a total of 69 points for the season, while their colleagues in the backfield rolled to 2,116 yards rushing, for 44

touchdowns, and 292 points.

From end to end, the Pirates lay claim to one of the most compact and aggressive forward walls in small college football. These rugged individuals made more than one antagonist woefully regretful during the recent campaign by smothering the offensive fire of eight opponents and giving ground only to the University of Tampa (13-18).

Here is a rundown on the Pirates' forward wall.

Ends—Huge Bobby Hodges, 6-5, 220 pounds, senior from Kingston, all-state in high school and has repeated in college; ECC's leading scorer in both basketball and football and second highest scorer in the 1953 North State Conference grid slate; a terror on defense and is Pirate co-captain; Larry Rhodes, 6-1, junior from High Point, who came into his own this year snagging passes

with uncommon ability and putting his 205 pounds around in effective manner.

Tackles — All-Conference Willie Holland, 6-0, 220-pound junior from Wilson, one of the most feared linemen in the North State loop, a devastating defender and equally effective on offense; David Lee, 6-1, 225-pound sophomore from Tarboro, a giant whose wrath was felt throughout the Pirates' schedule, and is sensational on defense, moving exceptionally fast for a big man; Johnny Brown, 6-0, 205-pound senior from Washington, N.C., speedy linemen whose speciality is opening gaps in opponents' lines.

Guards—Don Burton, 6-foot junior from Roanoke Rapids, smallest starter in the line, and respected for his love of contact and astuteness in angling his 190 pounds for advantage to the Pirates; George Tucker,

6-1, 190-pound junior from Monro, a workman who neither asks nor gives any quarter to the opposition, a 1952 AP nominee for lineman-of-the-week for his outstanding play against Western Carolina; James Faircloth, all-conference, a 6-2, 225-pound sophomore from Erwin, a typical small-town boy who made good by his ardent desire to play football, and as hard to move as the parlor piano on offense and is dynamite when on the defensive.

Centers — All-Conference Louis Hollow, 6-1, 220-pound sophomore who calls Goldsboro his hometown, insists on being number 5 man in the enemies' backfield; is respected for his rugged and savage style of aggressiveness; Gaither Cline, 5-10, 220-pound junior from Gastonia, knows and plays football with above average aptitude, and is especially prominent backing the line.

U. S. Davis Cup Team Gets Break In Drawing

MELBOURNE (AP)—The United States received a break today in the draw for the Davis Cup challenge round which opens here Monday.

The first singles match will pit Wimbledon Champion Vic Seixas of Philadelphia against Australia's Lewis Hoad. U. S. Champion Tony Trabert of Cincinnati will meet Ken Rosewall in the second singles encounter.

"We couldn't have had a better draw if we had arranged it ourselves," enthused Bill Talbert, captain of the U. S. team. "I am confident we will start off with two victories and put the pressure on the Australians."

Talbert went on record yesterday with the prediction "We will win the Davis Cup and I think it will be four matches to one."

Talbert had been hoping the luck of the draw would pair Seixas against Hoad since the Philadelphia has beaten Hoad in their last six meetings, four this year. Trabert's power is figured sure to cut down little Rosewall just as in Forest Hills this past summer when Tony won the U.S. championship.

Talbert said he figured the experience of Trabert and Seixas would be a determining factor. Rosewall and Hoad, each only 19, will be playing in their first Davis Cup matches.

"The Davis Cup is not like an ordinary tennis tournament," Talbert pointed out. "You're playing for your country instead of your-

Star Drake Univ. Forward Claims 'Fix' Approach

DES MOINES (AP)—Ben Bumbry, star Drake University basketball forward, who said he was approached to "fix" the score of the recent Drake-Iowa State game, also spoke for a teammate when he told the individual "No dice."

Details of the attempted bribe were disclosed yesterday.

Bumbry said he was approached by a young man who "mentioned the name of a man who had \$500 another way." The St. Louis senior said the man wanted Drake to lose the game, played last Tuesday night, by at least eight points, preferably by 10.

Bumbry said he told the man "No dice" and when the man mentioned Willis Cerf, Drake's sophomore from Los Angeles, he told him, "I don't think Cerf will do anything like that."

Bumbry declined an offer to meet the man later "if I changed my mind." He reported the incident to Jack McClelland, Drake coach and athletic director, who notified authorities.

Bumbry said he didn't know if the man who has been questioned by police but is not being held, approached Cerf. Police, however, said the man evidently contacted a couple of members of the team. Bumbry said he had told Cerf of being approached.

Police said they doubt if there is enough evidence to prosecute the man, who is a young business man. It was indicated the case would be turned over to the Polk County attorney's office when police finish their investigation.

Under a new Iowa law, attempting to influence an athletic contest by bribery carries a possible penalty of up to a \$2,000 fine and as much as 10 years in prison.

Iowa State College Coach Chick Sutherland said at Ames neither he nor his players knew anything of the attempted fix before the game, which was won by the Cyclones, 69-59.

North Team Loses, 20-0, In Shrine All-Star Miami Tilt

By MERCER BAILEY
MIAMI Fla. (AP)—"Our quarterbacks hardly had a chance to raise their arms," said Purdue Coach Lou Holtz, whose North team lost 20-0 in the Shrine's North-South college all-star football game last night.

"That South line was really fired up," he captioned. "They out-charged us all night."

Although quarterback Zeke Bratkowski of Georgia set up all three TD scores with his passing and punting, it was devastating defensive play which really made things rough for the North.

Crawford Mims, an All America guard from Mississippi; Tom Miner, a big, quick Tulsa end; Ed Meadows, a battering-ram tackle from Duke; and Ed Merrifield, an alert, punting halfback from Missouri played terrific defensive games.

Mims was voted the outstanding player in the game by sportswriters.

Merrifield, only 5-7½, intercepted two passes by Illinois' Elyr Falkenstein, one on the 11 and the other at the 3, and ran them back for a total of 30 yards. He also helped break up several others.

Mims, Meadows and Miner led the hard-charging Rebels in a continual harassment of North ball carriers. Holtz had predicted his team would display a powerful ground game but the North wound up with a minus 14 yards rushing.

The South, coached by Andy Gustafson of Miami, collected 88 yards on the ground and 120 on Bratkowski's kicking. The North got 119 yards on passes by Falkenstein and Purdue's Roy Evans.

A crowd of 44,715 a record for the game, saw the Brat complete only 6 of 17, but two of them were long heaves to Georgia teammate John Carson and led to touchdowns. About four minutes after the opening kickoff, Carson pulled a 33-yarder on the five and two plays later, Bratkowski sneaked over from the one. In the fourth period, Long John made a leaping catch of a 30-yard spiral on the four, with South Carolina's Blackie Kincaid scoring from the three two plays later.

The other touchdown came after Bratkowski, the national college punt-size, banged a 49-yarder out of bounding range from the North goal late in the first period. On the first North play, Iowa's Dusty Rice was jarred loose from the ball. Meadows grabbed it in the air and rammed three yards to score.

The North had several scoring opportunities, but couldn't break through. In the third period, functional recoveries by Penn State's Don Malinak and Cincinnati's Bob March put the North in striking distance but the South line hurled them back—30 yards back in three plays in one instance.

The South now has won four games to the North's one. Last year's game was a 21-21 tie.

Baseball Tries To Steal Limelight

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP)—It's too late for Christmas now, but the New York Giants still would like to get that top pitcher they need if they are to figure in the next National League flag race.

"They don't want him exactly as a gift, either. In return they are willing to come through with Bobby class outfielders, who become expendable with the return of phenomenal young Willy Mays from the Army next spring.

Milwaukee has let it be known that Warren Spahn, the league's earned-run king, isn't available at any price, but there is a strong feeling that one of Charlie Grimm's other pitchers will wind up at the Polo Grounds. He's loaded with good righthanders.

Since the Yanks swung their deal for Harry Byrd and Eddie Robinson, Cleveland writers are swarming over General Manager Hank Greenberg with demands that he do something about bolstering his chronic second placers. First off, they want Hank to bring their catcher Clint Courtney from the Baltimore Orioles.

The badgered G.M. has at least held on to his sense of humor through it all. His Christmas card shows a big Indian changing an intimate garment on a very little Indian with the legend "Time for a change!"

With the acquisition of Jackie Jensen from Washington, Manager Lou Boudreau of the Boston Red Sox claims he has much the best balanced club he has been able to field since he went to the Hub City two seasons ago.

"With Jensen batting four behind Ted Williams," he explains, "opposing pitchers will do a lot of thinking before they hand out passes so freely to Ted."

The expectation is that Jim Piersall, the team's fabulous young fly catcher, will be shifted to centerfield and Jensen installed in right, which he handled well for the Senators.

Word from our Florida agent is that Oklahoma might well enter the Orange Bowl the favorite of at least no less than even money if Maryland's brilliant quarterback and passer, Bernie Faloney, has not fully recovered from his leg injury by New Year's Day.

Today's Blue-Gray Game Closely Eyed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Unless the stars are wrong today the 15th annual Blue-Gray football shindig looks like another wide open, free scoring affair.

As usual the experts are picking the South, but they've got their fingers crossed. The kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. (CST).

The South leads the series, 10-4. Coach Rip Engle of Penn State, the Yanks' head man, has rounded up one of the best balanced squads ever to represent the North.

The Yankees can explode for touchdowns with little or no provocation, both on the ground and in the air, as they have during practice this week.

This is the one game of the year when almost anything goes. The pressure is off the coaches and players and they often come up with "daring do" plays no one expected, least of all their coaches.

And the usual quota of professional scouts "ere on hand to look the all-stars over as prospects for the pro draft next year."

They'll be watching such players as the Rebels' passing whiz, Jackie Parker of Mississippi.

State, Don Ellis of Texas A&M, and Lamar McHan of Arkansas.

Yankee aerialists Tony Rados of Penn State and Don Rydalch of Utah are equally gifted at tossing.

Best Yankee receivers are Michigan's Bob Topp and Pittsburgh's Dick Detrick. Clyde Bennett of South Carolina and Dreher Gaskin of Clemson are the Rebels' best pass snagging ends.

Noted Baseball Figure, 'Patsy' Donovan, Dies

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP)—Patrick J. (Patsy) Donovan, 62, who managed five major league baseball teams, totaled more than 2,000 hits in his 15-year career and had a lifetime batting average of .301—died yesterday.

He often claimed in later years that he was instrumental in bringing Babe Ruth to the Boston Red Sox in 1914 through friendship with one of the Catholic avian brothers who chached Ruth at a Baltimore orphanage.

A native of County Cork, Ireland, Donovan broke into organized baseball in 1886 with Lawrence of the old New England League and went on to a long and notable career in the majors.

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Lions, Browns In 'Big One' Sunday

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns were set for final drills today in preparation for the "big one" Sunday when the championship of the National Football League will be decided on the frozen turf of Briggs Stadium.

Will the Lions, defending champions and kings of the Western Division, carry Coach Buddy Parker off the field in triumph? Or will the Cleveland club do all the happy rough-housing after the game?

The oddsmakers have installed Coach Paul Brown's powerful array of pigskin-toters as 5½ point favorites. This was done mainly on the strength of the passing arm of Brownie quarterback Otto Graham, the line-crashing of fullbacks Marion Motley and Harry Jagade and the place kicking of Lou (the Toe) Groza.

But Brown is not counting his Lions before they are skinned. The Detroit team has met Cleveland seven times in the past and six times the Lions aaked off the field with victories, setting for a tie in the other meeting earlier this year.

"We played these guys once before this year, remember, and we know they're tough," Brown says.

The game will be carried on a national (DuMont) television hook-up with the kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. (EST).

As an early morning rain curtailed outdoor activities, Coaches conducted a strategy session with several players sitting in as special attention was given to Tech defenses.

Resort Center Is Luring Children

CHICAGO (AP)—If you see children studying Florida vacation folders these days, there's a reason.

A new resort spot at swank Boca Raton, Florida, caters to children only. Children's Manor offers for moppets from 4 to 12 years old a swimming pool, an outdoor roller skating rink, miniature golf course, shuffle board courts and other activities.

It's the idea of Mrs. Esther M. Hecht, a Chicago registered nurse.

Jacksonville Is Warming Up To 'Bowl Fever'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Jacksonville started getting hepped up about the Gator Bowl game today, with the arrival of Texas Tech's football team scheduled for tonight and Auburn coming Monday for the Jan. 1 event.

The past couple of weeks it was hard to find anyone except busy Gator Bowl officials who gave much attention to the most attractive football game in the nine-year history of the bowl.

Bator Bowl officials look for a big boost in ticket sales, now at 26,000. If the weather is good the next few days sales are expected to reach 30,000.

Jacksonville never has had a New Year's Day sellout of 36,000. The only two times it came close were when Clemson played and Tiger faithful poured in by the thousands.

Alabama's Bowl Hopes Hurt By Elmore Injury

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—The injury and possible loss for the Rice game of Albert Elmore, No. 2 Alabama quarterback, hit the team a solid blow on the eve of its departure for the Cotton Bowl today.

The clever Troy, Ala., quarterback was hurt in a collision a few miles from Troy as he hitchhiked home Christmas Eve for a brief visit.

He suffered a bruise above his right eye and a deep flesh wound above his right knee in a collision between the car in which he was riding and a truck. Two other occupants of the car were hurt.

Doctors said they feared the leg injury won't heal in time for Elmore to play in the Rice game Jan. 1. His family planned to bring him to Tuscaloosa after checking with doctors.

Coach Red Drew scheduled a light workout for this afternoon before the Alabama squad files to Dallas tomorrow to complete preparations for the battle.

Sugar-Bowlers Hold Scrimmage

BILOXI, Miss. (AP)—A full-scale scrimmage was the order of the day for West Virginia's Sugar Bowl football team today after a Christmas holiday.

Coach Art Lewis trimmed the heavy workout schedule to one drill only. He said the squad would concentrate on its offense and Georgia Tech's defense.

The team will continue its workouts through Wednesday, Lewis said, and leave for New Orleans Thursday afternoon.

Many players took advantage of yesterday's holiday to sleep late

Double Drill For Oklahoma Squad Now In Miami

MIAMI Fla. (AP)—Oklahoma's football squad, here to play Maryland in the Orange Bowl New Year's Day, planned morning and afternoon workouts on the University of Miami practice field today.

Coach Bud Wilkinson brought 42 of his 44 players to Miami last night after a 4½-hour flight from Norman aboard two special planes. Fourteen married players were accompanied by their wives.

One other married player, Buddy Leake of Memphis, Tenn., and his wife arrived later by commercial airliner and Milton Simmons, a guard from El Dorado, Ark., also came in later by plane.

Maryland, the nation's No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll, was due to arrive at 12:30 p.m. today, also by plane.

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Was It Murder Or Suicide? Soldier Visited Greenville Then Disappeared

FORT MONROE, VA. — On May 12, 1951, Sergeant First Class Rommie Rogers, Jr., of Kinston, N.C., sat on a hillside in Korea, frowning intently in the bright sunlight as he concentrated on writing a letter to his mother.

He had been sitting on the same hill for days now, he wrote, and he was wondering when his replacement would arrive so he could go home. He added that since he had been up on the hill payday, he had not yet been paid for the month of April, but that as soon as he got back to his company and collected his overdue pay he would be sending his mother "a little more money."

Nothing he wrote that day indicated anxiety of any sort, except that he very naturally wanted to get home soon, and at the conclusion of his letter, he stated that through replacements were slow, he hoped to get back to the States "before too much longer."

Rommie Rogers got his wish; scarcely three months later he traveled by ship from Korea to Fort Lewis, Wash., he was headed for Kinston, N.C., with Army orders authorizing him a 34-day delay en route home before time to report to Fort Jackson, S.C., for duty.

He reached Kinston on or about August 8, 1951. Approximately five days later, he was dead, and it is not yet known if, during a mood of deep depression, he took his own life, or if he was brutally murdered.

But the 26-year-old life of Rommie Rogers, Jr., who had survived Korea and traveled from half the world away to get back to his home, ended approximately three months after he had sat on that faraway Korean hillside writing to his mother. And investigators at the Military Police Criminal Investigation Section, Fort Monroe, are still trying to solve the mystery of his death.

Here, from official Army files, is part of Rommie Rogers' tragic story as it was related to investigators by relatives and acquaintances of his home town. The story begins on or about August 8, 1951, the day Rogers is alleged to have appeared in his hometown, Kinston, N.C., for the first time following his return from the Korean war.

First to see the returning Army sergeant was Lloyd Parrot, operator of a Union taxicab in Kinston. Parrot was sitting in his cab at the taxi stand, he related, when Rogers arrived in a cab allegedly from Washington, D.C., and operated by a Negro man. As the taxi drew to a stop at the stand, Rogers alighted and placed a duffel bag and a small hand bag in Parrot's vehicle, requesting that Parrot take him to his parents' home since they had moved to a new address during his absence.

Parrot did as he asked, and that was the last he saw of Rogers until four days later, he stated.

On arriving home, Rogers did not seek out any of his friends, his mother said. He saw no one other than his immediate family, keeping always to himself. After a few days, his mother further related, he grew despondent and began drinking heavily.

On August 12, 1951, his mother

goes on to say, Rogers, evidently under the influence of alcohol and more despondent than at any other time since his return from Korea, changed into a khaki uniform, minus a cap, and telephoned for a taxi.

When the taxi arrived, the soldier took his duffel bag and the small hand bag containing all his clothing and placed them in a taxi driven by the same Lloyd Parrot who had brought him to his home four days previously. This statement was corroborated by both Parrot and Rogers' sister, Mrs. Annie Lee Hylton of Kinston who was also present when her brother departed.

Mrs. Hylton, however, did not agree with Mrs. Rogers concerning the soldier's state of mind during his visit at home or upon his departure on August 12, 1951, Mrs. Hylton said that while her brother had not associated with any person or persons, either male or female, during his brief stay in Kinston, he did not appear to be depressed or despondent, nor did she know of any reason for his leaving Kinston.

As Rogers left his home, he carried a duffel bag and a small hand bag with him. These he placed in the rear seat of the taxi, Parrot stated, instructing Parrot to take him to New Bern, N.C., and stating that his family wanted to "get him into trouble."

Enroute to New Bern, Parrot further testified, Rogers changed the destination, saying that "someone was after him" and that he wanted to go to Greenville, N.C., instead. While traveling to Greenville, Parrot contended, Rogers was in a daze and appeared to be intoxicated, and on one occasion, he jumped to the back seat of the taxi and changed his shirt, tearing the stripes off.

When they arrived in Greenville, Parrot said he dropped Rogers off at the Proctor Hotel and returned to Kinston. Parrot concluded that in his opinion Rogers was suffering from hallucinations and at times appeared to be out of his mind.

Records at the Proctor Hotel, when checked by investigating authorities after the discovery of Rogers' death, disclosed that Rogers had registered at the hotel on August 12, 1951. Further, he had acquired a room, paying in advance and allegedly leaving the following day.

However, none of the hotel's employees recalled having seen Rogers, they said, since they cater to numerous servicemen and the soldier had stayed there for only one day.

There, at the Proctor Hotel, Rogers' trail of alleged activities ends. Investigators checked Greenville's bus terminal, its railway station and taxi stands to ascertain, if possible, the mode of transportation, departure date and destination of Rogers after he checked out of the Proctor Hotel, but each inquiry brought negative results. Rommie Rogers had mysteriously dropped from sight on August 13, 1951.

Rogers was to have reported to Fort Jackson, S.C., for duty on September 6, 1951, but when he failed to appear, the Army marked him AWOL on its rolls. In November, 1951, when he still had not reported for duty, the Army dropped him

from its rolls as a deserter and notified the FBI.

Then at 10:00 A.M. on April 24, 1953, nearly two years after Rogers had disappeared, a man plowing a field near Highway 58, about half a mile west of Bethlehem Church on Holland Road, Suffolk, Va., walked into a wooded area adjacent to the field and discovered a human skeleton.

Immediately, the farmer notified the Sheriff of Nansemond County who in turn contacted the Nansemond County Coroner. That same day, Military Police criminal investigators from Fort Monroe, Va., were called to the scene.

The coroner, on being interviewed, stated that he had viewed the remains of the victim and estimated that the time of death had occurred about two years before, but that he could not put any exact time on the date of death.

Remains of the victim were then transferred to the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond for examination.

Meanwhile, items found near the skeletal remains indicated that the victim was SFC Rommie Rogers, Jr., of Kinston, N.C. Acting on this assumption, Fort Monroe investigators contacted the Adjutant General in Washington, D. C., requesting that Rogers' dental and medical records be forwarded so the State Medical Examiner of Richmond might compare his findings with Rogers' official records.

The Adjutant General complied, and on May 20, 1953, the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond contacted Fort Monroe investigators to inform them that on the basis of all evidence on hand it was his opinion that the skeletal remains found in Nansemond County were those of SFC Rommie Rogers, Jr. The same information was sent to the Medical Examiner in Nansemond County, who issued a death certificate in the name of Rommie Rogers, Jr., listing the cause and manner of his death as "Unknown."

On June 15, 1953, the remains of SFC Rogers were released to his mother for burial.

While medical authorities were examining the remains of the victim and confirming his identification, Fort Monroe and civil investigators had been checking all possible leads concerning the disappearance and death of the Army sergeant and combing the area where the skeleton was discovered.

Among items found where the skeleton had lain for nearly two years were parts of a uniform (which by then were badly deteriorated), 18 bottles of unopened Miller Highlife beer purchased in Virginia, two identification tags and a small brown bottle of cheesy material.

There was no trace of either a duffel bag or a small hand bag, both of which Rogers had been carrying when he reportedly was last seen.

Laboratory tests disclosed that the cheesy substance in the small brown bottle was strychnine sulfate. Had the soldier, in a state of deep depression, taken his own life? Investigators took up this lead, questioning his family and known acquaintances, with the results already described being obtained.

Next, they check all drug stores in Greenville and Kinston, where druggists are required to register the sale of strychnine sulfate in compliance with North Carolina State Law. This lead also developed into a dead end, for nowhere was there evidence that Rommie Rogers had purchased the deadly poison.

How did the bottle of strychnine sulfate come to be in the woods near the skeleton? Had the soldier purchased the poison unlawfully from some other source outside of Kinston and Greenville? Or did someone brutally murder Rogers, steal his money and his two bags and place the poison near the body to make it appear that he had taken his own life?

If Rogers had purchased the beer in order to drink himself almost senseless before taking the poison, why were no empty bottles found beside him?

The soldier had just returned from Korea. Evidently at the time of his death, he still had a large sum of money with him. Yet a thorough check of the wooded area revealed only 80 cents in coins. What happened to the rest? Surely a man whose leave was not even half over would have allowed himself more than 80 cents in funds!

And how did he get to Nansemond County from Greenville, N.C., a distance of approximately 116 road miles? No one at the Greenville bus terminal, the railway station or at the town's taxi stands remembered transporting a man of Rogers' description at any time on or about the time he disappeared.

Why was Rogers in Virginia? Had he been visiting friends and been hitch-hiking to camp when he was murdered or decided to commit suicide? His mother disclosed that while her son was in the Navy, prior to joining the Army, he had numerous friends in Virginia, especially in Norfolk, but she knew none of them.

Who were his friends in Virginia? Do they still reside there, or were they all transients like Rogers himself?

Investigators at Fort Monroe dealing with the case are still asking these and many other questions, concerning the disappearance and death of the Army sergeant.

At the time of his death, Rommie Rogers was 26 years old. He had brown eyes, black hair and a ruddy complexion. Measuring five feet, 10 and one-fourth inches in height, he was of medium build and carried his approximately 157 pounds erectly.

Persons having any knowledge of his whereabouts or of the activities of a man answering this description during August 1951, or who have information which might lead to the solving of the mystery of Rogers' death, have been urged to contact the Military Police Criminal Investigation Section, Fort Monroe, Va., immediately.

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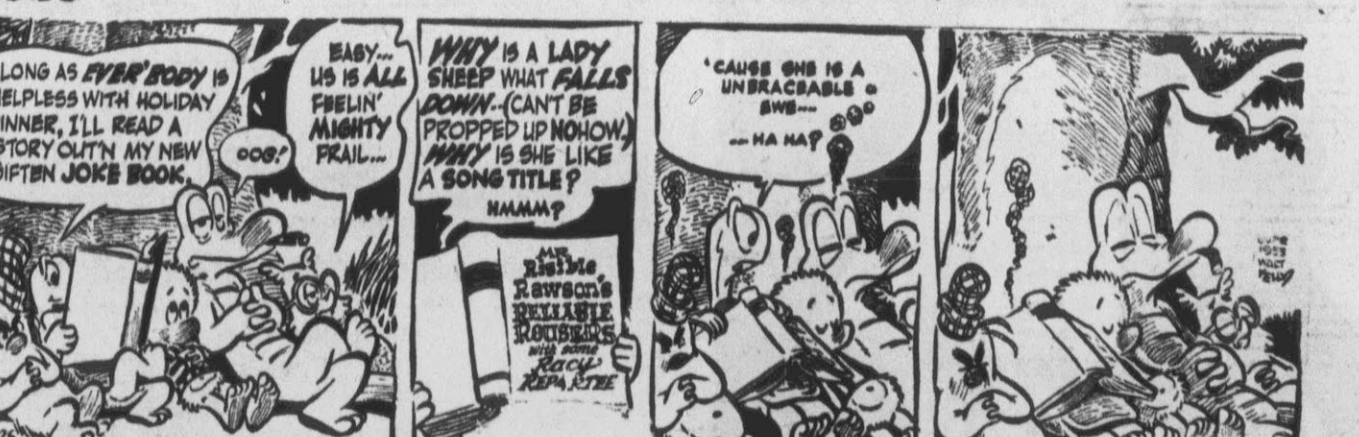
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HELP WANTED - FEMALE

DEMONSTRATORS - \$25.00-\$40.00 daily sparetime. Our lingerie and apparel are sensation of party plan selling. Free outfit. Beeline Fashions, 4146-C Lawrence, Chicago. Oct. 12-17

YOUNG MAN BETWEEN 20 AND 27 years of age for floorman in warehouse. High school education necessary. Apply by letter in own handwriting giving full particulars. Write National Biscuit Co., Greenville, N. C. 18-12

FOR RENT WANTED-TWO YOUNG LADIES to share apartment. See at 113 West Second St. Sat. Wed. if

THREE ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment for rent-Private bath, front and back private entrance. 1209, Charles Street. Telephone No. 4335. Dec. 4-11-18-26

FOR RENT-6 ROOM HOUSE 114 Park Drive, College View. Very desirable. Immediate occupancy. Day phone 2834. 23-06

HOTEL-DAILY \$2.00 AND UP Special rates: Week, \$4.50 up; month \$25.00 up. Steam heat, innerspring mattresses. New Greenville Hotel, 618 Dickinson Ave. Phone 5091. Dec. 8-1 mo.

HOUSES, APARTMENTS, ROOMS and business property for rent-Contact Oriar Rental Agency, Office located over Chamber of Commerce. Business phone 8766; residence phone 8428. Office closed on Wednesday afternoons. Aug. 1-17

FOR RENT-SIX ROOM HOUSE with bath. About two miles from Farmville. See Johnny Mathews, Lang's Crossroads. 19-01

FOR RENT - APARTMENT ON first floor, 1300 Evans St. See Mrs. G. A. Evans, Greenville, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 100. 24-21

FOR RENT-JANUARY 1ST SIX room duplex apartment, 414 W. 4th Street. Electric hot water, oil heat, venetian blinds, screen front porch. Dial 2633 day only. Dec. 24-31

For AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE See JACK WALLACE Realtor-Insurer 8118 Phones 4407 Dec. 10-1 mo.

FOR SALE Best a piano for only \$5.95. First six months may be applied to purchase of piano. New Juvenile pianos, Organos, Mitchell electric organs and reconditioned pianos reasonably priced. Bodkin's Piano Store, 722 Dickinson Ave. Phone 5118. Oct. 3-17

SELLING YOUR HOME? - A Classified ad in The Daily Reflector gets you many hot prospects. Phone 6166.

PIANO FOR CHRISTMAS? Opportunity on lovely Spinet in perfect condition. Resident of this vicinity can pay small payment down and finish account with few small monthly installments. Write Credit Manager, Box 726, Albemarle, N. C. Will notify where to see Spinet. Nov. 26-31

FOR SALE-ONE 4 FT. MEAT case in good condition. Call E. K. Fisher, 4260. Nov. 30-31

DID YOU KNOW THAT BELK-Tyler's third floor, your Christmas gift floor, is now open? Shop early and save on Belk-Tyler's third floor. Nov. 27-31

GET YOUR PORTABLE OUT-door toilet at Tyndall's Repair Shop. Made to meet sanitation requirements. Phone 601 or write 35-B, Fountain, N. C. Dec. 14-1 mo.

GO TO BAKER & HOLLAND, 127 West Fourth St. for Coker's, Bell's and Higgins tobacco seeds. Also good prices on Morton salt, lawn grass seed and other farm supplies. Dec. 8-5 wks.

FOR SALE-THE ONE AND ONLY home roll-up aluminum awning. Your choice color; also insulation, weatherstripping and siding. Terna. Phone 2235, C. L. Lupton Co. Your comfort is our business. 11

PROVEN QUALITY CANT BE beat. Chrysler Airtemp by Chrysler Corporation. Delco Heat by General Motors. Home heating at its best. Call us for estimate on that replacement or complete heating installation. General Heating & Air Conditioning Company, W. 8th Street Ext. Tel. 2661. Oct. 3-17

FOR SALE-TWO POINTER BIRD dogs. Age 3 and 8. Fully broke. Guaranteed. Call 6347 between 6 and 9 p.m. 24-21

FREE THIS CHRISTMAS - WE engrave and gift wrap at no extra charge. Lattares Bros. Jewelers, 414 Evans St. Dec. 4-17

SADLER FLOWER SHOP Winterville, N. C. Phone 3768

GET 100% WHOLE WHEAT BREAD at People's Bakery, 815 Dickinson Ave. 11

PAINT UP NOW!-ALL COLORS in gloss paint for the low price of \$1.98 gallon. Belk-Tyler's third floor. Nov. 27-31

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REAL ESTATE

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OWN A LOT IN BEAUTIFUL Colonial Heights, East 10th Street. 80 ft. frontage. \$750 up. 108 lots left to choose from. Terms to suit. See James T. Keel, D. G. Nichols or Leon Roebuck. Dec. 18-31

HOMES FOR SALE FOR SALE-ONE BRICK VENEER home, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room and large kitchen. Lennox heating plant, weatherstripped and insulated. Already financed. Call Ayden Building and Supply Co., 3036 Ayden. Nov. 6-17

FOR SALE-NEW HOUSE ON corner lot. Living and dining rooms, den, 3 bedrooms, tile bath, 8 large closets, Delco heat, insulated and weatherstripped, large screened porch. Call 2411 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Nov. 30-31

HOUSE FOR SALE IN AYDEN-White brick, 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, lovely yard and very desirable location. Write "House," P. O. Box 408, Greenville. Would rent furnished to acceptable tenant. 24-01

FOR SALE-NICE HOMES, SMALL or large, city or suburban; also some farms. Cash or terms. We buy or sell. If it's real estate see J. Hicks Corry Agency, Dial 2615, Greenville, N. C. Tues. & Fri.-17

East Carolina Roofing Company John Applied and Financed CLAUDE B. WEST, Mgr. Office - Proctor Hotel Office Phone 5181 Residence Phone 5232

WANTED Boys 14 yrs. of age and older to carry The Daily Reflector in Greenville. Apply Cir. Dept.

CONFIDENTIAL LOANS Watches, Diamonds, All Kinds of Jewelry, Typewriters, Adding Machines, Watch Repairs-24 Hour Service. Kinston Loan and Jewelers 127 S. Queen St. "We Buy Old Gold" Thurs. 11

DELIVERY DAY OR NIGHT Service Prescriptions - Cosmetics Sundries - Toys DIAL 3614

WARREN'S DRUG STORE

Attention Farmers See us for your Dowframe MC-2 for your plant bed. We also have covers and applicators. We can save you money. PITT FCX 19-184

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INSURANCE

CONTACT D. G. NICHOLS FOR your liability insurance. D. G. Nichols Real Estate & Ins. Co., 107 E. 5th St., Greenville, N. C. 11-176

EXPERT SERVICES BEST CONTROL SERVICES - Beds, mice, roaches. For homes, offices, commercial buildings, estimates free. Ivey Coward Exterminating Company, 808 Clark Street, Phone 3996. Sat.-Mon.-17

NEW CONSTRUCTION GOING ON We are building our reputation on service. Ricketts & Ins. Co., 9th and Evans Streets, Greenville, N. C. 21-04

FOR EXPERT WASH AND LUBE job bring your car to Carr Allen's Texaco Service Station in front of Court House, or call 4938 and we will pick up and deliver. 21-04

MONEY TO LOAN FOR QUICK CONFIDENTIAL loans from \$10 to \$100 on your household furniture and kitchen appliances. Contact Security Loan Corp., 105 E. 5th Street, Greenville, N. C. Phone 3690. Dec. 14-17

Classified Display Dye Jobs and Shoe Shines Anytime Pick Up and Delivery Service. CALL 3731 BUNCH'S SHOE SERVICE 518 Cotanche Street

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CLIFF SAYS- See our display of appliances toys, sporting goods and bicycles. Priced special for Christmas. C. H. EDWARDS HARDWARE Open All Day Saturdays

ATTENTION FORD OWNERS! Ask about our budget plan. Get those unsightly dents out, paint your car, install a new engine and winterize your car. Call 3723 Flanagan Buggy Co. For Details 5-22

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HD Women Were Busy Over Holiday

by Sue B. May, Home Demo Agent

Rural women are well aware of the fact that variety is the spice of life. They try to design a well rounded program for each year of Home Demonstration work. Nutrition, gardening, clothing, citizenship, etc. all are important and should be included but family life and recreation, too, are important because family and community fun definitely influence the atmosphere of the home.

Sharing joy with each other helps lay the foundation for confident living and provides strength and courage for problems of each day. With this in mind the members of each home demonstration club planned to the way they would observe Christmas at their December meetings according to their own taste. In each community the sacredness of the season was emphasized.

Keeping Christ in Christmas was the theme of the entire program at Willie C. Wilson's when the Cannon Club met. Mrs. Lomie Stocks, new president, opened the meeting and Mrs. Willie Wilson and Mrs. Jamie Wilson directed recreation. Mrs. W.O. Jolly, Jr., president of the Pierce club presided over a delightful dinner meeting in their community building. Turkey and the trimmings were served. Following the meal Rev. Hollowell, pastor of Ayden Baptist Church presented a most interesting manner the version of the true meaning of Christmas. This made the carol which were sung by the group even more lovely than ever before.

Factious and Bethel club women celebrated their occasion by enjoying a Christmas luncheon. Mrs. F.C. James's attractive home was the scene of the Bethel luncheon and the women of the Factious club thoroughly enjoyed being entertained in the home of Mrs. C.J. Satterthwaite.

Red Oak club members and their families enjoyed a covered dish supper made more glamorous by candle light. A beautiful Christmas reading was given by Mrs. B.L. Tyson. Women in the community had exhibited seasonal arrangements in the community building

and in the church as a follow up of their November demonstration. "Doing for Others" seemed to be the key note to the Seven Pines community party.

It was designed especially for the children of the neighborhood. Of course, the adults had a mighty good time too.

Mrs. J. W. Gay, president of the Fountain Club entertained the members of her group most graciously in her beautiful decorated home. The home made cookies and sandwiches were a real work of art — tiny Christmas trees and wreaths that tasted as good as they looked.

The Timothy ladies exchanged attractive and useful home made aprons just yesterday at their party. The party opened with the Christmas spirit as each member received a Christmas corsage upon entering Mrs. J.B. Forrest's home. By the way Mrs. Forrest is a brand-new Timothy club member.

Quite an unusual idea was used at Sweet Gum Grove this year. Each member tried extremely hard to wrap her gift in a unique manner. The wrapped gifts were judged and a prize was awarded for the prettiest gift and one for the most unusual one. This was an excellent way to exchange original gift wrapping ideas.

Renston-Nobles members too were thinking of others as they planned to carry cheer to two less fortunate families — one white and one colored. These ladies met in Mrs. Don Langston's home and their lovely traditional coconut snow balls supporting red candles were both decorative and delicious.

A Christmas Candle Salad with piping hot coffee was served by the hostesses to the Farmville group who played games and exchanged gifts in front of a cheerful open fire in their nice community building.

Mrs. C.H. Hagan, a real recreation leader, saw to it that the men, women and children in the Mount Pleasant community stayed awake and had a grand time after they ate supper from a table loaded with good food. Everyone who goes to a Mt. Pleasant community activity has to get right into the spirit of

things — the people there see to it. At the close of a wonderful party at Red Banks each woman opened her gift and learned who her secret pal had been during the entire year. The nice little remembrance that had been slipped to her through out the past 12 months were no longer mysteries.

The Ballard's party was carried out in a lovely way as it always is. Mrs. B.L. Tyson provided entertainment for the group.

A festive atmosphere prevailed in the Belvoir Home Economics Cottage the first Thursday in December when the women of the community met there.

The Chicod club women invited F.H.A. girls and 4-H girls and their mothers to their Christmas meeting in the High School Music Room. Mrs. Lathan Smith, president welcomed the guests. Mrs. Eunice Casey, Vocational Home Economics teacher, led the recreation and was assisted by Mrs. Luke Stanley. A hot beverage and dainty sandwiches, salted nuts were served. Carols were sung around the traditional Christmas tree.

A group of young ladies, their husbands and children in the Bethany community heard the Christmas story read and enjoyed content and games selected for the entire family.

Twenty-one club members participated in singing Christmas carols and playing games under the leadership of Miss Lena Barron in the Simpson's living room. Mrs. S.D. Tucker, presided over the meeting as club members sat facing a glowing log fire which burned beneath a mantle that said "Merry Christmas". Twenty red and green crepe paper hats filled Mrs. Harry Jarvis's living room as the Littlefield club members shared in yuletide fun. Christmas fruit cake and coffee served by the hostess, seemed like an extra topping put on an already iced cake — the whole party had been just like dessert.

Mrs. Milton Smith welcomed the members of the Clark's Neck club to her new home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Willard Andres directed well planned recreation and each member and guest went to the lovely Christmas tree and found her gift. Mrs. John I. Gray's pleasing living room made a lovely background for the Stokes Christmas party. Guests were seated at attractively decorated card tables holding lighted red tapers. The magnolia leaves were waxed red Christmas balls. An interesting game called "Koozie" created much laughter. If you don't know how to play this — you'll certainly want to learn.

Presents Went To Each Child



Jimmy Riley of Village Grove is receiving his gift from C. E. "Polly" Williams at the "Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party" sponsored by Moose Lodge Number 885 Wednesday night. Awaiting their gifts are Mary Louise Williams, next to Young Riley on the left, and Lester Heath, Betty Lou Williams, and Milton Heath, all of Village Grove. (Reflector Photos by Bob Boyette)

Streets Quiet Over Greenville Saturday

By BOB BOYETTE
Reflector Staff Writer

Not many creatures were stirring — not even very many automobiles, and believe it or not it is ten o'clock on Saturday morning in downtown Greenville.

Without a doubt Saturdays will come and go for many more years before one can ride down the streets of Greenville on Saturday morning again and see only about five automobiles and sometimes even fewer people than that — because, you see it is December 26, 1953 — the day after Christmas.

Yes, today the stores are all closed and both the offices at the County Courthouse and City Hall are shut to celebrate the holidays — or maybe it should be said to rest after Christmas Day.

Standing at the Daily Reflector and looking over to the Court House one would certainly think it is Sunday when not a person is in sight, and believe it or not one can find a parking place too.

Four Deaths In County Reported

Coroner Griffin H. Rouse reported four deaths in Pitt County yesterday and this morning.

Edgar J. Barrett, 50, died of a heart attack in the bathroom of his home in Farmville Thursday night. No inquest.

Miss Lois Correll, 81, died Friday at Pitt Memorial Hospital from shock as a result of an automobile collision. No inquest.

Marvin Carmon, who lived near Rountree Church, Pitt County, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home at 1 o'clock in the morning Friday. No inquest.

Eugene Davis Jr., 33, who lived on Railroad Street, was found dead on the floor this morning at 7 o'clock. Coroner Rouse said he died of natural causes. No inquest.

Colored News

Rev. John L. Leary of Baltimore, Md. will be the guest speaker during the morning worship at Phillippi Christian Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Special music will be furnished by both the Senior and Junior Chorus.

On Monday night at 7:30 the Sunday School will have their annual Christmas tree and Christmas program.

You will always find a warm welcome at Phillippi.

ed completely over, coming back on its wheels. Pettit was treated at Pitt Memorial Hospital and then released.

Rainy Yuletide

The highest temperature in the Greenville area Christmas day was 37. Nearly an inch and a half of rain fell here.

Mrs. Carl E. Maiden, local observer for the U. S. Weather Station, reported today that the water in the government rain gauge froze last night and she could not read the instrument until the sun thawed the ice. Lowest temperature last night was 26 and at 8 a.m. today the mercury stood at 33.

Yesterday a year ago, the highest temperature here was 33; lowest that night 33, and at 8 a.m. next day it was 36. No rain.

Last Rites Held For Edgar J. Barrett

FARMVILLE — Funeral services for Edgar Johnson Barrett, 50, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home Thursday night, were held at 1 a.m. today.

Coroner Griffin H. Rouse said he was stricken while shaving and died before a physician arrived.

Italy is attempting to move 15,000 inhabitants of Lucania out of caves into a model town.

Pitt Roads . . .

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leg and the damage to the three vehicles was estimated at \$900.

The only charges, so far are against Tom Perkins who was charged with operating without a license. Davis said there would probably be other charges.

At 1:45 p.m. Friday, near Whitehurst's station on Highway No. 11, a few miles north of Greenville, a car operated by Taft Barnhill, 43-year-old Negro of Robersonville, ran into a Barnhill told investigating officer Davis that he was going north in hard rain when a car he was meeting came across the center of the highway and sideswiped him causing him to go into the ditch.

Davis said he was unable to determine from investigation whether there were actually two cars involved in the accident. There were no injuries and no charges made.

The Patrolman reported that on Friday at 2 p.m. on Highway 264 about three miles east of Greenville a station wagon operated by Frederick C. Humbert, 17, of 1906 East Sixth Street, went out of control and rolled over.

He reported the car was traveling east on 264 when it lost control on the wet, slippery road. Humbert, who was alone in the car, was not injured. An estimated \$150 damage was caused to the car.

Davis reported that a car operated by Robert E. Whitehurst, 19, of Route 2, Robersonville, went out of control near Flat Swamp Church just inside the Pitt County line hitting a ditch and going end over end.

The car was being operated on wet roads when it began to skid and it went out of control. There was no injury and no charge with an estimated \$350 damage to the vehicle.

Friday at 6:45 p.m. a car operated by Mitchell Reid Gardner, 20, of Route 2, Ayden, and traveling on the Fire Tower Road between the Television station and Highway No. 43, started to pass a car when it skidded off the right hand side of the road and turned over. None of the four occupants of the car were injured; however, there was approximately \$100 damage to the vehicle. No charges were made.

SOUTH-11 DRIVE-IN THEATRE

SAT. NITE — 2 BIG HITS — Plus Color Cartoon

HIT NO. 1
NO MAN COULD MATCH HIS GUNS
Richard Arlen
"Buffalo Bill Rides Again"

Split-Second Adventure! Hit No. 2
JET JOB
Stanley Clements

SUNDAY & MONDAY — Plus Comedy Short
They're at it again! **BUD & LOU** in a
Have Revue of Gags . . . Color
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6 Top Song Hits by Jerome Kern

BUD ABBOTT LOU COSTELLO
"ONE NIGHT IN THE TROPICS"

SUNDAY — MONDAY

The Reckless Beat Of Their Hearts Matched The Thundering Throb Of The War Drums!

WAR ARROW
COLOR BY Technicolor

Starring **JEFF CHANDLER MAUREEN O'HARA**

co-starring **SUZAN BALL**

— JOHN MCINTIRE — CHARLES DRAKE — DENNIS WEAVER — NOAH BEERY

TUESDAY — WEDNESDAY

DORIS DAY Howard **KEEL** in
"CALAMITY JANE"
Color By Technicolor

Starts Friday — New Year's Day
"EASY TO LOVE" With **Esther Williams — Van Johnson — Tony Martin**

Last Times Tonight!
GORDON MACRAE
JANE POWELL and
GENE NELSON in
"3 Sailors And A Girl!"

Tempestuous love and violent hate in the dangerous days when the Indian rebellion broke out in a wall of savage fury.

South-11 Drive-In
First Run Greenville
Playing Tues. & Wed.
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Special New Year's Eve L-A-T-E S-H-O-W!

THURSDAY NIGHT DEC. 31ST
Doors Open 11:15

Live on a time-bomb in Mexico!
Take any dare...take any chance
...but don't touch her kind of woman!

NEW GLORY FOR GARY!
Winner of this year's 'Best Actor' Academy Award!

GARY COOPER **BARBARA STANWYCK**
as the GRINGO GIANT as his 'WOMAN OF THE DIABLO'

BLOWING WILD
Free Novelties and Noisemakers!
All Seats 60c

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And Now On Sale Our Box Office!

Struck By Train

LExINGTON (AP) — A Kansas woman injured in a train-auto collision that killed her 9-year-old daughter was reported in satisfactory condition at a hospital last night.

Mrs. Walter Hood McCrea of McPherson, Kansas, received a broken collar bone, cuts and other injuries when the car in which she was riding with her husband and two children was struck by a train near here yesterday.

The State Highway Patrol said Marcia Elaine McCrea died in the collision. Her father sustained lacerations and bruises but did not require hospital treatment. A son, Wyatt, 12, was dismissed after first aid treatment.

McCrea told highway patrolmen that he saw the train too late to get off the racks at a crossing on the High Point-Thomasville and Denton Railroad.

Funeral Tomorrow For Eugene Davis Jr.

Eugene Davis Jr., 32, was found dead at his home at Fleming's Cross Roads early Saturday morning.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev.

Walter B. Nobles, Free Will Baptist minister of Winterville. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Davis spent all his life in Pitt County and had been employed in Greenville for the past 15 years. He was the son of Eugene Davis of Martin County and the late Mary Gurganus Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bettie Vincent Davis; a daughter, Bettie Jean Davis; his father and step-mother, and a brother, Elmer Davis of near Greenville.

MEADOWBROOK DRIVE IN THEATRE
Show Starts at 6:45
TONIGHT

COLUMBIA PICTURES presents
THE PATIFINDER
with HELEN CATTER — Screen Play by ROBERT L. NEW — Based on the novel by JAMES THOMSON COOPER — Produced by GARY BARBER — Directed by GARY BARBER

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WORTH \$7,000... IN LAUGHS ALONE

The Lady Wants Mink
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Ruth Hussey
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Red's all-in-love... half-in-hock... and his headaches will have you hysterical!

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RED SKELTON
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The Most Amazing Romantic Adventure

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SPECTACULAR BEYOND BELIEF!
SIGHTS NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

SHARK RIVER

in VIVID COLOR by COLOR CORP. OF AMERICA
Starring **STEVE COCHRAN** and **CAROLE MATHEWS WARREN STEVENS**

No Entertainment Ever Equalled It
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John Wayne
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In Technicolor

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Guy Madison
in
"SECRET OF OUTLAW FLATS"

STATE
Ends Today — Wild Bill Elliott in "Vigilante Terror"