

January Influenza Deaths Number 224 In North Carolina

Pneumonia Flares Up To Claim An Increased Number of Lives

The influenza epidemic that swept many sections of North Carolina took a toll of 224 lives in January, 1940...

There was also an increase in pneumonia deaths in January, the total having been 327, as compared with 315 the corresponding month a year ago...

Deaths from preventable accidents also took an upward turn as 1940 got underway, the total for January having been 142, as compared with 119 a year ago...

Suicides jumped from 17 in January, 1939, to 30 in January, 1940, while there was a decrease of one in the number of homicides...

There was an increase in both infant and maternal mortality. Deaths among children under a year old in January, 1940, totaled 453...

The total number of deaths reported in January, this year, was 3,382 which was 554 in excess of the 2,828 reported in January, 1939...

Diphtheria deaths in January, 1940, totaled 27, an increase of 8 over the 19 reported for January, 1939...

Auto Industry Rolls Along In 'High Gear'

Probably there's no industry about whose "saturation point" the man-in-the-street worries so much about as the automobile industry...

PEACE AGREEMENT

A full agreement pointing toward peace was reported to have been reached in Moscow this morning. No details of the reported agreement were released...

As peace was talked on the Finnish front, increased activities were reported on other war fronts. England announced today that more than three hundred thousand Tommies had been removed to French soil...

Home-made Electric Fence Is Dangerous

A warning to North Carolina farmers to beware of the home-made electric fence has been issued by David S. Weaver, head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Extension Specialist of State College...

The recent death of a Wilson County child who was electrocuted by a fence on his father's farm focused attention on the electric fence now being widely used to restrain livestock in the State...

The State College man said that the Wilson County child died as a result of coming in contact with a home-made electric fence...

Electric fences manufactured by reliable companies restrict the amount of current, and interrupt the current at regular intervals in order that a person or animal may be freed from contact with the charged wire...

Wrecks Increasing At Intersections

Commenting recently on intersection accidents in North Carolina, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, pointed out that this type of accident is becoming increasingly frequent...

"Last year," he said, "there were 2,300 accidents at street intersections and 388 at rural intersections in North Carolina. The drivers involved in these accidents were guilty in most cases of violating the right-of-way, crashing a traffic light, disregarding warning signs or hand signals..."

"These accidents can be prevented if motorists will only follow the three C's of safe driving—courtesy, caution and commonsense."

Allies Concentrate on Cutting Nazi Trade Lines



Germany's greatest war problem is one of supply. Iron, oil and food imports are of vital importance to her. Her iron problem involves Sweden and Norway. Her oil shortage involves Rumania and Russia...

"Spy" Returns



Debarred in Boston from the Ex-cambion, Virginia Davis, 22, reveals that she was jailed for two days in Paris as a spy suspect, after losing her identification card, and when freed was warned to leave the French capital by spring...

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

While 1940 is building up quite an accident record as compared with the early part of 1939, the wrecks are not proving as serious as those of a year ago. However, last week the wrecks approached a serious point...

Table with columns for Year, Accidents, Injured, Killed, Damaged. Shows data for 1940, 1939, and a comparison to date.

Speed Causes Many Accidents In State

"Entirely too many accidents occur on North Carolina streets and highways because somebody is driving too fast," Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, stated recently in discussing the problem of speed...

"The 1939 accident record for this state shows," Hocutt said, "that drivers who were exceeding the speed limit were involved in 796 traffic accidents, 188 of which resulted fatally. In addition, speed too fast for conditions entered into a number of other fatal accidents..."

"This most common of all accident causes must be curbed if our streets and highways are ever to be safe. The Highway Safety Division urges all motorists to cooperate in reducing the great number of deaths caused by speeding and asks all enforcement officers of the state to wage an unceasing war on speeding drivers."

Nazis Extend Front



Germany is reported extending her Westwall defense line in modified form the entire length of the Belgian and Dutch frontiers to the North Sea. Dotted line indicates old forts. Line of squares indicates the new fortifications, which would serve as hopping-off places if the Lowlands are invaded by the Nazis.

Works for France



Miss Anne Morgan, sister of J. P. Morgan, the noted financier, sailed from New York for Europe to engage in relief work as president of the American Friends of France.

Arrested For Alleged Theft Of Pistol Here

Alphonso Moore, colored, was arrested last week-end for the alleged theft of a pistol and about \$4.50 in cash from the colored pool room on Washington Street. The pistol, valued at \$30, was recovered. Moore was at one time employed by Bruce Payton, operator of the pool room. He was said to have slipped in the back door and slipped out unnoticed.

B.&L. Associations Set Record In 1939

The building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina made the largest amount of loans during 1939 that they have in the past decade, it was announced by Wheeler Martin, secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association...

Construction Work On New Home Started Here

Construction work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Garland Coltraine is to get underway immediately on Houghton Street here. Located next to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, the home will be two stories and of frame construction.

Latest Additions To The Enterprise Mailing List

Listed among the recent additions to the Enterprise mailing list are the following: W. S. Peel, Williamston; W. O. Peel, Williamston; Mrs. J. W. Peaks, Everetts; W. B. Gaylord, Whiteville; Noah Daniel, Jamesville; Roy Ward, Williamston; Mrs. R. G. Rogers, Williamston; A. F. Lilley, Williamston; Dr. J. D. Biggs, High Point; Mrs. J. W. Wright, Jamesville; J. F. Bailey, Robersonville; Ellis Malone, Williamston; H. H. Williams, Everetts; Mrs. Virgie Baker, Merry Hill; Henry L. Everett, Plymouth; James Keel, Everetts; Mrs. Nathan Rogers, Williamston; Mrs. J. N. Biggs, Williamston; S. L. Ellis, Jamesville; B. F. Peel, Williamston.

Suicide Marks End Of Tragic Life Of Harvey L. Gardner

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and finally his own death. Harvey Gardner was a good neighbor when sober, thoughtful of others and kind to everyone. He was a hard worker and accepted fate as it came. It is thought that the act resulting in the death of his son caused him to worry much in late years, that unable to dismiss the tragedy from his mind, it preyed on him more and more as the years past.

His life was pathetic as well as tragic, for he held no malice against anyone and recognized the value of virtue and good citizenship when he was free of liquor.

It just seemed as if tragedy followed the family. A brother, Wiley, was shot and fatally wounded on the Whitley farm near here nearly thirty years ago. Another brother, George, was run down and fatally hurt by an automobile at Sweet Water Creek. The fatal attack on his son followed in 1932 and then his own death. The record over a period of years was enough to drive his crazy and to the final tragic act, an acquaintance remarked as news of the man's death was heard on the streets here Sunday morning.

He was the son of the late Loten and Jane Hopkins Gardner. He was married three times, first to Miss Cecilia Lilley, of Griffins Township, and second to Miss Lizzie Moore, also of Griffins Township. His third wife, formerly Mrs. Lula Johnson Moore, of Poplar Point, survives. No children were born to the third union, but he leaves a son by his first wife, George T. Gardner, of Williamston; and two daughters by his second wife, Mrs. Joe Wells, of Washington, and Mrs. R. F. Bennett, of Murfreesboro. He also leaves one brother, Charles Gardner, of Tarboro, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Williams and Mrs. Frank Hardison, both of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church here yesterday afternoon at two o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Interment was in the Roddicks-Grove church yard in Williams Township.

titled action will take notice that this action is one to obtain a divorce a vinculo from him on the ground of two years separation and that he is required to appear and answer the complaint herein filed in the Clerk's Office within thirty days from March 26, 1940, or the relief prayed for in the complaint will be granted. This the 26th day of Feb., 1940.

L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court.

H. L. Swain, Attorney for plaintiff.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of C. A. Harrison, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned within twelve months from the date of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All

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persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 19th day of Feb., 1940. MRS. LOSSIE A. HARRISON, Administratrix of the estate of C. A. Harrison, deceased.

NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court. County of Martin against C. A. Forrester, W. C. Manning, Jr., administrator, Emie Knutti and town of Williamston. The defendant, Emie Knutti, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to foreclose the taxes on land in Martin County in which said defendant has an interest; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County at his office in Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the completion of this service of publication by notice and to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 17th day of Feb., 1940. L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court of Martin County.

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