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DEATHS TOTAL 31,950 FOR TEN MONTHS

The nation's traffic cost 31,950 lives during the first 10 months of 1937, the National Safety Council reports.

The toll represented an increase of eight per cent over the 29,560 deaths for the same period of 1936. Fatalities last month totaled 3,890, a six per cent increase over September and a one per cent increase over October, 1936.

Sixteen states showed decreases in traffic deaths from last year, representing a saving of 365 lives compared with 1936. Included were Virginia with three decreases and Georgia with one.

Fall River, Mass.; Albany, N. Y., and El Paso, Texas, were the largest cities which went through October without a traffic fatality.

Milwaukee retained first place among cities of more than 500,000 population for the lowest death rate. Its rate was 10.6 compared with an average of 17.4 for all cities of its population class.

Professor Koch Will Tour Again

University Professor Planning Annual Tours With Dickens Christmas Carol

Chapel Hill, Dec. 6.—Beginning Saturday, December 11, Dr. Frederick H. Koch, director of the Carolina Playmakers, will inaugurate the 32nd anniversary of his first annual reading of Dickens' immortal play story, "A Christmas Carol."

Freed from lectures while his students at the University are understanding the siege of Christmas examinations and enjoying their holidays, Dr. Koch will carry the Christmas message to eleven towns, giving performances of the popular story right up until Christmas eve. The reading of "The Carol" has become a tradition at the University and has been called the Carolina Playmakers' Christmas card to this state.

During the last thirty years Dr. Koch has read Dickens' story to audiences all over America, including the Institute of Arts and Sciences at Columbia and Town Hall, New York. His itinerary between now and Christmas includes: Chapel Hill—Dec. 11; Wake Forest—Dec. 12; Hurdle Mills—Dec. 13; Camden, S. C.—Dec. 14; Hartsville, S. C.—Dec. 15; Chadbourn—Dec. 16; Wilmington—Dec. 17 (two performances); Lumberton—Dec. 18; Raleigh—Dec. 19; West End—Dec. 20; Ellerbe—Dec. 20; and Clinton—Dec. 21 (two performances).

Thirty years ago Frederick Koch was a young instructor in English at the University of North Dakota. He happened to re-read "A Christmas Carol" and was struck with the idea that everybody ought to read it at Christmas-time. At the suggestion of friends he read it to a small group gathered around a crackling wood fire.

His audience grew until the large North Dakota gymnasium was filled to overflowing and his reading of Dickens' story had become an integral part of the Christmas season. Other towns wished to hear him and he journeyed through snow storms and blizzards over hundreds of miles of the Dakota prairie, sometimes by sleigh, when the railroads were snowbound, sometimes by hand-car, when the engines were frozen, to fill his many engagements each Christmas time.

When he came to the University to found the Carolina Playmakers Dr. Koch continued reading the Carol. The large auditorium of Memorial Hall is always filled to overflowing. With ever-increasing administrative activities as head of the Department of Dramatic Art and director of the Carolina Playmakers, Dr. Koch still finds time to carry Dickens' message of Christmas cheer to cities and towns in the South and North.

At the Chapel Hill reading December 11 Old English carols will be sung between the staves of the story by members of the Chapel Hill Madrigal club under the direction of Professor John Toms, and between 8 and 8:30 just before the reading Robert Brawley, Chapel organist, will play special Christmas music on the memorial Hall organ.

After an experienced "pin hooker" told him that he often made as high as 16 cents a pound buying tobacco and regrading it, Max Higgins of Yancey County decided to do some grading himself.

F. L. Webster of Forsyth County has planted 3,000 black locust seedlings on a steep hillside to protect it from erosion while producing posts needed for use on his farm.

Add to the virtues of lespedeza the fact that it is an excellent grazing crop for hogs. D. J. Wilson of Pitt County says it is one of the best and the only one he used now.

Madison county farmers, cooperating with the farm agent to conduct definite demonstrations this year, have used 477 tons of ground limestone.

IN WASHINGTON



Paul R. Reynolds
UNITED STATES SENATOR

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Any survey of the National legislative situation at the half-way point of the Special Session of Congress, while not wholly encouraging from the standpoint of giving needed re-assurance to industry, business and agriculture, does disclose some cheering factors. The more outstanding of these are:

1. Tax revision is no longer something to merely be wished for, but is assured at the regular session beginning in January. If the Senate were empowered to originate revenue legislation, it is likely that it would be undertaken at the current special session. But the prerogative of originating revenue laws is reserved to the House of Representatives.

2. New farm legislation, while temporarily bogged down with amendments and disagreements, promises to be finally drafted with more real thought and real desire to help agriculture than any other similar measure of recent times.

3. The recommendation by President Roosevelt calling for a drastic cut in Federal highway funds has thrown the question of cutting Federal expenditures into bold relief. Regardless of the merits or demerits of the President's proposal, it now seems evident that the Congress must find, as speedily as possible, the point where needless spending ends and real economy begins.

4. That there will be more and more a tendency to adjust sectional differences of opinion on legislation on the basis of compromise. Members of Congress from eastern industrial sections want a wage-and-hour bill. Like wire, members from agricultural sections want immediate action on farm legislation. Naturally, in a situation of this character, North Carolina, both industrial and agricultural, sets astride these sectional differences. There is agreement that the best interest of the country as a whole is the point of compromise, although sometimes difficult to reach.

While North Carolina is, of course, vitally interested in tax revision and farm assistance, a matter of immediate concern is the President's recommendation on highways. This is true because the Chief Executive has urged a cancellation of all road authorizations made by Congress for the fiscal year 1939. Under past procedure, there 1939 funds would be allocated to the states before January 1, 1938. Thus the questions of whether North Carolina will secure some \$4,250,000 in anticipated Federal road funds in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938, is an important question.

Informed opinion at the moment seems to be that the Congress can hardly act within the time between now and December 22, the date tentatively set for adjournment. As a result, it is not unlikely that the apportionment of road funds for the 1939 fiscal year will be made as originally scheduled. Consideration may be given to a curtailment of road expenditures at the regular session beginning in January.

Speaking of the legislative situation as a whole, the deadlocks, disagreements and delays in Congress are in themselves that sentiment from "back home" is having an influence on Congressional procedure. It is in such times that compromise is essential, despite the fact that compromise is slow. But it assures the country more efficient law machinery.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the positions of assistant fisheries statistical and marketing agent, \$1,500 a year, and junior fisheries statistical and marketing agent, \$1,020 a year, in the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce. Certain education, and experience in fishery work are required.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

The Clear Springs Dairy Farm of Concord, Route 2, Cabarrus County, has seeded 50 acres of an old pasture to Kentucky Blue Grass and White Dutch clover and 50 additional acres of new pasture to the same seed mixture.

NEGRO AGENT IS APPROVED IN NASH CO.

Commissioners Vote For Negro Farm Agent To Assist Sugg, Begins January 1

Nash county will have a Negro farm demonstration agent to assist County Agent J. S. Sugg beginning January 1, the Nash board of commissioners decided this week in their regular monthly meeting.

The commissioners voted to pay \$40 a month transportation expenses for the new farm agent. His salary of \$100 a month will be paid by Federal and State agricultural department funds.

T. J. Pearsons of Rocky Mount presented the request for a Negro farm agent to the commissioners.

"Nash county will contribute \$300 toward the fat stock show planned to be held in Rocky Mount next spring, the commissioners decided, if Rocky Mount and Edgecombe county contributes \$300 each.

Requesting the appropriation for the stock show, F. P. Spruill of Rocky Mount and W. F. Woodruff, president of the Nash county farm bureau, explained that the purpose of the stock show will be to stimulate interest in stock breeding in this section of eastern Carolina.

The fat stock show has been approved by farm agents, State College authorities and other agricultural experts and prominent farmers of both counties. If successful next spring, it is planned that the show will be a regular annual affair.

The Edgecombe commissioners took no action on the \$300 appropriation when a request for it was placed before them Monday.

R. R. Gay of Rocky Mount was re-elected chairman of the board of commissioners.

Brewer Rites Are Held Here

Well Known Citizen Passes At Home Following Long Period Of Declining Health

Funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian church at three o'clock for Henry Emmett Brewer, longtime resident of Rocky Mount and widely known economic, civic and religious leader of this community, who died in his sleep late Saturday night. Mr. Brewer was 75 years of age.

Rev. Norman Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church where Mr. Brewer long had been active, conducted the rites. Interment was made in Pineview cemetery. Mr. Brewer had been in declining health for several years, his condition not being regarded as critical, however, until a few days before his death. Members of the family said that he died peacefully sometime before 11 o'clock Saturday night at his home on Sycamore street.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Josie Beaman Coghill of Vance county; four sons, H. E. Brewer, Jr.; J. B. Brewer, W. C. Brewer, and John King Brewer, all of Rocky Mount; and a daughter, Mrs. Paul Barkley of Arlington, Va. Several grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Brewer's biggest enterprise was a farm supply business which was operated here upon Western Avenue and Main Street. The late R. H. Rick's was associated with him in this business, which handled fertilizer, farm machinery and many other products. It was operated from the latter part of the century until 1921. It was known as H. E. Brewer and company.

Born in Nash County on February 6, 1862, Mr. Brewer was the son of the late Ann and Jordan Brewer, members of a prominent family thriving in Franklin and Wake counties. At the age of 21 Mr. Brewer came to Rocky Mount where he entered the mercantile business with the Rocky Mount Mills commissary. Later he was associated with J. W. Hines and R. S. Conyers in a business located where the Planters bank now stands. In 1892 he was associated with the late Gideon Matthews in a feed business.

One of the landmarks of Edgecombe county, the McKendree farms, was operated by Mr. Brewer, the late Frank Gorham and Dr. George L. Wimerley.

Active in local affairs, Mr. Brewer served as a member of the Board of Aldermen for several terms. He was also a charter member of the Rocky Mount Kiwanis club and had been an active Mason. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday School at the First Presbyterian church. He was also a deacon and then an elder in the church.

Pallbearers for the funeral were W. G. Weeks, F. P. Spruill, L. B. Aycock, W. D. Boseman, T. E. Ricks, and R. L. Arrington. Honorary pallbearers were the elders and deacons of the First Presbyterian church.

MODERN SCRIBBLING DEcriED

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 5.—Charles E. Lausch, 65, deplored the handwriting of the present day on his retirement after three decades service in the local postoffice. He said moderns sacrificed good handwriting for speed.

In Case of an Aircraft Raid



Prospective customers listen with interest while a street salesman in Geneva, Switzerland, demonstrates special lamp shades for use in time of an air raid. Many devices such as these are now on sale in European cities as preparations for giant air-raid drills are planned to darken entire cities.

Give Corporations Human Guarantees

Secretary of Interior Ickes speaking before the annual dinner of the American Civil Liberties Union accused the Supreme Court of having "gone far to convert the Bill of Rights into a charter of corporate privileges," and he further asserted "that giant corporations have assumed an overlordship over the civil rights and substantive liberties of the individual" and that this "overlordship" has been aided by constitutional construction by the courts, "safe guarding the rights of the large corporation in its relation to the government as if it were a mere individual."

A corporation is not an individual because a corporation is only a trade agreement and a vehicle permitted under the law for the purpose of carrying on business and promoting trade. Blackstone the great law writer defines a corporation as "a man without a soul." The human being has a soul and created in the likeness of our Creator while every fair minded individual wants the corporation to receive fair treatment but there is a belief in the minds of many of the people that the court has undertaken in the language of Mr. Ickes to give to the corporation the human individual element. The man who buys corporation stock can engage in business without jeopardizing his entire estate, not so with the individual, and this is right and proper but for this privilege the corporation would be expected to give up some other right in view of the individual. Mr. Ickes infers that the court is undertaking to give the guarantee of the human soul to the corporation while Mr. Blackstone states that the corporation "is without a soul."

ROCKY MOUNT HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS NEARING COMPLETION

The new High School Gymnasium and the Class-room extension of the High School Building are nearing completion, and will be a fine help to our schools.

It is apparent to anyone that the school board acted wisely in securing additional land for the location of the gymnasium, which leaves an open court at the Hill Street entrance to the High School, giving to it two front entrances, the main entrance, and the other on Hill Street.

With very little expense the open court on the Hill Street side can be improved so as to be a fine sun and air space, and be beautiful as well. While the real beauty will be in the service it renders, the Hill Street side can be made to look very well with not a great outlay of money.

Henry R. Thorpe Funeral Held

Prominent Resident Buried In Thorpe Cemetery Following Services From Church

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock for Henry Roane Thorpe, well-known retired salesman, from the First Presbyterian church with Rev. Norman Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Thorpe cemetery near the city limits in Nash County. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Thorpe died at 10:30 P. M. Saturday at his home, 314 Hammond street, to which he had been confined for several months with a serious illness.

He was born in Nash county on September 8, 1867 the son of the late Captain John H. Thorpe and Sallie Bunn Thorpe. He married the former Miss Charlotte Young daughter of the late Colonel J. R. and Mrs. Young of Raleigh. Until his retirement he had been a salesman for a Baltimore porcelain concern.

Besides his widow he is survived by a son, Richard Y. Thorpe of Cleveland, Ohio; a daughter, Miss Charlotte Thorpe of Raleigh, and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the services included R. H. Gregory, Jr., R. M. Wilson, T. E. Marshall, Hugh M. Daley, J. L. Horne, Jr., A. P. Thorpe, I. D. Thorpe, Dr. A. T. Thorpe, Frank W. Thorpe, Lewis S. Thorpe, W. L. Thorpe and R. A. King.

Producers of beef cattle in Halifax County are finding a profitable business in selling their surplus breeding animals to other North Carolina farmers.

COUNTY HOSPITAL WILL BE TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL

NASH NEGRO GETS LIFE

Hubert Cherry Sentenced For Second Degree Burglary Of Davis Home

Nashville, Dec. 6.—Hubert Cherry, Nash County Negro, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford in Superior Court here Saturday after the Negro pleaded guilty to a second degree burglary charge.

Cherry was charged with breaking into the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Avent Davis near here and attempting to assault the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

The Negro is said to have confessed his assault intention to officers here.

According to the evidence, the Negro is said to have broken into the Davis home and into the bedroom of the Davis girls while they were asleep in the room. The Negro was scared away, apparently, when one of the girls woke up and found the Negro standing over the bed. The girls were between 17 and 20 years old.

Query Announced For 1938 Debates

High School Students To Consider Unicameral Legislature

Chapel Hill, Dec. 4.—"Resolved, That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation," is the query to be discussed in this year's contest of the High School Debating Union of North Carolina, according to announcement today by Secretary E. R. Rankin.

Thirty-five State high school debating leagues will discuss this subject, which is the national high school debate topic, in contests next spring.

Membership in the High School Debating Union is open to all North Carolina high schools. Those which enroll will be grouped in triangles for the spring debates.

Schools winning both debates in the triangular series will send their teams to Chapel Hill to participate in the final contest for the Ayecock Memorial Cup.

For the assistance of high school debaters, the University Extension Division has recently published a debate handbook, 94 pages in length, entitled "Unicameral Legislatures." It was compiled by E. R. Rankin.

A debate on the topic of unicameral legislatures will be broadcast over the NBC red network system, from 3:00 to 4:00 P. M. Saturday, December 4, for the benefit of the many thousands of high school debaters who are interested.

The speakers will be: Affirmative, Bower Aly, of the faculty of the University of Missouri; and Miss Peggy Dunn, graduate student of Northwestern University; and negative, Dr. H. L. Eubank of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, and Sylvester Toussaint, formerly head of the department of speech of Monmouth College.

The North Carolina high school debating contest was inaugurated in 1913. Annual contests have been held since that time. The contest this year will be the 26th in the annual series.

Lay Cornerstone At Greek Church

The cornerstone of the first church building of the Orthodox Greek church ever to be built in North Carolina was laid in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon. Officiating at the exercises were Archbishop Athenagoras, head of the church in North and South America, and a high official of the Greek embassy at Washington. Governor Hoyer, Mayor Iseley and other civil dignitaries, and Bishop Penick and local ministers of the Episcopal church were also present.

The church building is on Person Street and will be of stone construction. Although the Greeks heretofore have been loyal to their church and have held services with more or less regularity, they have not before had a house of worship.

Ceremonies at the cornerstone laying were impressive.

Duplin County farmers are cooperating to buy a carload of 20,000 pounds of dynamite to be used in blasting stumps on farm land.

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