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HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS LEAD DEATH TOLL

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CIVIL RIGHTS GAINS NOTED

Magazine Honors Farm Leaders

J. W. MITCHELL - E. B. EVANS MEN OF YEAR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Two distinguished leaders of Negro rural progress have been named as 1953 "Men of the Year in Service to Agriculture" by The Progressive Farmer, a Southwide farm magazine.

They are John W. Mitchell, national leader of Negro extension work, and Dr. E. B. Evans, president of Prairie View Agricultural College of Texas, state land-grant college for Negroes. The awards are announced in the January issue of The Progressive Farmer.

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor-in-chief of the magazine, salutes them as "captains of the forward march of agriculture among Negroes in all Southern states."

Mitchell is from North Carolina and Virginia. Thirty-six years ago he began work for the extension service as a buggy-driving emergency agricultural agent in two North Carolina counties. Since then he has worked his way up among Negro extension workers, county agent, district agent, and



ANP CITES NEW GAINS

NEW YORK (ANP) — Progress in civil rights practices were noted in several areas during the 1953 year, a report by the National Labor Service of the American Jewish Committee stated last week.

The report is the first annual supplement to "The People Take the Lead," a progress record in civil rights, issued on the 122nd anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

Credit was given to the American people and the labor movement for civil rights made. Among the gains reported by the NLS report were:

1. American Federation of Teachers, AFL, votes to void charter of any local teachers union practicing segregation.
2. Brotherhoods of Railroad Trainmen and Railway Carmen admit first Negro members.
3. Two cities, Clairton, Pa., and Duluth, Minn., become the 29th and 30th to enact fair employment legislation.
4. Four states strengthened their laws against racial and religious discrimination in places of public accommodation.
5. Connecticut, Massachusetts, Oregon and Washington, D. C., municipal housing authorities ordered, or were instructed by courts to order an end to racial segregation in public and publicly-aided housing.
6. Some of the last remaining restrictions on the American Indian were wiped off the statute books.
7. Two Negro universities were awarded chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.
8. Fisk and Howard, 8. Many theaters, sport areas, restaurants and places of recreation dropped their color bars and segregation in the nation's capital.

A further breakdown of progress showed:

ARMED SERVICE: —

Harrisburg, Pa. governor orders end to segregation in state police and opens way for Negroes to serve as state troopers.

Washington: Veterans' Administrator declares VA is moving "as rapidly as possible" toward ending segregation in veteran hospitals. Defense department sets June 1954 as deadline for eliminating racial segregation in the army, and fall, 1955, as date for eliminating segregation in state operated schools on military posts.

ATHLETICS: —



SIAMSE TWIN ENJOYS LIFE — Internationally-known "Baby Boko," survivor of Siamese twins of Mrs. Veronika Davies (right) of Nigeria, smiles happily as her mother caresses her cheek at Hammer-smith hospital in London. The other twin died shortly after the separation operation was performed by Dr. Ian Hurd. Boko's embroidered dress is one of many gifts sent to the baby by English well-wishers. (Newspress Photo.)

Scribblings BY DWIGHT HILLIS WILSON

This is the last time this year that I will sit here and try to conjure up items that might be of interest to the readers, if any, of "Scribblings". On this occasion, with other work piled up, I am seriously considering making it simply the last time. Should I finally decide that way, I trust that you may have gotten a thought, a bit of encouragement, or a laugh, along the way. Either way it is a goodbye for 1953, with its hopes, fears, triumphs, griefs, laughter and bright moments neatly arranged in our archives of memory.

Originally a year held but ten months, beginning with March, the Roman king, Numa Pompilius, however, changed the calendar and added January with thirty days. (Later, when Julius Caesar added July, he also gave January another day.) The month is named for the Roman god, Janus, guardian of doors and gates, who is represented as having one face looking backward at the old year and one looking forward to the new. In ancient Rome the gates of the temple of Janus were kept open during war and closed during peace; and for many centuries January 9 was celebrated in his honor. Traditionally this is the month in which we are supposed to take stock of last year's mistakes, and resolve to conduct ourselves better in the new year.

Now that the bills are coming in for all the things we bought to enliven the holidays, many of us will doubtless agree that the Anglo-Saxon name for this month was more to the point than the Roman. They called January the "Month of Wolves". Hear the creditors howling outside?

PUZZLER
Speaking of mistakes in the past, my father once preached a powerful and somewhat frightening sermon urging repentance on the part of the sinners and the back-sliders. After the service a gentle little

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Brothers Die In Auto Enroute To Dad's Funeral

RALEIGH — Death took its toll during the Christmas season, with automobiles leading the way, according to information gathered from all over the state by the CAROLINIAN.

Smithfield — 11:15 Thursday night. Private Lockamy, Fred Talton and Isaac Alford are traveling on highway 242, six miles out of Benson, apparently lose control of the car, in a southerly direction. Lockamy, according to highway patrolman, T. D. Ballard and the car traveled in an upright position for 19 ft. then striking the shoulder, careening into a ditch. The ditch shows signs of the car having traveled 19 ft. and leaving it for another 127 feet. When the car stopped, the occupants were strewn along the highway.

Lockamy was dead when the trucks of the car were over. Talton was lying on the ground with a fractured skull, both legs broken and an injured chest. Death was not to be cheated and Talton died 2 hours after reaching a Dunn hospital. Alford was the only survivor, but had to spend the yule season in the Dunn Hospital.

Apex — 7 a. m. Christmas Morning. Henry Springs, who was traveling from New York to Charlotte to bury his father who was killed

1954 Prospects Bright

The new year begins with high hopes of continued prosperity.

Charles R. Sligh, Jr., chairman of the board of the National Association of Manufacturers, summed up these hopes when he said it is very possible we will have a higher standard of living in 1954. Average weekly earnings, he pointed out, have increased 20 per cent since 1950, whereas the cost of living has risen only 15 per cent.

In addition, the people have a huge backlog of savings. Employment is near its record peak. The prospect of a tax-cut in January has generated a feeling of optimism at a time when fear might become dangerous.

HAPPY NEW YEAR — These attractive coeds at A. & T. College usher in the new year with smiles and with apparent greetings of the season. They are from left to right, Misses: Irma Pierce, Suffolk, Va., sophomore; Josie Williams, Greenwood, S. C., sophomore and Barbara Huggins, Dover, N. C., senior.

RIFLE BLAST FATAL FOR WAKE YOUTH

RALEIGH — A .22 calibre bullet snuffed out the life of a nine-year-old youth of Raleigh, Route 3, Monday.

Rickie Wilson who was shot by a playmate, died at St. Agnes Hospital about 4:30 P. M. Monday afternoon. The shooting occurred in the backyard of the Wilson's tenant farm home in Pastiner Branch Township. The farm is owned by G. H. Thompson, according to police officers.

A bullet from the rifle fired by Leroy Murchison, eight-year-old Negro neighbor of young Wilson, entered the left side of the youth's chest between the collarbone and the heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson of

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Firm Hand Needed

The Administration did a good job in cutting about \$6,000,000,000 from the Truman budget for the current year. The country accepted the view that huge programs authorized by the outgoing regime made it impossible to balance Federal expenditures and revenue.

But it was disturbing to hear Treasury Secretary Humphrey—a strong advocate of economy—say recently that "the habit of extravagance" is ingrained so deeply in government that the deficit for fiscal 1955 may be nearly \$9,000,000,000.

Mr. Humphrey was correct in saying our government is steeped in the habit of extravagance. That's one reason why the people voted for a change in 1952.

If the Eisenhower Administration cannot curb the demands of the entrenched Federal bureaucracy and deal courageously with pressure groups asking handouts, its failure will be its own. Future deficits cannot be blamed on past administrations.

COURT FREES GIRL, 14, IN DEATH OF MARTIN YOUTH

WILLIAMSTON (Special) — A 14-year old Martin County girl, Hilda Dolberry, was found not guilty early this week in the Martin County Superior Court of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of

Uyyses Harrell, 16-year-old youth. The girl maintained she acted in self defense.

State witnesses said that Harrell drove to the Dolberry home with five other persons, presumably to get water for his car radiator. Each of the witnesses said he stopped the car at the side of the house, got out and went to the

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State News In Brief

KILLED IN FREAK ACCIDENT
GREENSBORO — John Elbert Fuller, 14 of Sedalia, was dead on arrival at a local hospital where he was taken after he was struck by a car which patrolmen said was moving on highway 70.

Young Fuller who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fuller of Sedalia, was dead on arrival at a local hospital where he was taken after he was struck by a car which was driven by Joseph Raymond Barber of Route 1, Gibsonville.

The boy was attempting to cross the highway at the time of the accident, officers reported.

POLICE IDENTIFY CORPSE
CHARLOTTE — A Charlotte man who was fatally shot while attacking three officers with a knife has been identified as Richard Brown, 35, of Asheville. Police said that Brown apparently went berserk when three officers tried to arrest him outside a cafe around 4:20 a. m. last Sunday on a drunk-drunks charge.

KILLED BY BASEBALL BAT
ASHEVILLE — A 53 year old iron company employee, was recently bound over to a grand jury hearing in Asheville, Monday. The defendant, Lu-

ther Wallace is charged with fatally striking Perry Harris, 40, with a baseball bat last Friday during an argument.

HANDS SUSPENDED TERMS
RALEIGH — For carrying concealed weapons, two Raleigh men have been handed suspended road terms in City Court here.

James McKay, 1308 E. Lane St., was sentenced to sixty days on the roads for carrying a pistol on the night of December 19. Sentence was suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

The other man, Orus Blalock of 519 N. Blount Street, charged with carrying a concealed dagger in his pocket early Monday morning, was given 30 days on the roads. His sentence was suspended on payment of a \$5 fine and costs.

WOMEN OUTDO MEN
The nation's women are surpassing the male population in burning up the highways, according to a survey recently revealed by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Ernest D. Davis, the club's safety and traffic director, said a ten-state survey, covering 15,000 miles of summer driving destroyed the male idea that women generally are slow and cautious drivers.

**MUSIC LANDS
LOCAL MAN
IN JAIL**
RALEIGH — Charles Harris of Raleigh has been jailed after admitting to twice breaking into a dwelling here and stealing two radios and a combination radio-phonograph, according to Deputy Sheriff Lonnie Covert.

Harris allegedly broke into the house of Anna McLean on two occasions several weeks ago, entering a rear window, the deputy said. The house is located off the Old Fayetteville Highway near the city waterworks.

Harris pawned the loot at the Dixie Loan Office at 209 Wilmington Street and at the Reliable Loan Company, 307 S. Wilmington Street. He received about \$10 for the entire haul.

It was reported that Harris bought wine with the money. He failed to post bond and is being held in jail for the January term of criminal court at which time he will be tried.



**FIRST RACE LAWYER ON
NATIONAL BODY** — Edward F. Manserv, Administrator of General Services, announced recently the appointment of Mrs. Julia P. Cooper as the first colored lawyer to be placed in a legal position in the agency. Mrs. Cooper was born in Fayetteville, N. C., where she attended grade school and high school. She received her B. S. degree in Mathematics and English from the Hampton Institute, Virginia, in 1910. Later she entered Howard University in Washington, D. C., where she received her LL.B. degree in 1951. While in law school at Howard, Mrs. Cooper was the recipient of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation Scholarship for 1949-51, which is the law student governing body at the university. She is the second woman in the history of the university to hold such a position. Mrs. Cooper also served as admissions clerk at the university from June 1946 to June 1948.

Social Security Gains

The social security tax rate is scheduled to go up on the first of January, according to a reminder issued today by John Ingle, Manager of the Raleigh social security office.

"The increase," he explained, "is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law, and was enacted by Congress toward meeting future obligations of the old-age survivors insurance program."

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 percent instead of the present 1-1/2 percent taken out of their pay up to earnings of \$3,600 a year beginning with the first of January; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

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