

WILSON FIRE CLAIMS FIVE TOTS

WILSON — The most disastrous fire this ever happened in this town's largest brick and tile plant occurred here Tuesday morning when five small children were trapped in the flames of a frame house and died without the slightest chance of being rescued.

Four of the children were at home, while the fifth child was spending the night elsewhere. Betty Jane Harris, 6; Mae Margaret Harris, 4; Charles Harris, Jr., 3; and Maxine Harris, 2, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harris, perished in the flames. The tragedy happened on the birthday of Betty Jane.

Shirley Gray Knight, the fifth victim, was spending the night with the family. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knight. The house contained only four rooms and there were three adults asleep in the house when the fire started. The parents and the two younger children were sleeping in one of the back rooms. The parents escaped by jumping out of the window and relate a horrible story of how they had to jump to safety, leaving their two offsprings to die in

the blaze. When they awoke the roof was falling in and they had no time to save anyone or anything. A brother, Ed Harris, was sleeping in one of the front rooms, and he too escaped. The two older children of the household and the Knight child were sleeping in the other back room and from all indications never had a chance to escape. From

the conditions of their charred remains it was evident that they were trapped when they awoke and suffocated even before they were burned. The body of Charles was found under a bed with the springs over him. Fire Chief Tyrus Bissette was not able to determine the cause of the fire. The house had no electricity and there were only two sources of fire, a wood stove and

a kerosene lamp. Graveside services for all the children were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in Rest Haven Cemetery. The Harris children are survived by their parents, grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis of Wilson; their grandfather, John Harris of Norfolk, Va. The Knight child is survived by her parents and one brother.



UNKNOTTING THE CALENDAR

When Julius Caesar brought the calendar back into agreement with the sun, he arranged to keep it so by allowing February thirty days once in four years. However, his successor Augustus Caesar, turned the month of August after himself and because he did not want Julius' month to be longer than his, he took a day from February and added it to August. So February was reduced to twenty-eight days, and August to twenty-nine. While on the calendar, let's clear some more things up. The Romans called the first day of each month its Kalends (announcement day). After the first they called each day so many Ides before the Ides (full moon). Then so many more to the Kalends of the next month. Julius Caesar, impatient with the difficulties of fitting the lunar and solar calendars together, ordered experts to locate the moon and slide the solar year into twelve months. Nevertheless, the Romans have Ides and Kalends. The Ides fell on the seventh of March, the sixth of April, the fifth of May, July and October, on the fourth of other months; the Ides on the fifteenth of March, May, July and October and on the thirteenth of the rest.

All of which makes us feel like a small boy who declared: "I don't know what the calendar is for." Why bother with this at all?

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Mr. Wilson is shown receiving the Shriner of the Year award from the illustrious Potentate, Fred J. Carnage, at the annual banquet held last Friday night.

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Defendant In Second Trial

FREE OF RAPE

White Student At Shaw U.



JACK AND JILL CLUBMAKES POLIO DONATION — Little Dianne Newell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Newell, presents a check for \$250 to Mr. Otis Robertson, chairman of the Wake County Polio Drive. The Jack and Jill Club of America, Inc., presented its first Annual Talent Program at the Manly Street Christian Church last Sunday afternoon, featuring children of the club's members. In the photo, from left to right are Mrs. S. V. Ferry, chairman of the polio committee, Dianne Newell, Robertson, and Mrs. Myrtle Crockett, president of the club.—STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

Wake Forest Grad Takes Shaw U. Education Course

The quest for education jumped racial barriers here Wednesday when William McKinley Everhart, schedule at any other college. Everhart comes highly recommended and is reported to have outstanding ability. He lives at 1108 Parker Street. This is the first time a white student has been enrolled at the college.

Stalled Car, Bad Weather Blamed In Wayne Death

BY HENRY C. MITCHELL
GOLDSBORO — Ervin Brown of the Atkinson section of New Hope Township, was found dead beside his auto on a dirt road off the main road to Seven Springs by a passerby January 22. Coroner Harry Shumate ruled Brown died from exposure. Brown, according to Sheriff Roy Precise, who was assisted in the investigation by Shumate, said he was told by residents in the area in which the body was found that the exposure victim had had

Farmer In Mystery Death

ROBERSONVILLE — This Martin County town was all agog last week with rumors flying thick and fast regarding the death of a well-to-do farmer and part-time wood-dealer whose remains were found January 23rd in the ashes of a 14-room half-century old frame dwelling which he had purchased about a month previous at a reported price of \$23,000.

WENT TO FIRE: NEVER RETURNED
Harvey Perkins, age 46 years, reputedly a very industrious man and well-liked by his neighbors, was aroused by his wife, Mrs. Louisiana Purvis Perkins, age 44, about 4 a. m. Friday, January 22nd, when she discovered their newly acquired farm home about a half mile away was on fire. Mrs. Perkins had arisen "to feed the baby," she said. Mr. Perkins threw on some clothes and hurried to the scene of the fire and was never seen alive again by his family. In fact, his ashes and what remained of his skull were not

JURY FREES MAN IN SECOND RAPE TRIAL

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
CHARLOTTE — It appears as if it were a dream when Willie May stood in Superior Court on Saturday, with raised right hand, before Judge Howard H. Hubbard, and heard the foreman of the jury intone the words, "We find the defendant not guilty."

Nation's Boy Scouts In Anniversary Observance

The nation's 3,300,000 Cub Scouts, served by 89,000 units in all parts of the nation, its possessions and also in other parts of the world where American families reside. A principal activity of Boy Scout Week will be paying tribute to the volunteer adult leaders of the 29,000 units for the contribution they are making to the boyhood of the nation.

Name Race Member To Foreign Service Staff

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Foreign Operations Administration has announced the appointment of Dorsey Eydard Lane, as assistant to General Counsel Morris Wolf. This marks the first time that a Negro has been appointed as an assistant general counsel in this organization.

Frantic Woman Rams Car Into Truck; Kills Self

SANFORD — Local officers were portance of a matter which Mrs. Mildred McNeil had on her mind she rammed into the back of a truck and killed herself. It all happened in a few minutes on the streets of Sanford. It appears that the woman drove up to Wilson McCormick and told him she wanted to talk with him. McCormick is said to have told her he had to go to work, but would try to see her later in the afternoon. He got into his truck and drove off.

N. C. News In Brief

APPEALS SENTENCE
DUNN — A youth who received a prison sentence the second time he had a fatal automobile accident at almost the same spot in Harnett County, appeared his conviction to the State Supreme Court Tuesday.



DURHAM — Mrs. Ethel Grizzle Hubbard, 59, supervisor of music in the Durham City Schools for many years, was buried here Wednesday afternoon following funeral services at the White Rock Baptist Church at 4 p. m. She died Sunday morning at Lincoln Hospital.