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BAD ACCIDENT

Rockingham.—C. D. Moss, Jr., 35 salesman for the Chattanooga Medicine Company with headquarters at Fayetteville, was instantly killed when his car crashed into a new bus of the Queen City Lines about five miles here on Highway 74. Both bus and the car were destroyed by fire.

MINISTER DIES

Seima.—The Rev. S. H. Styron, 48, widely known Eastern North Carolina Baptist minister, died at his home near here after a three months illness with cancer of the throat.

BLAMES FEUDERS

Morganton.—Forest Warden Arthur D. Williams has expressed the belief that a blockaders' feud was responsible for the blaze which burned 5,000 acres of woodland in Burke and Rutherford counties last week. Williams has arrested Jim Swink and his son, Grady, and Jess Hudson and his son, Buck, on charges of setting the fire.

SPEAKER

Raleigh.—Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator, and active candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, has accepted the invitation to be the speaker at the annual Jackson Day Dinner here January 8.

TAX GROUP MEETS

Chapel Hill.—The county tax Supervisors Association, meeting here, recommended State-wide studies of tax mapping and of practices as to penalties for late listing, an assessors' manual, and a law to require corporations and utilities operating in more than one county to report necessary information to assessing officials by counties.

COMMISSION MEETS

Raleigh.—A study of the feasibility of establishing a nautical school in North Carolina was launched here at the first meeting of the five-men investment commission authorized by the 1939 General Assembly. The aim is to recapture the place North Carolina once held in providing seamen for the merchant marine.

KILLED IN BLAST

Laurinburg.—Ernest Swicegood, 48, World War veteran and farmer, died in a local hospital of injuries received in a blast of dynamite said to have occurred while he was dynamiting a Robeson County stream for fish.

SCHOOL FIRE

Mount Olive.—A fire of unknown origin destroyed the \$45,000 brick-veneer building of the Carver High School, Negro public school here. This was the second school fire in the county in a week's time, the Grant-ham school having burned a few days earlier at a loss of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

GETS REPRIEVE

Raleigh.—Jim Moore, 37-year-old Pender County Negro, was granted a reprieve by Governor Hoey just 12 minutes before he was due to die in the gas chamber at Central Prison for the slaying on July 4 of John Robert Mims, another Negro. The reprieve grants Moore until February 2 to live.

WRECK VICTIM

Greensboro.—George Hubbard, Jr., 18, of Kernersville, died here as the second victim of an auto-motorcycle collision near the Greensboro-High Point airport. Fred Mitchell, 19-year-old Negro, died previously. A formal charge of manslaughter is pending against George F. Newman of Greensboro, driver of the car.

FATAL CRASH

Whiteville.—Gaither Small, 55, of Proctorville, was killed instantly, and Charlie White, 36, Chadbourn Star mail route carrier, was seriously injured when White lost control of his car between Lumberton and Chabourn. The car left the road and struck a pine tree.

DEATH INCREASE

Raleigh.—A total of 103 persons were killed and 744 injured in motor vehicle accidents in North Carolina last month, the highway safety division reports. The November fatalities brought the year's total to 834, compared with 835 for the January-November period of last year.

THE HAPPINESS OF PEACE



DOG IS "BEST MAN" AS COL. NORVELL IS WEDDED HERE

Setter Goes To Altar And Stays There All During Ceremony

On the society page of this issue is an account of the Golden wedding anniversary celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Norvell last Monday afternoon and evening. Here is the account of the wedding itself as printed half a century ago.

"The Methodist church was filled to its utmost capacity with an eager throng awaiting the arrival of another couple, and they were soon witnesses of a most happy marriage, the contracting parties being Mr. Edmund B. Norvell, a well known young lawyer, and Miss Mary Hughes, both of Murphy.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. S. Brown in a most beautiful and impressive manner.

The church had been nicely decorated, and upon the arrival of the bridal party, Miss Bell Black, who presided at the organ, played an appropriate march. The party consisted of the bride's mother, family and immediate friends. Next came the bride and groom who were met at the altar by Rev. Brown. They were followed by Misses Gertie Patton, Julia Mayfield, Julia Abbott, Zell Axley, Mellic Brittain and Katie Axley, all dressed in white, making a most imposing corps of attendants.

The groom was faultlessly dressed and the bride was attired in a very handsome lilac cashmere dress with lace trimmings, and looking very beautiful.

Mr. Norvell is a rising young mem-

Senator Smith Seeks Lt. Governor's Post

W. Erskine Smith, prominent Al-bemarle, N. C., citizen, and president Pro Tem of the North Carolina Senate, today announced that he is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of the Duke University Law School. He was elected to the Senate in 1927 and has served four terms as a member of that body. He is a member of the Methodist church.

CHAMBER ADOPTS LAWS; WILL HOLD ELECTION SOON

Laws governing the new Chamber of Commerce were adopted at a meeting held in the Mayor's office Monday night.

The most important features of the newly adopted constitution is the placing of most of the executive powers in the hands of a Board of ten directors, to be named at the next meeting. Directors will be elected for one year terms. They, in turn, will nominate not less than two, nor more than five candidates for the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer. They also will name a secretary, and decide on his salary, if any.

The finances of the Chamber will be looked after by a special Finance Committee, who will pass on the advisability of all proposed expenditures. Such an arrangement will be an effective safeguard against waste.

"MYSTERY THREE" TO DECIDE XMAS CONTEST DEC. 23

Sometime Saturday out of town judges will tour Murphy to choose the best decorated store, the best decorated Christmas tree, and the most effectively decorated private home, as seen from the street. The judges all will be from out of town, and their names are being kept secret by the Woman's Club, sponsors of the contest.

"We're not exactly afraid of any personal pressure being brought to bear on the judges" said Mrs. T. A. Case, president of the Woman's Club, but we decided we just wouldn't take any chances."

Six prizes have been donated for the winners of first and second places in each of the three classes.

Santa Brings Bonus To A & P Employees

"John A. Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, announced today that \$1,500,000 will be distributed at Christmas time among employees of the company earning less than \$5200 annually, who have been with the company more than six months.

DELEGATION OFF TO ASK TVA FOR AUXILIARY DAM

Plea Made On Grounds Of Economic Needs And Public Health

Headed by Mayor Gray, a large delegation of Murphy residents went to Knoxville Wednesday morning to urge construction of a \$100,000 auxiliary dam just yelow the convergence of the Valley and Hiwassee Rivers. The delegation presented their arguments before Gordon R. Clapp, General manager of the TVA. The matter will go before the TVA Board of Directors for final decision.

It was pointed out that the dam is needed from a standpoint of health, and also for economic reasons. Without the dam, it was declared, the usual midsummer drought would cause the land where the dam is sought to become a mud flats, spotted with occasional pools which would be fertile breeding grounds of mosquitoes. Also, it was declared, the mud flats would be so ugly, and so mal-odorous that they would drive tourists far far away.

An auxiliary dam, it was declared, would keep the water at an even level, the year 'round.

The delegation also pointed out, privately, that such a project would mean additional well paid labor for men sorely in need of it since being laid off as the Hiwassee dam nears completion.

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N.Y.A. Boys Clean Streets But it is Love's Labor Lost

Thanks to the National Youth Administration, a crew of some 20 boys has been assigned to the town to inaugurate a "clean up" campaign. The boys, paid by the Federal Government, are ridding the streets of dirt and trash.

Unhappily, however, it seems that as soon as the boys started work, some of the town's merchants seized the opportunity to give their stores a thorough sweeping—and dumped the refuse into the streets.

The added dirt more than offset

SANTA TO ARRIVE CHRISTMAS DAY ON SOUTHERN RY

Asks Children To Meet Him And Promises To Have Gift For Each

A private radio message to the Scout from the North Pole states that Santa Claus will arrive in Murphy Sunday afternoon, on the Southern train from Asheville. He wants every boy and girl in these parts to meet him at the depot. He promises a gift for every child who is there.

Santa, as everybody knows, is a busy fellow on Dec. 24. He has plenty of places to go. Nevertheless, he plans to spend a couple of hours in Murphy, to play the star role in the festivities planned at the Community Christmas tree, in the public square.

The recently organized Murphy Band will meet Santa at the station, and after gifts have been passed out, Old Saint Nick, the band, and the children will parade to the Square, where every child between the ages of one and 12 years will receive a Christmas package.

These packages have been made possible by the big hearted people of Murphy. The "gifts for every child" plan is at the result of united efforts by members of the American Legion, the Masons, the Moose, the Lions, The Eastern Star, the Woman's Club, various church organizations, and civic minded merchants.

Volunteer collectors have been going about the town for a week, and they have found a response that has been not only generous, but glad.

Money, toys, and clothing have been donated. The cash will buy candy fruit, and toys which will go to all children between one and 12 years old. The clothing will go to the needy.

Gifts still are pouring in as the Scout goes to press, and are being packaged by a group working under the direction of J. Franklin Smith, Masonic officer and Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. Persons with gifts of any sort to contribute should contact Mrs. J. B. Gray, chairman of the general committee, or Chief of Police Fred Johnson. If you will call Mrs. Gray at number 93 she will see that some one comes to your home for whatever you care to donate. Gifts will be gratefully received until the last possible minute.

There undoubtedly will be a huge gathering at the square—the children to get gifts and talk to Santa, and the grown-ups to get a vicarious thrill by reliving their childhood days. The square will be roped off during the festivities, and traffic will be turned into side streets.

Truly, Murphy is going to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

MEET AT MARTINS CREEK

The Martins Creek Home Demonstration Club met Friday 15th at the school building. A recreational program was enjoyed. Christmas games were played.

Plans were made for the New Year, and a demonstration was given on attractive Christmas decoration for the table.

the work of the boys, and Mayor Gray has enlisted the services of The Scout to request the merchants to cooperate. In other words, store keepers are requested to put their trash in receptacle and NOT sweep it out on the sidewalks. The boys were assigned to the clean-up work by Mrs. Willa Bell Posey, NYA director for Cherokee County. The project was conceived by the Woman's Club. Mrs. Posey also has assigned the services of a boy stenographer and typist to the Chamber of Commerce.