

Boy Who Was Supposed to Die Busy Planning For the Future

Early last year, Wilkesboro Baptist church, later assisted by other groups, contributed money for care and treatment of Tommy Hamby, a boy of the Purlear community who was paralyzed because of an auto accident. He was sent by these groups to Winston-Salem, where he was cared for in a home specializing in that work. Later his case was the subject of an article in the Winston-Salem Journal. Tommy was supposed to die, but didn't, and the following article by Roy

Thompson in the Winston-Salem Journal Saturday morning tells of latest developments:

Tommy Hamby laughed when the horns blew this morning.

For when 1949 was born, Tommy Hamby was supposed to have been dead.

Part of his story has been written before—the story of a county that played Santa Claus, and a Christmas that came in April.

His back and legs had been crippled by a careening automobile . . . his morale and mind had been crippled by loneliness. He was dying, broke, friendless and without hope.

Forsyth Opens Its Heart
The people of Forsyth County read of his plight in The Journal. They wrote letters, paid visits, sent money, brought flowers and showed the boy there was still something to live for.

After several days in which the county went all-out for Tommy Hamby, he had a bank account with more than \$12,000 for his fight for health.

He asked that no more dona-

tions be made. He said he had enough.

Last night, eight months after his adoption by Forsyth County, Tommy Hamby got a kick out of asking that the paper forward his best wishes to Forsyth County for a very Happy New Year.

He has gained approximately 50 pounds since April. He has color in cheeks that were once a pale white. The sores on his legs and hips (the ones doctors said would never heal) have almost completely healed, and the bones that once stuck through the flesh are now covered again.

Smiles Again
Even more important is the change in Tommy Hamby's morale. The deadpan that once plagued photographers blossoms into grins. He likes to talk now and has acquired a string of girl friends.

Faced with a lifetime in beds and wheelchairs, he's making plans that will make that lifetime useful.

His nurse, recognizing the importance of keeping her patient busy, is opening school for a one-man class every night. (Tommy started almost from scratch and is now doing third-grade work in reading, writing and arithmetic.) Leisure hours aren't the bore they used to be. Tommy has learned to embroider, and he takes wheelchair trips to downtown theatres almost weekly.

On Sunday he and his wheelchair go to Urban Street Baptist Church.

Folks at Yontz Convalescent Home, 1312 North Patterson Avenue, yesterday reported a new development.

"I believe he's just about two-thirds in love," one said.

The boy has been getting cards and letters from some of his admirers since April, and with his nurse's help, he's been writing a few letters.

A girl in Copper Valley, Va., wrote a letter and sent a picture. A girl in Ogburn Station came to see him, and left her ring.

About Christmas time, he said, he got so many cards he didn't know what to do with them all.

A year ago, Tommy Hamby had no future. Today, with his health improving daily, he's looking ahead and wondering what is the best course to follow to a happier life.

An angle to be considered is an operation recommended by Baptist Hospital doctors who are donating their services to the boy.

Infection in his legs, they say, will continue to be a threat to his health. Their recommendation is that the boy have the legs amputated. The legs are permanently paralyzed and can never be of use anyway, doctors have agreed. Tommy has agreed to having the operation.

"I'm going to do whatever they think should be done," he said.

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Correct Reporting Social Security Numbers Is Urged

Investigation of 659 social security number errors on social security reports filed by employers of this area consumed part of the time of the employees in his office last month, Louis H. Clement, manager of the social security office said yesterday.

Over and above the time spent in the local office, each investigation places additional burdens on the bookkeeping departments of the Social Security Administration and the employers involved. In most instances time spent in correcting these errors exceeds the time spent in preparing the original report.

Mr. Clement said that although these errors fall into two categories, the same remedy will cure both. "If an employer will insist on actually seeing the social security card as soon as a new employee goes to work, he is certain first, of getting the social security number for each employee and," he emphasized, "second, he is also certain of getting the correct social security number."

"Social Security payments," Mr. Clement continued, "are based on the worker having credit for at least \$50.00 in wages in a specified number of reporting periods. Therefore, the decision to pay or not to pay social security benefits can, and sometimes does, hinge upon whether a worker finally got credit for a relatively small amount of wages which were reported incorrectly by his employer. By the same token, benefit checks are smaller when some wages are not posted to the workers account."

Mr. Clement pointed out that while most employers are making proper reports, the relatively few who turn in incorrect or incomplete reports are endangering the social security protection for which they and their employees have paid.

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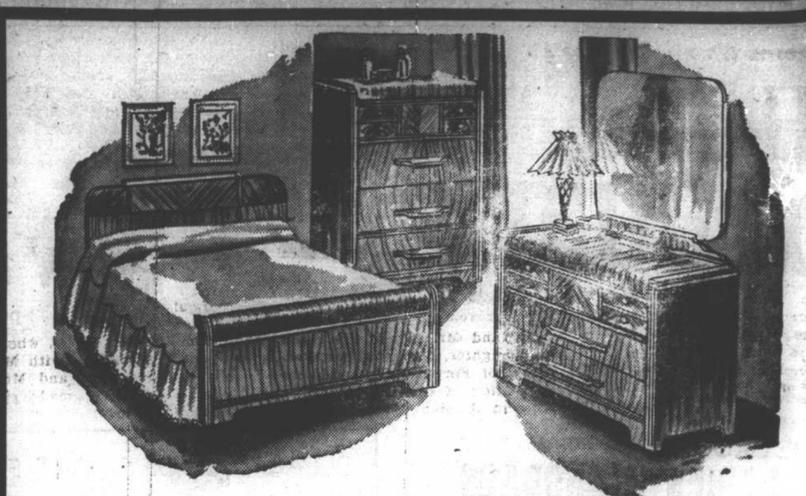
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