

65 Feared Dead In Fire That Wrecked Hospital; Many Survivors Injured

Effingham, Ill., April 5.—The estimated toll of dead and missing rose to 65 today in a horrifying midnight fire that roared at high speed through St. Anthony's

Hospital. The hospital registrar made the estimate. Earlier estimates by reporters and the Red Cross ranged from 47 to 54, and Mayor H. B. Rinehart expressed fear the death list would reach 60.

A dozen newborn babies perished in the holocaust. But one expectant mother escaped thru a window—although in labor—and safely gave birth to a son. The fire burst out of a clothes chute shortly before midnight last night. It leaped fiercely thru wooden-floored halls and quickly engulfed the more than a hundred patients.

The registrar, Miss Helen Wiseman, said 20 identified and 24 unidentified bodies were removed from the debris and 21 were still missing tonight. Records were lost, but she said the hospital believed that 124 pa-

tients and staff members were in the building when it caught fire.

She said it may be several days before all bodies are removed from the smoking rubble piled high inside the blackened walls. The Red Cross said there were 61 identified survivors of the 115 persons it estimated were in the hospital at the time of the fire.

Roaring River Home Club In Meeting

Roaring River Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, 8:15 of March, at the Roaring River school in the home economics room. The meeting was opened by singing.

Our president, Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, was in charge of the business session, and gave the devotionals. Our secretary, Mrs. M. M. Pevette, called the roll, read the minutes of last meeting, and gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. M. H. Lytton, clothing project leader, gave a demonstration on "The Professional Touch" in sewing to give the "tailored look". She explained how to place patterns on the materials, making necessary tracings for pleats, darts, tucks, using a tracer. How to cut bias bindings, stitch and sew bias seams, scallops and hems. Also some of the difficult tricks as binding buttonholes, setting in pockets, sewing in zippers, several other fancy finishing touches. She passed samples she had made for us to see and examine. Each member took one of the samples. We are to try some of the tricks we learned, and wear a new garment to our next club meeting.

Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Sallie Perkins and Mrs. Minnie Pardue. Mrs. Reba Smith, home economics teacher, baked the cake and Mrs. Sallie Perkins made the jello, coffee and orange juice. We appreciate the fine hospitality shown us by Mrs. Smith, also by Mrs. Perkins.

Mrs. Pardue and Mrs. O. C. Bauguss led the games for the social hour.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. D. H. Blackburn on Friday, April 15th. The demonstrations will be "Meal Planning—Three Meals That Measure Up". Everyone welcome.—Reported.

Future Homemakers Club In Meeting

On Monday evening, April 2, the F.H.A. club, under the direction of Miss Ruby Dancy, met with Miss Ann Lott in her home at Finley Park.

Our program, prepared by Miss Lott, consisted of a discussion of plans for improving the home economic department in our school.

In order to raise funds for this purpose, we decided to give a banquet sometime in May. Our special guests will be members of the school board.

Plans were discussed on sponsoring a silver tea and fashion show later in the school year.

After refreshments were served, Mrs. Lott escorted us thru their new home.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Miss Lott and her mother for inviting us to their home for this meeting.

All members who are interested in either our department improvement, our ground improvement project are asked to meet Saturday at 10 a. m. in the home economics department of the North Wilkesboro high school.—Reported by Miss Velma Church.

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The hall was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. Edna Moag, of Greensboro, associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was the installing officer. Mrs. Susie

Williams was the installing marshal. Miss Mabel Hendren was the installing conductress. Mrs. Annie Cline Payne was the installing chaplain. Mr. Harold Moag, past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was the organist. Mr. Jay Anderson was the organist.

Other officials installed were: Miss Breta Poe Scroggs, associate matron; Mr. Ed Crysel, associate patron; Mrs. Lorena Weber, secretary; Mrs. Annie Harmon, treasurer; Mrs. Leona Pardue, conductress; Mrs. Inez Bowles, associate conductress; Mrs. Blanche Gaither, chaplain; Mrs. Sue Sanders, marshal; Mrs.

Brenice Greer, organist; Mrs. Ruby Choate, Adah; Mrs. Virginia Eller, Ruth; Mrs. Mamie Church, Esther; Mrs. Betty Stephens, Martha; Mrs. Georgia DeBerry, Electa; Mrs. Eda Mae Forester, Warder; Mrs. Margaret Higgins, sentinel; Mrs. Estelle Shumaker, Mrs. Annie Laurie Green, Mrs. Emma Lee Gentry, Mrs. Alverta Nichols, flag bearers.

Past officers' Jewels were presented to Mrs. Winnie Duncan, retiring Worthy Matron, and to Mr. Ed Crysel, retiring Worthy Patron. Refreshments were served at the close of the ceremonies.

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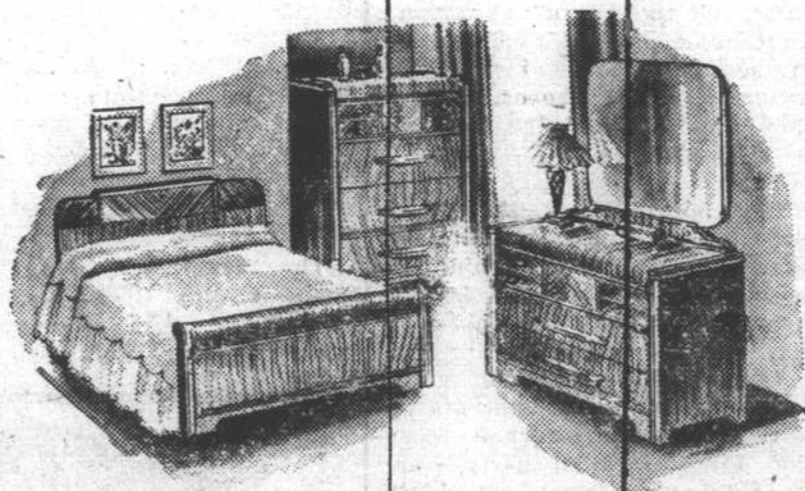
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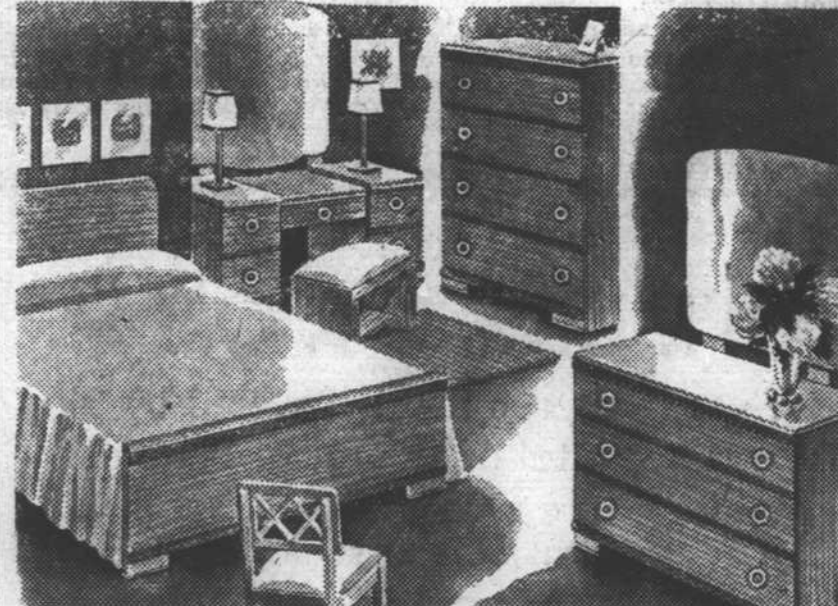
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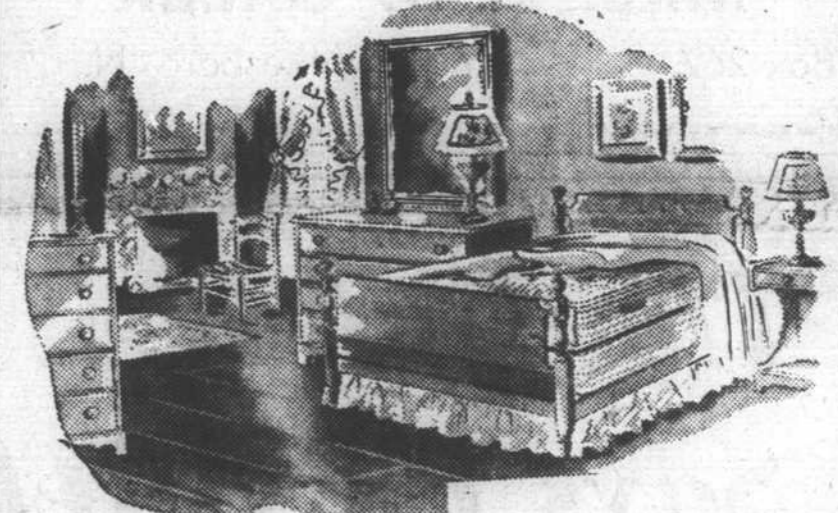
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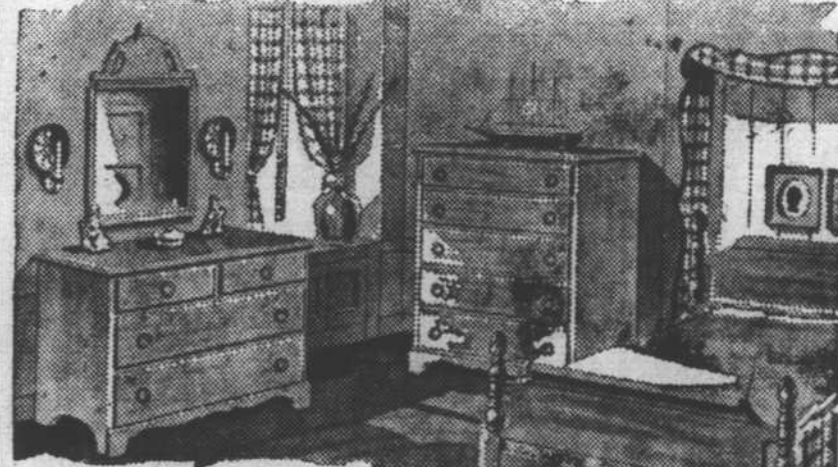
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