

Merry Christmas

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WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA — Rain ending in East this morning. Fair and colder this afternoon and tonight. Sunday some cloudiness and a little warmer. Low tonight near 30 in mountains, 25 to 30 elsewhere in West, and 30 to 35 in East.

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40 DEAD, 75 TRAPPED IN ILLINOIS MINE



Reds Accused Of Seeking New Korean War

TOKYO — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's official radio accused the Communists tonight of "trying to revitalize for a future war in Korea" under a cloak of peaceful intentions in truce negotiations.

The program was beamed to the Communists, in the Korean and Chinese languages, by the voice of the United Nations radio station.

It is probable, the broadcast said, that the Communist truce negotiators will try to stall the armistice negotiations at Panmunjom beyond the 30-day period for which a tentative cease-fire line was drawn.

TUESDAY EXPIRES THURSDAY

The period expires next Thursday, two days after Christmas, and dispatches from Panmunjom indicated that only a miracle could now bring an armistice by that day.

There is a slight chance of forcing an armistice.

In the truce negotiations, Ridgway's radio station said, the Reds seek to fix things so they can build on their own strength during an armistice while the U. N. forces are weakened.

Especially, it pointed out, the

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Next Issue Of Record To Be Wednesday

Today's issue of The Daily Record, which takes the place of the Monday issue, went to press several hours later than usual in order that all last-minute news could be covered before the busy Christmas week-end begins.

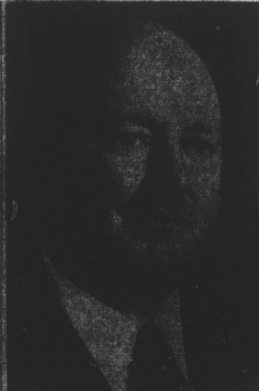
There will be no paper published on Christmas Day, which is the only holiday taken by The Record's faithful employees.

The decision to publish Monday's edition today was reached due to the fact that there is no rural mail delivery on Christmas Day and a paper published Monday would not reach our thousands of rural subscribers until after Christmas.

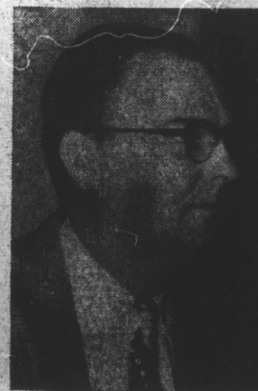
Today's issue contains scores of Christmas greetings from business firms, and the merchants all agreed that a Christmas greeting issue not delivered until after Christmas would be practically useless.

The Daily Record has now over 37 per cent more paid circulation than that of any other newspaper in this area, and

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HENRY SANDLIN



WAITE HOWARD



GROVER HENDERSON

New Chamber Directors Named

Grover C. Henderson, Waite W. Howard and Henry H. Sandlin this morning were announced as the three new directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce and will begin their new duties at the annual business meeting in January.

All three are prominent business, civic, social and religious leaders and active members of the Chamber of Commerce. The announcement was made jointly by President Eugene Smith and Manager Norman Suttles.

They were chosen from a list of 20 nominees voted on by mail during the past week by the membership.

THESE REMAINING

The new directors succeed three whose term is expiring. The retiring directors are: Guyton Smith, a former president, Al Wullenwaber and Locke Muse.

Other members of the board who will continue to serve are: Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, Earl McD. Westbrook, Clarence E. McLamb, Henry Tyler, Charles Skinner and President Smith.

Reorganization of the board and election of the president will take place prior to the annual banquet.

DEAR SANTA:

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. My mother says I have been a good boy this year.

Please bring me a pig-saw, and leave something for my dog Lady, and for my cat, Virginia. Also remember all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Charles Bassford
Dunn, N. C.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old.

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Death Total In Blast May Reach 120

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. — The first four bodies were hoisted from the explosion-torn depths of the world's largest shaft coal mine today and rescuers battled sticky smoke to reach more than 100 other miners believed caught and possibly dead in the blast.

Coroner David Clayton said reports relayed from the rescuers had said at least 40 men were killed and another 75 trapped. Many of those trapped were feared dead, he said.

FOUR BODIES REMOVED

Only four injured men were taken from the pit within the first 11 hours after the explosion rocked the New Orient mine last night.

It was estimated that 215 to 220 men were in the mine at the time of the blast. Of this number, 20 men were believed above ground and alive.

Walter Eadie, Illinois director of mines and minerals who arrived at the scene a short time after the blast, said he believed "a large number of bodies" would be recovered.

This morning all power at the mine shaft failed, knocking out the elevator and communications to those working in the shaft, and darkness below.

"It's blown all to hell," one grimy miner said as he sat in the locker room after a shift in the mine.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

CHARLOTTE — Federal Alcohol Tax Unit agents played hob with illegal Christmas "milk" this week, pouring out 200 gallons of bootleg liquor in North Carolina, the ATF office reported today.

Agents staged 33 raids which netted 47 arrests during the week. They confiscated nine automobiles, three trucks and three shotguns, destroying 20,275 gallons of moonshine during the raids.

RALEIGH — Twenty-six new highway patrolmen were sworn in here yesterday by Secretary of State Telford B. Evans. The men completed an eight-week training course at Chapel Hill and were

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Local Churches Planning For Christmas Observance

Special Christmas worship services scheduled in churches throughout the area will lend emphasis to the season that means the most to Christians the world over. All churches schedule special services for Sunday and several churches are holding Christmas eve services Monday.

Rev. Richard R. Gammon, pastor of the Dunn Presbyterian Church, will bring the Christmas message to his congregation at the 11:00 a. m. services. The choir will sing for young people and college students. At the conclusion of the meal these present will join other young people in singing Christmas carols through the community.

Monday night at 11:30, Rev. Mr. Gammon will conduct a special Christmas Eve service with its

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Millionth Road Victim Counted At Noon Today

By UNITED PRESS

CHICAGO — An automobile claimed their millionth victim in the United States as of noon EST today, the National safety Council announced.

Who it was will never be known. The place where he or she died, and the type of traffic accident that snuffed out the millionth life to be taken since the advent of the automobile, were not known.

The council announced the figure and time — described by President Ned H. Dearborn as "a day no civilized country should ever see" — on the basis of press association reports and its own tabulations.

Millions of Americans were on the move today, making their annual Christmas migration, but snow and frigid weather slowed them to a crawl in much of the nation.

Rail, bus and air terminals were jammed with travelers and extra runs were added to bear the holiday load. Many of the prospective passengers were servicemen going home for Christmas.

The National Safety Council said the long weekend might result in one of the highest holiday traffic death tolls in history as motorists try to beat their way through snow-clogged roads.

The council said 600 might die

One of them will be the millionth traffic victim since the automobile's invention.

BUS DRIVERS STRIKE

A strike of 240 Carolina Trailways bus drivers which began at midnight hampered travelers along the Atlantic Seaboard. The strike affected buses between Norfolk, Va. and the Carolina border in the east, east of Richmond and Danville, Va., and Charlotte and Fayetteville, N. C. The drivers want more money and vacation time.

The weather alone was claiming many lives. Since the current series of storms and cold waves began eight days ago, 364 persons have died directly or indirectly attributable to the weather.

The highway situation was so bad that the drifts even stalled 13 snow plows near Joliet, Ill.

Most of the nation East of the Rockies was gripped in a severe cold wave as winter made its official entry into the northern hemisphere at 11:01 a. m. EST. The cold trailed South of Texas and headed East toward the Atlantic Coast.

It was so chilly at Portland, Ore., that the snow's polar bear came down with pneumonia.

Police in nine San Francisco area

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BULLETINS

MEXICO CITY — The Southern Pacific Railroad Co. of Mexico sold its property today to the Mexican government for \$12,000,000. It was announced by government officials. The railroad will be run by the Secretary of Communications.

WASHINGTON — The Army said today that the 31st Division, composed of National Guard troops from Alabama and Mississippi, will be transferred in April from its training base at Fort Jackson, S. C., to Camp Atterbury, Ind.

SAGINAW, Mich. — Three small children were burned to death in their beds early today when a fire believed to have started by an overheated coal stove raged the second floor of a small frame apartment building. Eighteen other occupants escaped.

HOLLYWOOD — Actor's agent Jennings Lang, shot

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Churchill Planning For Belt Tightening

LONDON — Prime Minister Winston Churchill is expected to start early in the new year a belt-tightening program that may make Sir Stafford Cripps, the former symbol of austerity, look like Santa Claus.

Churchill and his Cabinet hope to have the drastic program in shape to start when the House of Commons returns at the end of January.

It will be Churchill's peace time tears, sweat but — he hopes — no blood way of saving Britain from bankruptcy. It also will be his way of avoiding asking the United States now for any new special aid.

Churchill was reported to be convinced that the first step away from bankruptcy for Britain is to pull in its belt more, although Britons have been doing that more or

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Story Of Dying Child Turns Out To Be Reporter's Yarn

A reporter's "tearjerker" story intimating that this might be the last Christmas for seven-year-old Granville Stephenson of Dunn Rt. 3, today turned out to be a case of gross exaggeration and misstatement.

Dr. Frank Engels of Duke Hospital told The Daily Record this morning that the story published in a local paper and then sent out on the wires was "completely inaccurate and ridiculous."

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Stephenson, does have Addison's disease, which is rare for children, and diabetes has developed, pointed out Dr. Engels.

"But both diseases are well under treatment, his condition is satisfactory and there's no reason why, with proper treatment, he can't live to a ripe old age," Dr. Engels told The Record.

A story written by a newcomer who stated that "It may be his last Christmas—if he reaches that date at all."

do any good and they sometimes can do a lot of harm."

The Associated Press in Charlotte last night telephoned The Daily Record to verify the facts

in the story and, when given the correct information, killed the story.

"I guess somebody just wanted to do a Christmas tear-jerker," AP told The Record.

RARE FOR CHILDREN

Addison's disease is named when the adrenal glands fail to function properly and to supply the body with sufficient hormones. It has become necessary to supply the hormones by tablets or by injections.

Dr. Moore, who has treated the boy for about a year, pointed out that Addison's disease works about like diabetes.

"As long as a diabetic takes insulin and takes care of himself, he'll be alright; the same is true for a person suffering with Addison's disease," pointed out Dr. Moore.

NO NEED FOR ALARM

He said that while the disease is extremely rare in children, it is not so good, as most adults are not so easily alarmed and worried by headlines.

Dr. Moore, Dr. Engels and Duke Hospital said the boy's condition was not so serious as the story had

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