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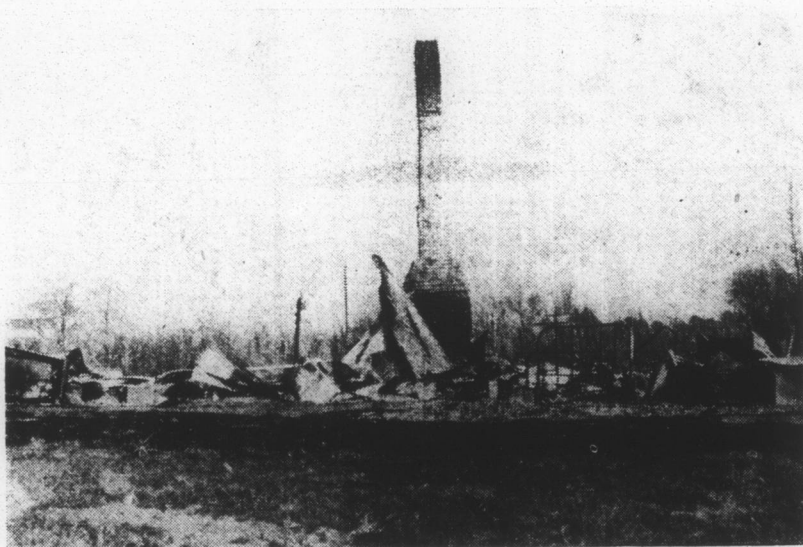
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14 Women Die In W. Va. Hospital Fire



About 100 Others Suffering From Smoke And Shock

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (P) — Firemen searched through the charred interior of a building at the Huntington State Mental Hospital today for the cause of a Thanksgiving eve blaze which killed 14 women.

Nearly 100 other inmates of the 51-year-old building suffered smoke poisoning or shock from the fire which caused an estimated \$75,000 damage. None was in serious condition.

Dr. Robert Barrett Cabell, county coroner, said 13 of the victims suffocated and one was burned fatally. The fire originated in a basement storeroom of the three-story brick structure.

Firemen had to run ladders to the second and third floors of the building and then chop through wire mesh screens covering the windows to reach some of the screaming patients. Others were led down a central staircase before the blaze became too intense.



TAKES NEW POST — Corporal Francis Hall, pictured here, has accepted a position as special detective for the Atlantic Coast Line and this week is ending his duties with the Dunn police department. Corporal Hall has served with the Dunn force for about two years.

Sheriff Salmon Is Fast Worker

Some stolen goods that were taken from the Walter Tucker Store in Shawtown were recovered before the robbers had time to make use of any of them it was reported by Sheriff W. E. Salmon today. Sheriff Salmon said the SBI agents are still working on the Burlington safe robbery which took place at the R. M. Burlington place in Lillington. Robbers carted off the safe and knocked it open after finding it difficult to open at the Burlington place. None of the valuable papers in the safe were missing when the safe was found on the Old River Road. The sheriff thinks all the thieves will be captured soon.

Today Happy One For This Fellow

NEW YORK (P) — Gustave Kopezel, 42, had the "happiest Thanksgiving of my life" today. A judge yesterday set aside a five-to-20-year sentence Kopezel was given in 1944 for robbery on grounds Kopezel had been mistakenly listed as a second offender. The court said actually Kopezel had served six years more than necessary for his crime. As Kopezel left the courtroom, Judge Louis Goldstein gave him a seven-pound turkey.

Holiday Turkey - - But With The Navy

WITH U. S. 3RD DIVISION, Korea (P) — Cpl. Harry Wise of Spring Hills, Pa., chosen as the "outstanding soldier" in his regiment, got his award today—a Thanksgiving dinner with the Navy.

Icy Highways Boost Toll Of Holiday Deaths

By UNITED PRESS
Icy, wind-whipped highways left in the wake of the season's first blizzard helped to boost the toll of Thanksgiving traffic deaths today.

A United Press tabulation showed that at least 22 persons had died in traffic accidents. New York and Indiana topped the nation with four each.

Deaths caused solely by the blizzard rose to 31. The count jumped sharply upward when four persons drowned in Michigan's St. Clair River.

Authorities said the four victims were returning to an Indian colony home on Walpole Island in a small boat when eight-foot waves lashed by the howling winds capsized the craft.

BLIZZARD BLOWING OUT
The blizzard which ripped into an area from the Texas Panhandle northward through Minnesota appeared to be blowing itself out. The heavy snowfall abated, but gale winds remained to pack the snow into waist high drifts.

A nine-inch snowfall that hit Minneapolis nearly wiped out the city's street maintenance fund. City Engineer Hugo Erickson said the snow cost the city about \$10,000 an inch.

New Packard On Display Friday

The 1953 Packard, acclaimed as America's most exciting car, will go on display here Friday morning in the showrooms of Strickland's Auto Service on East Broad Street. "It is the most beautiful automobile we have ever been privileged to show," declares Robert Strickland, who recently attended a showing of the new Packard at the Waldorf in New York.

Accompanying him to the showing were Mrs. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Strickland, Jr., and Mrs. Charles McLamb, at Howdy Youngblood.

MANY NEW FEATURES
The 1953 Packard features many new engineering improvements, along with beautiful new designs. Interiors and other features which will make the car in great demand.

It's a big car value at medium car cost. Packard has the world's highest-compression engine, and Packard is the only car that has Ultramatic, the automotive drive proved unsurpassed for super-smooth performance.

Packard offers many body styles and the most fashionable interiors.

ENGINEERING HIGHLIGHTS
Following are listed some of the 1953 engineering highlights for Packard Clippers and Deluxe Clippers:

ENGINE — L-head, eight cylinders in line. Specially treated aluminum alloy, steel strut pistons. Removable precision-type main and connecting rod bearings. 14 mm. spark plugs. All capacity: 7 quarts. Deluxe Clipper: displacement 327 (Continued on Page Two)

SUFFERS BROKEN ARM
Becky Aycock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Aycock, Jr., broke her arm today in a fall at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Aldredge.

NO HOME FOR THANKSGIVING — Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall and their seven children today were homeless and have only the clothing they're wearing as the result of a fire that completely destroyed their home night before last. The Halls lived on the dairy farm of A. B. Godwin, Jr., where Hall is employed. Six of the children were home at the time of the fire but their mother was at the Dunn Hospital visiting the seventh child, who has pneumonia. The family is in dire need of assistance. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart).

They Die By The Thousands, But Line Remains Unchanged

SEOUL, Korea (P) — Thousands of men have died, scores of thousands have been wounded or taken prisoner in the last 12 months. But the demarcation line which hopeful truce delegates fixed on Nov. 27, 1952 is almost the same.

"It hasn't changed significantly," an 8th Army officer said. "It remains generally as agreed last November."

There was high hope for peace when armistice negotiators agreed on the line, pending a formal truce. There were some happy and optimistic soldiers and only a few pessimists who now seem wise.

Then — a year ago — a mysterious 8th Army order went out to the front:

ARMISTICE FADED

The idea that a "little armistice" had been agreed upon was scotched — finally by President Truman himself.

But for a few days, it was "all quiet" and it looked as if Chinese troops had been ordered not to look for trouble. Forward observers saw them playing volleyball in front of their positions.

But eventually the United Nations and Communist armies went back to a shooting war. Even then the front was quiet for a long time. Both sides strengthened their defenses while the truce teams talked.

BLOODY FIGHTING AGAIN

Now bloody fighting has broken out, and the Reds may launch a major offensive at any time.

Even in the comparatively quiet year — up to a few weeks ago — the fighting has been costly.

The 8th Army casualty report shows that 137,000 Communist troops have been killed, wounded or captured during the 12 months — the equivalent of 20 Chinese divisions. Ninety thousand were killed.

Holiday In Harnett Starts Off Quietly

A survey by The Daily Record at noon today showed that things were quiet on this Thanksgiving Day throughout Harnett, but officials were keeping their fingers crossed.

Harnett Sheriff Bill Salmon and Coroner Grover Henderson expressed a sigh of relief that they got through the morning without answering a call of violence, but they were frankly skeptical.

CITES PAST RECORD

"We usually have at least one murder on Thanksgiving," pointed out Sheriff Salmon, recalling that one Thanksgiving several years ago Harnett had two murders, seven wrecks and a variety of other crimes in one day. That was the year that a crippled youth in Western Harnett was thrown into a deep well. His assailants later received 17-20 years in prison.

Coroner Henderson this morning declared it would be a real Thanksgiving if Harnett could go through the holiday and weekend without a single highway fatality or homicide. Already, Dunn had one homicide this week. (Continued On Page Two)

Maybe They Enjoy Caveman Treatment

Apparently some Harnett County women like neglect or the "caveman" treatment.

Four cases were called in Recorder's Court Tuesday charging husbands with either beating or abandoning their wives. In every instance the wife declined to testify.

"I think we will just have to stop issuing warrants in the wife's name, and get a third party in the first place," said Solicitor Neil Ross.

MARRIED HIM

Then came the fifth case. The prosecuting witness had married the man she claimed had hit her. The newly wed like the other wives, was taxed the costs.

Scrapes Paint Off The Wrong House

ALBANY, N. Y. (P) — Painter J. H. Guido got one whole side of a house here completely scraped of paint before he discovered he was supposed to be working on a house with the same address in nearby Delmar. His mistake cost him \$150 in a city court damage suit yesterday.

Hux To Burn Two Bibles

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. (P) — A Baptist minister declared a "holocaust" today on the new revised standard version of the Bible and said he now plans to burn two copies for the benefit of an expected overflow crowd here Sunday.

The Rev. Martin Luther Hux of Temple Baptist Church said he would burn one copy inside his church and then go outside and burn another for those who can't get in. Hux said he has received letters from as far away as Canada and California and expects many. (Continued On Page Two)

Edwards To Head Jolly Boys Club

The Jolly Boy's Club is the temporary name of the new club a group of local boys organized in a meeting at Charlie's Grill Tuesday evening.

Aims of the club are to promote better youth recreation in their community and to provide wholesome entertainment for its members.

The club now has eleven charter members. Other boys will be sent cards inviting them to join if they wish to.

Officers for the club were elected as follows: Pres., Esquil Edwards; vice-pres., Louis Strickland; secretary, C. W. Surles; treasurer, Frank Campbell and sergeant-at-arms, Raymond West.

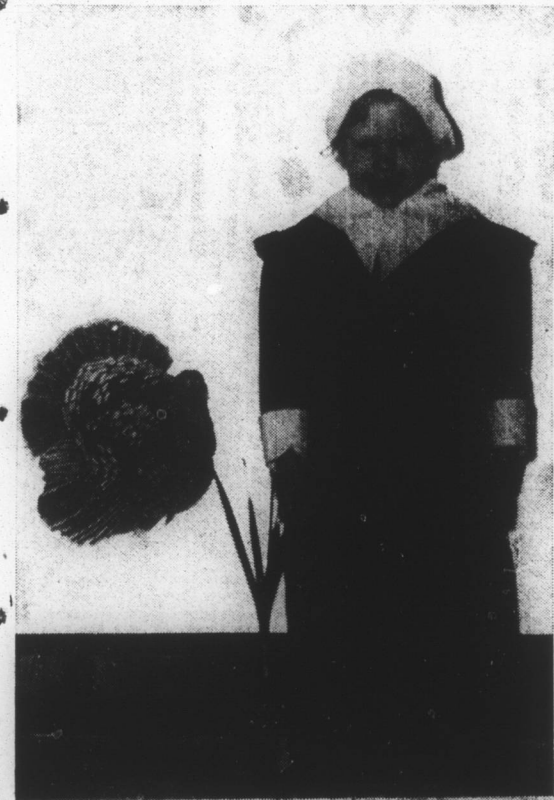
The group elected Mr. Empie Hall as the sponsor of the club.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (P) — The Thanksgiving bill of fare in county jail here today: Chicken and all the trimmings. The menu in city jail: Bologna.



ESKILL EDWARDS



DUNN PILGRIM — Pretty little Margaret Lowder, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowder of Dunn, today was celebrating Thanksgiving in the old fashioned way — pilgrim costume and all. The pilgrim costume was sent to her by her granny, Mrs. James J. Longhi of Plymouth, Mass. Margaret is a first grader in the Marks School here. (Daily Record Photo by Mrs. George Marks).

Ike Leads Nation In Carving Turkey

NEW YORK (P) — President-elect Eisenhower romped with his grandchildren and carved the turkey today on a Thanksgiving holiday that contrasted sharply with his grim chore ahead, a visit to the Korean battlefield.

The Republican president-to-be took a day off from the bustle of his midtown headquarters to remain, according to members of his staff, at his residence on Morningside Drive.

Removed for the day, at least from the task of putting together an administration and from the tense planning for his Korean trip, Eisenhower devoted himself to his family.

James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said the president-elect planned to remain at the house all day, but would have a heavy list of official engagements tomorrow.

Celebrating Thanksgiving with

the former general and his wife, Mamie, will be her mother, Mrs. Elvira Doud of Denver.

The center of attraction, however, will be the three grandchildren of the President-elect — David, 4; Barbara Anne, 3; and the baby of the family, Susan, 10 months. They are the children of Maj. and Mrs. John Eisenhower. Mrs. Eisenhower will be on hand with the children today, but the son of the President-elect is on duty in Korea.

TURKEY AND TRIMMINGS

Hagerty said Thanksgiving dinner would star the traditional turkey and customary trimmings. (Continued on page two)

10 Sentenced To Death For Treason

VIENNA, Austria (P) — Former Communist Czech Foreign Minister Vladimir Clementis, Rudolf Slansky, once chief of the Czech Red party, and nine other one-time party and government leaders were sentenced to death today on charges of treason and espionage, Prague Radio said.

Three other defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment, the radio said.

The 14 defendants were found guilty on all charges of treason, espionage and attempting to overthrow the Red Regime of President Klement Gottwald, Prague Radio said.

TO BE HANGED

Sentenced to be hanged with Clementis and Slansky were: Bedrich Geminder, former deputy secretary general and once the Kremlin's international representative in Czechoslovakia; Gen. Karl Svab, former deputy minister of national security; Lt. Gen. Bedrich Reicin, former deputy minister of defense and chief of intelligence; Ludwik Frejka, former economic adviser to Gottwald; Rudolf Margolius, former deputy minister for foreign

trade; Andre Simone, former writer for the official Czech Communist newspaper Rude Pravo, whose real name is Otto Katz; Josef Frank, another deputy secretary general; Otto Sling, former party chief in the Brno District and Otto Fisl; former ambassador to East-Germany.

Sentenced to life imprisonment according to the Prague Radio were: Arthur London and Vavro Hajdu, former deputy foreign ministers under Clementis, and Evzen Loebel, a former deputy foreign trade minister.

Of the defendants only Clementis, Svab and Frank are not Jews. The sentences followed six days of testimony in which the defendants pleaded guilty to treason, espionage, murder and attempted murder, Prague Radio reported.