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40 Injured In Station Wreck

Runaway Train Crashes Barrier In Washington

WASHINGTON (P) — A runaway Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train crashed at high speed through the barriers at Union Station today and the engine and two coaches plunged through the concourse floor to the lower level.

More than 40 persons, all passengers, were injured. At least three suffered serious fractures. Others were treated for cuts, bruises and shock. Officials said apparently no one was killed.

As the train hit the barrier witnesses estimated its speed at 55 to 60 miles an hour.

Air brakes of the electric engine of "The Federal," the Pennsylvania's crack train from Boston, failed and the train hit the barrier at high speed.

JAM AT DOORS

Crowds in the concourse, seeing the train bearing down on them, rushed toward the station doors and jammed up there. As the engine and first three coaches smashed into the concourse the concrete floor gave way and they plummeted into the lower level.

The train left New York at 4:30 a. m. and was due here at 8:20 a. m. The accident occurred shortly after 8:20.

Among the first victims was a man with a broken back, a colored woman with fractures of both legs, and a man with a broken leg. They were among 12 taken from the coaches and rushed to a Casualty Hospital.

Edward Coch of Baltimore, Md., an employe of the Washington Post, was aboard the second coach behind the engine when it plunged into the concourse.

RUNNING FAST

"The train went into the yards and the station at a high rate of speed," Coch said. "The conductor came running through my car and told everyone to lie down on the floor, grab something and brace themselves because 'we are going straight through.' The engineer was blowing his whistle all the time."

In smashing through the barriers (Continued on Page Eight)

Homecoming Set At County Seat

H. H. Hamilton, principal of the Lillington High School, today said that plans are being formulated to celebrate on February 6 the first official Homecoming the school has ever observed.

Former students are being invited to return for the festivities highlighted by a basketball game in the gymnasium between Lillington and Erwin. Alumni will have reserved seats at the game. During the half a Varsity Queen will be crowned in appropriate ceremonies. Members of the boys' basketball team will select the Queen from a list of nominees. One girl's name submitted by each of the home rooms.

Following the game tentative plans call for a dance and open house at the Community Center for alumni. Several classes have indicated they will stage individual class reunion suppers, earlier the same night.

Miss Cathryn Cressman is serving as general chairman of the Homecoming celebration and is assisted by a corp of committees from the faculty and the community.

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Truman Valedictory In Address Tonight

WASHINGTON (P) — A large turnout of reporters was expected at President Truman's 324th and last official news conference at 4 p. m. e. s. t. today.

Tonight, at 10:30 e. s. t., he will deliver a farewell "fireside chat" to the nation. It will be carried nationwide over all radio and television networks.

Except when he was out of town campaigning or vacationing, Mr. Truman has held weekly news conferences ever since he entered the White House nearly eight years ago. He even met reporters occasionally when vacationing at Key West, Fla.

Accustomed to regular question and answer sessions with Mr. Truman and the late President Roosevelt, Capital reporters have been waiting anxiously for Pres-

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TO APPEAR ON NATIONAL PROGRAM — The Smile-A-While boys, popular local radio broadcasting team composed of James Thornton and Hayden Ivey of Benson, who have been heard here for the past six years will appear Saturday evening, January 25, on the Grand Ole Opry program from Nashville, Tenn. They will sing and play several of their own compositions including "Highway 301." They present a varied program of hillbilly tunes, love songs and hymns. (Daily Record Photo)

Ike Appointees Face Questions From Senators

By JOHN L. STEELE
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Correspondent

WASHINGTON (P) — John Foster Dulles and seven other top appointees of the Eisenhower administration faced Senate questioning today on their finances, affiliations and fitness for high public offices.

Most Republicans were certain to vote for confirmation of the appointments. And there was no immediate sign that Democrats planned to oppose President-elect Eisenhower's choices for his official family.

Dulles, prospective secretary of state, was called to testify at a public session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

CLOSED DOOR MEET

Charles E. Wilson, defense secretary-designate, was to meet with the Armed Services Committee behind closed doors.

Ezra Taft Benson of Utah, agriculture secretary-designate, was called to testify in public session at 2 p. m. e. s. t. before the Agriculture Committee.

The Interior Committee called incoming interior secretary, Douglas McKay of Oregon, behind closed doors.

The Eisenhower appointments actually are being considered informally because the President-elect cannot officially submit their names to the Senate for confirmation until he is inaugurated next Tuesday. The rush action is being taken at Eisenhower's request. He wants his cabinet sworn in on Inauguration Day and the Senate will vote on them then.

There were advance reports that Dulles would be questioned about testimony recently given to a House committee that he first suggested Alger Hiss, convicted perjurer, as president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dulles was a trustee of the endowment at the time Hiss was hired.

WANT BACKGROUND

However, Sens. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), both Foreign Relations Committee members through the questioning would center more on Dulles' "general background" (Continued on Page Six)

Umstead Better, Plans To Name TV Study Group

By STELLA CREECH
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RALEIGH (P) — Gov. William B. Umstead, reported in "very satisfactory condition" in a Durham hospital, was expected to name 12 legislators today to a study committee authorized by the General Assembly to survey state use of educational television facilities.

On Umstead's recommendation, the legislature set up the study commission yesterday. The group will determine what use North Carolina can make of ultra high frequency TV channels allotted to the state for educational and cultural purposes.

The governor said the state must decide by June 2 whether to accept use of the TV channels offered by the Federal Communications Commission.

ONE MOVE LEFT

The only organizational move now left before the full assembly can (Continued on Page Six)

Two Benson Men On National Programs

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Next Wednesday, January 21, two Benson men will embark upon an adventure which will might have fairly tale results. On that day James Thornton and Hayden Ivey, Benson's hill billy musicians, will leave early in the morning for an automobile trip to Louisville, Kentucky

where they will be special guests that evening on Pee Wee King's television show from 10:30 to 11:00 o'clock. They will present a program of their own composition.

On Thursday the Bensonites will motor to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they will be received by King Recording Studios to record six tunes with King Records. The recording will be their original words and music which include "Highway 301." (Continued on page two)

District Senators In Committee Posts

Two Senators who represent the 12th District, which includes Harnett, were assigned to important committees by Lt. Governor Luther Hodges yesterday.

L. F. Ross of Randolph was made vice-chairman of the insurance committee, and was assigned to Banks and Currency, Finance, Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce, Retirement-Employment Security, Salaries and Fees committees.

Senator J. B. Thomas of Hoke was made chairman of the Committee on Salaries and Fees and was assigned to committees on Banks and Currency, Conservation and Development, Agriculture and Penal Institutions.

State Senator Henry Vann of Sampson was named chairman of the Committee on Journal, Engraving, Enrolling and Printing and was assigned to committees on Appropriations, Banks and Currency, Conservation and Development, Insurance, Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce.

Senator Adam J. Whitley, Jr., of Johnston was made chairman of the Propositions and Grievances committee, was named vice chairman of the agriculture committee, and was also assigned to the Education, Finance, Rules and Interstate and Federal Relations committees.

Final Rites Set For Howard Baby

The one-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Waite Howard of Dunn died Thursday morning in Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Graveside services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in Greenwood Cemetery here.

Other details were incomplete at noon today.

Scout Leaders Meet In Raleigh

Scout leaders of the Oconeechee Council met last night at Raleigh to make plans for the council's activities during the coming year. District Commissioner John Follett and S. David Smith of Bule's Creek and District Chairman Glenn Hooper, Jr., and Heschel Barbour, a member of his staff, represented Harnett.

Plans were outlined for the formation of several new troops in the Harnett County District, and prospective outdoor activities during the summer months ahead were outlined by the council leaders.

Commissioner Follett promised to increase the number of neighborhood commissioners in Harnett County from the five at present to eight.

The inspirational meeting was a valuable source of ideas for the improvement and extension of scouting activities throughout the district.

BULLETINS

CHICAGO (P) — Mrs. Sonja Birnbaum won a divorce when she testified that her husband clocked her long-distance telephone calls with an egg-timer. She said it embarrassed her in front of her friends.

CINCINNATI, O. (P) — Grace and Graham Hunt Jr., noticed three ducks frozen in a lake and risked their necks by walking out on the ice to free them. The ducks promptly jumped back in and remained frozen there until the weather broke.

WASHINGTON (P) — Rep. George Bender has called on Congress to admit a new state to the Union—Ohio. The Ohio Republican claims the midwestern territory never was officially admitted because of a slip-up in 1803 when Congress ignored the Constitution it forwarded for approval.

WASHINGTON (P) — President-elect Eisenhower should (Continued on page two)



NEW CADILLAC ON DISPLAY — The new 1953 Cadillac went on display today at Lee Motors here and customers flocked in to see the smart new 1953 model. In the photo, Wilbert Lee, center foreground, owner, is shown explaining some of the new features to an interested customer as two others in the background look the beautiful new model over. Lee is proud of the latest model, which he terms one of the most beautiful and expertly designed cars he has seen since he has been in the automobile business. (Daily Record Photo by Louis Dearborn)

Legless Man Finds A Home; Is Jailed For Seven Days

By LOIS BYRD
Record Correspondent

Clarence Leon Bryan, 63-year-old man minus both feet and any place to stay, today had gained a temporary shelter—seven days in the county jail.

Bryan's volunteer attorney A. R. Taylor, on Tuesday in Recorder's Court entered a plea of guilty to drawing Bryant a compulsory six months sentence at the county home, from which Bryant was evicted on orders of the welfare department.

"If the welfare department will not act, perhaps the court should," said Taylor. But the judge was quickly informed that since the conversion of the county home into a boarding home, the court can no longer sentence any offender to the institution.

Judge M. O. Lee, faced with little evidence of public drunkenness, suspended prayer for judgment for two years on condition Bryant remain sober. The elderly man reluctantly hobbled out of the warm court room into the cold where he has spent his time for the past week.

NO PLACE TO SLEEP However, later in the afternoon informed that Bryant had no place to sleep, Judge Lee immediately entered an order for seven day commitment in jail.

Meantime, irate citizens of Lillington and Summerville Community, which adjoins the county home, made the Bryant case a rallying point for long slumbering criticism of the county welfare department. (Continued on Page 8)

County Board Visits Schools

Members of the Harnett County Board of Education on Tuesday visited Johnsonville Negro school, Boone Trail and Benhaven high schools in the second of a series of visits to determine the county's most pressing school needs.

Chairman Sidney G. Thomas of Broadway, A. C. Barefoot of Angler, and Bob Baggett of Lillington made the inspection tour and conferred with members of the local school committees. W. E. Nichols of Coats and Charles Skinner of Dunn were absent.

County Superintendent G. T. Proffit also accompanied the board

1953 Nash To Go On Display

Nash Motors today announced its new 1953 Ambassador and Statesman models, featuring original continental styling and numerous mechanical advancements. The new Nash will go on display here tomorrow at Larry's Nash Motors in Dunn and Manager L. F. Watkins today extended to the public a cordial invitation to see the beautiful new models.

Highlighted by the advanced styling of Pinin Farina, renowned European custom body designer of Turin, Italy, the new models will be in display in dealer showrooms throughout the country tomorrow (Jan. 16).

Mr. Watkins today revealed that the 1953 Statesman is powered by the new "Powerflyte" engine, and a new optional LeMans Dual Jetfire engine is offered in the Ambassador. New Nash power steering is available. (Continued on page two)



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I. R. WILLIAMS

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