

Former English King Edward VIII Makes Radio Talk

Tells World He Found It Impossible To Carry Burden Under Conditions

His Own Decision

Former Queen Mary And New King George Stood By As He Prepared To Leave

Creating almost as much world-wide interest and excitement as the actual abdication of the King of England, was his message to the English people and the world on Friday afternoon as he spoke over the radio at 6:00 o'clock.

"You must believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as King as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love."

"And I want you to know that the decision I have made has been mine and mine alone."

To the 495,000,000 subjects of the far-flung realm over which he reigned until but a few hours before, Edward David Windsor said slowly and clearly:

"This was a thing I had to judge entirely for myself."

"The other person most nearly concerned has tried up to the last to persuade me to take a different course."

"I have made this, the most serious decision of my life, only upon the single thought of what would be in the end the best for all."

In a voice as slow and strong as the words he was speaking, the man who had been Britain's King pledged heartfelt allegiance to his younger brother, the new King George VI.

He sought to dispel for all time the vestige of reports of bitterness between himself and Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, the man who told his King he must not

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One Country Has But Ten Jobless

One country which does not have to worry about the problem of unemployment relief is the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

In the whole of this tiny principality there are only 10 jobless persons, and their support costs the government but \$45 a week.

Luxembourg is bounded by Germany, Belgium and France. It formed part of the Germanic Confederation, 1815-66, but in 1867 the Treaty of London declared it a neutral territory under the sovereignty of the Netherlands.

It was invaded by the Germans during the World War, but liberated in 1918. By the Treaty of Versailles it was declared free of all ties with Germany. The Duchy is rich in iron ore. Luxembourg, the capital, has a population of 54,250.

A Visit From St. Nicholas

By Clement Clarke Moore



XVIII His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

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ONLY 10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Wednesday Is Date Set Assembly Adjournment As Plans Now Indicate

Studies Her Own Kidnaping Case



June Robles, now 9 years old, is interested in newspaper accounts of new efforts to bring to justice the person who kidnaped her, April 24, 1934, and held her prisoner for 19 days in a crude cage in the desert near Tucson, Ariz.

Sanitary Survey To Be Made Soon

Contract Will Probably Be Let Thursday For Survey Of Town Of Asheboro

Purchase Hose

Work On New Pipeline Progressing Well Despite Unfavorable Weather

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The city commissioners met in a regular meeting Thursday night at which time several matters were discussed but no decisions made on any important matter.

A. C. Linberg of Burlington appeared before the board seeking the contract for the sanitary survey of the Asheboro sewer and water system decided upon at the last meeting. The contract will probably be let Thursday.

The plans which have been drawn up for the laying out of the new city cemetery were approved. A. E. Taplin of High Point is the engineer in charge.

The commissioners authorized the purchase of 300 feet of fire hose. All other business was of routine nature.

Despite the handicaps of the weather work on the new 12 inch pipe line is progressing well. The last load of pipe has now been received, and the line has been completed to the edge of town.

Community News Of Seagrove Rt.

Seagrove, route 1, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Debbie Boroughs and daughters, Miss Bettye Boroughs, have moved to this community from near Ether. They are occupying the P. L. Boroughs house.

Mrs. Jerry Cox, who has been a patient at the Randolph hospital, has recovered sufficiently to be at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Russell, in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cagle, D. R. Graves, Clyde Graves, G. W. Hunt, M. C. Auman, G. W. Hunt, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Stuart, Miss Nancy Auman and Miss Aubrey Hunt attended the funeral and burial of Henry Gilliland at Providence church on Sunday. Mr. Gilliland is a former resident of this community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wright, on December 1, a son, M. C. Auman was in Raleigh Wednesday and Thursday.

Why Not church Sunday school will present a Christmas pageant, "The Light Shined," on the evening of December 20th.

ELECTRIC POWER OFF THIS AFTERNOON

The Carolina Power & Light Company has announced that the power will be turned off Sunday afternoon December 13th from 1:30 to 2:15, and again from 3:30 to 4:30.

North Carolina's Robt. L. Doughton As House Leader

Extra Session Is Near Happy End

Solons Said To Be Following Leaders Blindly In Social Security Legislation

Another Chance

Will Have Opportunity To Amend This Hasty Action At Next Regular Session

Headed for adjournment Wednesday, members of the state's general assembly blindly followed their leaders, like sheep or, as some newsmen described the group, "dog-trotted" behind their leaders.

The matter before the group is the enactment of a state's unemployment insurance law. Whether the measure is definitely understood by the lawmakers is problematical, but there will be time for amending it in regular session before it becomes operative.

Approving at the rate of a section a minute the 13,000-word measure drawn by the Attorney General's office and Federal authorities, the house, sitting as a committee of the whole, Friday reported the bill favorably without amendment and, then, passed it on second reading by a roll call vote of 112 to 0.

At midnight, the House was preparing to place the bill on its third and final reading, pass it quickly and send it to the Senate for its first reading there Monday. If no amendments are made in either house, the bill can become law upon its final passage in the Senate Wednesday. Any material amendments in the House now would delay adjournment two days.

A measure, identical to the house bill, was presented to the Senate yesterday by Senators Gravelly of Nash and Johnston of Buncombe for consideration in the committee of the whole. After hearing Attorney A. A. F. Sewell and Assistant Attorney General Harry McMullan explain the measure, the Senate adjourned until noon Saturday and planned to receive the bill from the House Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The schedule of the House, after its early morning session Saturday, calls for reconvening at 8 o'clock Monday evening.

Grade Parents Of School Meet, 11th

A meeting of the grade parents of the Asheboro schools was held at the high school Friday night with 37 grade representatives present.

Mrs. George Burkhead, chairman of the grade mothers, was the first speaker, talking on the objectives for the year. Mrs. Burkhead said that the greatest thing for the grade mothers to do was take the teachers to visit the parents of all children in their classes so that a better understanding between the school and the home would exist.

Miss Alma Lassiter, high school principal, spoke of the need for regular attendance. The Asheboro high school lost a teacher this year because of its low attendance record, Miss Lassiter stated. She also discussed the library system and told how much more effectively the library could be used if the school had a regular librarian.

The matter of attendance was also brought up by Superintendent Reginald Turner, who stated that at the last session of the legislature Clyde Erwin, state school superintendent, had pointed out that a large proportion, approximately 15 per cent, of the children of school age in North Carolina do not go to school at all, although a compulsory attendance law has been in effect for a number of years.

Mr. Turner, warning mothers that epidemics of several diseases threatened Asheboro, advised them to keep sick children at home, even though the illness did not appear serious, to prevent the spread of disease. Among the diseases he mentioned were chicken pox, scarlet fever, measles, and scabies.

An interesting and significant fact was the every case of these diseases noted among Asheboro has occurred in the old school. The new school, completely sanitary and clean, has not had a single case.

COTTON CROP DOWN RANDOLPH COUNTY

According to Z. L. Keever, special agent for the department of commerce bureau of census, Randolph county shows a decrease in the cotton crop this year. The report reveals that there were 217 bales ginned in the county during 1936, prior to December 1st as compared with 519 during the same period last year.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Ryan Killian, the former Miss Elizabeth Parks, of Wellsley, Mass.; Miss Carrie Parks of Asheboro and Miss Mildred Parks, a student at Salem Academy. One son survives, Russell Parks, a well known business man of Asheboro, operating the Asheboro Hardware Company, one of the oldest business concerns of the town.

Honorable Mention For Ed Armfield On All-American

Climaxing the many honors he has won this fall, during which he played the most brilliant football of his career, Ed Armfield of Davidson college has been awarded honorable mention on Grantland Rice's All-American team for 1936, which was published in this week's Collier's.

A glimpse at the record shows how deserving Armfield is of such a place. He topped Southern Conference scorers with 54 points, leading Duke's Ace Parker by two points according to final tabulations. He not only made one of the season's longest scoring runs, 95 yards, but turned the trick twice, running touchdowns for both Furman and Wake Forest back for touchdowns. Though no official report is made on this feature of the game, he is the only player who has been mentioned in press dispatches as making more than one scoring dash of any such length.

These are the facts which probably brought Ed to the attention of Grantland Rice and Collier's Advisory Board, whose All-American selection is regarded as the most authentic, being as it the successor to the original All-America of Walter Camp. However, those who have followed his play closely all season could list a multitude of other reasons for his selection. He has carried out every assignment of a good backfield man, not flashy, but well as quarterback he has called plays with uniformly good judgment. He punted, blocked, passed, and received passes. While not the brilliant runner his teammates Lafferty was, he has been hard to stop when he got under way, as his 54 points and two 95 yard runs prove.

Possessing these attributes as a player, it is only fitting that he should have become the first Asheboro boy to receive All-American recognition. In state circles his ability was also realized, as he made the second team on the second team on the Charlotte Observer's All-State selection.

CRASH PERILS PLAN FOR ARMY SUPER-BOMBER FLEET

Sudden Death Of Mrs. Hugh Parks

A Semi-Invalid For Several Years Made Her Death No Less A Shock Fri.

Funeral Sunday P. M.

Widow Of The Late Hugh Parks, Prominent Manufacturer Of Randolph

Despite her several years of invalidism, the sudden death of Mrs. Hugh Parks was a distinct shock to her family and many friends in the town and county.

Mrs. Parks was one of three members of the North Carolina delegation who did not express a choice between Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas and John J. O'Connor of New York, at a caucus which the delegation held in Raleigh yesterday.

The other two North Carolinians still undecided are Representatives Cooley and Weaver.

Representative Clark, a member (Please turn to Page 4)

Officers Elected At W. O. W. Meet

Meeting in the Lodge Hall Friday evening the Woodmen of the World reelected Robert L. Lloyd as consul commander for his third term. A delicious oyster supper featured the meeting.

Initiation ceremonies were held for a class of 17. Clyde Threadgill won the brotherhood award for obtaining the most members in the past month, about 30, and was presented with a gold brotherhood pin.

Other officers elected were: advisory lieutenant, C. O. Allen; banker, E. N. Morgan; recording secretary, V. U. Pulliam; financial secretary, J. T. Pugh; escort, Henry Rich; watchman, Raeford Gaddis; sentry, Elvin Lee; auditor, Clyde Threadgill; assistant recording secretary, Colon Welch; past consul commander, John Hamilton; physicians, Dr. J. T. Barnes and Dr. Dempsey Barnes; and captain of the degree teams, Albert Aiken.

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Berlin.—The German public, kept in the dark by strict Nazi news censorship about the English crisis surrounding Edward, learned of his abdication Thursday with amazement. Only a mere reference to Mrs. Simpson has been made even now, and Germans who read the bare statement that "a Mrs. Ernest Simpson was believed responsible for the King's decision" are eagerly seeking information about her.

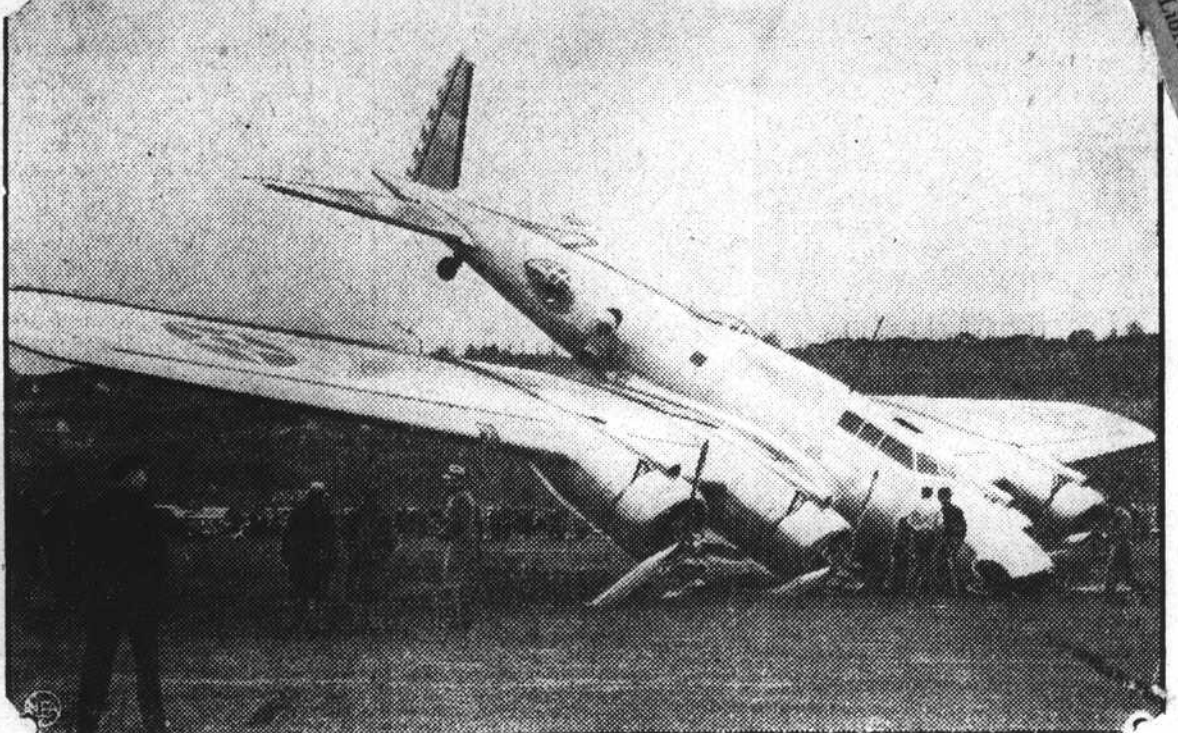
More Deaths Than Births During Nov.

For the first time in many months deaths in Asheboro have topped births in the statistics compiled monthly by the county health office. In November there were 12 deaths, 8 white and 4 colored, and only 7 births, all of which were white. There were two white still births.

Reports for the county are not yet complete, Franklinville, Liberty, and New Hope not having reported. The total in the communities listed shows births and deaths as exactly equal, there being 36 of each. There were 33 white births and 3 colored, and 29 white deaths and 7 colored. There were 3 white still births.

The sale of Christmas seals in the county, which is directed by the county health office, seems to be better this year than ever. More interest has been shown in the schools especially, many schools having already sold their quotas and having asked for more.

Funeral Held For Mrs. J. T. Brittain



When this 16-ton "Flying Fortress" nosed over in landing after a test flight in Seattle, Wash., the U. S. Army program calling for construction of 13 of the enormous bombers appeared to be threatened. Nose of the craft was caved in and the four propellers were damaged because, preliminary investigation indicated, brakes were locked when the wheels touched ground. Pilots of two-motored bombing planes now in use believe the "Flying Fortress" is too bulky and complicated.

News Flashes Everywhere

MARTIN MOORE DIES IN GAS CHAMBER

Raleigh.—Martin Moore, 22 year old negro hotel employee, was pronounced dead after 12 1/2 minutes in the state's gas chamber Friday, paying with his life for the murder of Helen Cleveland in an Asheville hotel in July. Before entering the chamber he affirmed his innocence, although he is said to have confessed on several occasions previously.

STRIKE MOB HURT BY FIRE ENGINE

Chester, Pa.—Fire engines tearing through a narrow street in Chester Friday killed one and injured 36 of a crowd of 100 strikers who were picketing their plant and had overflowed into the street. When the call turned out to be a false alarm, strikers asserted that the engines had been called out merely to scatter them, and many of the injured said that the trucks made no attempt to avoid them.

NORTH CAROLINA FOR RAYBURN AS LEADER

Raleigh.—Nine members of the North Carolina delegation to congress, caucusing in Raleigh Thursday, revealed a decided majority in favor of Sam Rayburn of Texas as Democratic floor leader in the next congress. The vote was Rayburn 6, O'Connor 2, undecided 3.

BRUTAL SLAYING IN NASH COUNTY

Nashville.—Jesse Bissett, 35 year old Bailey man, is being held in the Nash county jail without bond after a coroner's inquest on the axe slaying of his mother resulted in a verdict that he was responsible. Mrs. Maria Bissett was found in her home at Bissett Thursday with her head crushed by the blade of an axe which lay beside her.

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Conference For Farmers Dec. 18

North Carolina farm and home agents, white and colored, are attending the annual staff conference of the State College extension service in Raleigh this week.

The 298 agents, including assistants, are meeting with district agents and extension specialists to review the past year's work and study plans for improving the extension program in 1937.

The conference, opening Tuesday morning and continuing through Friday, December 18, is featuring addresses by state and national authorities in the fields of agriculture and education. Among them are:

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, speaking on "How Extension Workers Can Expand the Services of the University System."

J. B. Hutson, director of the east central region in the soil conservation program, and J. E. Thigpen, administrative assistant, in a discussion of 1937 agricultural problems of the AAA.

Dr. C. W. Warburton, of Washington, national director of agricultural extension work, speaking on the development of extension work.

Dr. Carl F. Tausch, chief of the program study and discussion section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and members of his staff in a study of discussion group methods.

Miss Madge J. Reese, of Washington, field agent in home demonstration club work; Mrs. Evelyn Toby, of New York, nationally known stylist; J. H. Stallings, state coordinator of the soil conservation service in North Carolina; and W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture-elect, in discussions regarding their respective fields of work.

Needy Children Of County Given Christmas Cheer

S. W. Taylor, Ministerial Association President, Heads Committee

Post Card Plan

Robert Lloyd, Welfare Officer, Proposes Fund For Underprivileged

A plan devised by Robert T. Lloyd, Randolph county welfare officer, to provide Christmas cheer for the underprivileged children of the county has been put in operation this week.

Dr. S. W. Taylor is chairman of a committee which is assisting the welfare department in this effort.

The money to bring the happiness of holiday time to these children is being raised by a fund known as the Post Card Christmas Cheer Fund. The plan is for each person, whenever he buys Christmas cards, to contribute an equal sum to the fund. Boxes have been placed in all drugstores, cafes, and banks for this purpose.

Thus when anyone buys a card to send as a token of Christmas to a friend he is asked to think of those who are unfortunate and help them. To most this will not cause any hardship. Those who are in the habit of sending a great many cards might well send less expensive ones this year so that they will be able to bring joy to some Asheboro or Randolph child.

The boxes were placed in Asheboro Thursday evening and have already received many contributions, Mr. Lloyd said. Mr. Lloyd has a list of deserving cases among the children of the county, and Dr. Taylor has stated that the funds collected will be distributed by a duly appointed committee selected from the churches of the town.

Issues Statement

Dr. Taylor, who has generously given his time and effort to directing this campaign, has issued the following statement in support of Mr. Lloyd's plan:

I want heartily to endorse Robert Lloyd's "Post Card Christmas Cheer Fund" plan. The idea is to give the cost of a few Christmas cards and the postage to this fund. Millions of Christmas cards are sent every year. This Christmas will be no exception. If the cost of only a few cards, with the cost of mailing, was given to the many thousands who can not send even one card there would be for them a Christmas gladness that they may not have otherwise, and those who make that gladness possible for them will likewise have their Christ joys made sweeter.

Robert told me just this morning of a mother who told him just a few days ago of her hard financial straits and the gloomy prospect of her children for any Christmas cheer. Just a few Christmas cheer post cards, and the darkness of that home will take wings and fly away, and happiness and hope will fill the heart of that mother and her children. This is only one of the many such cases where help is needed.

Robert tells me that the need is far beyond the funds at his disposal. This "Post Card Christmas Cheer Fund" may seem a small thing, and it is. That is, it is a small thing to give the cost of one or more post cards and the postage. But its appeal is in the very smallness of it. Many of us could not give big amounts. But we can give small amounts, and the aggregate of these small amounts given by many will make a sum total that will be big in the Christmas cheer that it will bring to the less fortunate children and mothers and fathers on Christmas morning.

Let's give Robert's Post Card (Please turn to Page 4)

Farmer Items Of Recent Happening

Farmer, Dec. 10.—Yancey Ritch, who lives about 3 miles from Farmer a well known farmer of the section, fell from his barn loft on Tuesday morning and broke his hip. He was taken at once to Randolph hospital. He is reported to be doing very well.

Miss Bessie Morris, technician in St. Vincent's hospital, Staten Island, New York, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris for the past three weeks. She spent one day last week here with her brother Virgil Morris.

Mrs. Worth Parks was called home last week-end because of the death of her brother Carl McMillan. His death was caused by an automobile wreck, which occurred near Brown's Summit. Mrs. Parks will return to Farmer on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dewar, A. M. Primm and Miss Sarah Holman attended the funeral, which was at Ruffin on Sunday afternoon.