

Martins To Meet Strong Sanford Quint Sunday Afternoon

Merry Christmas For Morticians?

(By Henry Averill in the N. C. Capital Parade)

Raleigh—Unless there is a complete reversal of the current trend in highway accidents and deaths in North Carolina, this is going to be a very merry Christmas—for Tar Heel undertakers (or morticians as they prefer to be called.)

Practically every month of 1941 has shown a sharp increase over its corresponding twelfth of 1940 and so it seems reasonable to expect December and the Yule season to continue in this ascending curve.

Which means that more than 60 persons will be killed in the ten-day period from December 21 through 30, and more than a dozen will become bloody, broken corpses on Christmas Day itself. Maybe the victims will find peace, but it will not be on earth, and there assuredly can be no promotion of good will to men through killing them off on the roads.

Capital Parade took the trouble to find out the score for last year's Christmas holidays and here it is:

Between December 21, 1940, and December 30, 1940, there were 53 fatal accidents in the State, with 57 persons killed in them. On December 25th, the day of joy and gladness for most folks, an even dozen died in automobile wrecks.

These somber statistics provide a very black background for the coming holidays, and account for the worried looks of Highway Safety Director Ronald Hocutt and his aides.

Mr. Hocutt will, as usual, issue a Christmas appeal for courtesy, sanity and caution.

"Give a life for Christmas," will be his slogan; but he has been appealing and caroling for years, and unless he gets a bit of cooperation from Tar Heel motorists, he might just as well take the rest of the month off and go somewhere he cannot see the red record of death and disaster sure to be written in the blood of North Carolinians.

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Large Crowd Expected To See Spins In Action

Heads British Army



Head of Britain's home forces, Gen. Sir Alan Brooke was appointed to succeed Sir John Dill, retiring, as Chief of the British Imperial Army General Staff. He is known as a wizard in the field of mechanical warfare.

Christmas Season To Break Record

On comes the Christmas shopping season, with merchants and Commerce Department experts alike predicting record-breaking volume, possibly touching \$5,000,000,000. All this in spite of taxes, the spectre of inflation, other "go slow" signs.

The expected spurge may have something of the old "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow—" philosophy in it, in view of the fact that after the holidays we'll have turned the calendar corner and be actually in that tax-battered year of 1942. But at any rate there seems to be little awareness of that in the current shopping mood. Store shelves are abundantly stocked for a whopping holiday season, too, in spite of official curtailments that have been applied, month after month, to one consumer line after another.

Locals Will Display Improved Attack Sunday Afternoon

After Several Hard Practices The Martins Are Very Optimistic

With several hard scrimmages behind them and another long session of practice on docket for tonight, the Williamston Martins will present a vastly improved team which will take the court here Sunday afternoon against the Sanford Spinnors. Sunday's exhibition is scheduled to get underway at three o'clock and is expected to draw a large crowd.

The Sanford Spinnors, always ranked with the best in the State, were slated to perform here last Sunday, but the contest was postponed until a week later.

In their first meeting this season, the Spinnors took the large end of a 60-50 verdict, which saw an unusual display of offensive basketball on the part of both teams. Sanford's set of twins, Joe and Jim Mills, led the attack the pair scoring a total of 42 points. These whirlwinds of the hardwood always offer fans a real show in the art of "dropping" baskets from any and all difficult angles, and they are expected to tax the Martin defense to its utmost.

Another stand-out for the Spinnors will be Wayne Harris, who formerly starred for High Point College, receiving much praise for his outstanding ability. This trio along with Charlie Ruark, former University of Georgia athlete; Johnny and Sam Womble, who used to play for N. C. State College and Cooper, of Elon, will combine their talent to please every basketball fan in this section Sunday who witnesses the affray in the high school gym.

Brushing off the rough spots in both offense and defense with hard practice, the Martins will enter Sunday's tilt with an eye for revenge, which in simple words, means that the visiting squad is in or an afternoon of trouble.

"Big Leaguer" Beard, whose ankle was injured the latter part of last season and which he hurt again several weeks ago, is reported fast rounding into shape and ready for all opposition. With the regular practices, all of the players are rubbing off much of the rust, and it is anticipated that a great battle is in the offing for Sunday afternoon.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE
Having this day qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of Annie M. Boston, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned for payment on or before November 12, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of Nov., 1941.
KINKY HANSEN,
Executrix

Those Famous Bearded Gents Will Return



Yep, folks, this is part of those bearded gents who form the House of David basketball team which holds any number of records — as shot-makers, passing artists, clowns or what have you. The House of David will play the Williamston Martins here Sunday afternoon, December 21 which will be one of the biggest court attractions seen in this section this season.

Above are two of the boys, Ham Hamilton and Bill Steinecke, both here last year, and Miss Ruth Parker, ace sports writer. Miss Parker wants to know why Steinecke doesn't transplant some of his whiskers on that bald dome. Which isn't such a bad question even though a bit personal.

That the House of David 'beauties' will bring a greater array of

trick shots and passes along with several new members is evidenced in a story by Sports Writer H. Guy Moats in the Pontiac, Mich. Press. "It was not the Celtics with Banks, Herkey and all, but it was the Davids with Hamilton, bald Steinecke and the other bearded boys that took the basketball show and pleased the spectators. The score didn't matter for those whiskered boys know their basketball."

Supply Of Tobacco Bed Cloth Assured

Facing the possibility in certain localities of a shortage of cloth for tobacco plant beds, the North Carolina USDA Defense Board is taking steps to cope with the situation before actual shortages are reported.

Tobacco farmers will be interested to know that arrangements have recently been worked out with manufacturers so North Carolina's requirements can be met," said G. Tom Scott, chairman of the State Defense Board.

"It is possible, however," he added, "that shortages may develop in some localities, but there is no need whatsoever for a rush on present supplies. Arrangements will be made to take care of all requirements."

Attempting to avoid such developments, defense boards in all tobacco counties are contacting merchants who handle the cloth used on plant beds and ascertaining facts concerning their ability to obtain the supply needed for each locality.

In cases where a sufficient quantity of cloth is not available at present and not likely to be made available in the near future, county defense boards may work with merchants in an effort to secure the

Mr. Scott is urging every tobacco grower in North Carolina "to take the best possible care of both old and new cloth which will be used for the 1942 crop." Merchants are also being asked by the Defense Board to warn purchasers of the possibility of shortages of more serious nature in the future and thus the necessity for careful treatment of their present cloth supply.

To Visit in Richmond
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