

Peace Officers To Form Association In Two Counties

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over to the Treasurer of the Martin and Washington Counties Peace Officers' Protective Association. The association will have its first meeting in July. The accumulated funds of the association may be invested in bonds and securities unanimously approved by the executive board. All interest and other income received from investment or deposits shall be added to the principal of the fund. Expenditures shall only be made upon vouchers properly signed by the chairman of the executive board.

Sec. 8. Application of Fund. The money so paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Martin and Washington Counties Peace Officers' Protective Association shall be known as the Martin and Washington Counties Peace Officers' Relief Fund, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of members who may be injured or become ill by disease while serving as peace officers, and for the relief of their widows and children, and if there be no widow or children, then dependent mothers of such officers killed or dying from injuries or disease so contracted in such discharge of duty, and as a pension fund for peace officers grown old in line of duty, and also for the benefit of special officers or citizens injured as such peace officers. All persons entitled to benefits under this Section shall make application to the executive board, above provided for, and said executive board shall investigate each such application and shall determine what benefits shall be paid. The decision of the executive board shall be final and conclusive as to what persons are entitled to benefits and as to the amount of the benefit to be paid, and said executive board shall have power to increase or decrease monthly benefits at any time, and no action at law or suit in equity shall be maintained against said association to enforce any claim or recover any benefit under this Article or under the constitution or by-laws of said association; but if any officers or committee of said association omits or refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings against said officer or committee to compel him or them to perform such duty.

Sec. 9. Annual Reports. The treasurer of said association shall make annual reports to the executive board prior to the meeting of said association in July of each calendar year showing the total amount of money in his hands at the time of the filing of the re-

port, and also an account of receipts and disbursements since his last report. The chairman of said executive board shall present such reports to the membership of the association at each annual meeting in July. The accumulated funds of the association may be invested in bonds and securities unanimously approved by the executive board. All interest and other income received from investment or deposits shall be added to the principal of the fund. Expenditures shall only be made upon vouchers properly signed by the chairman of the executive board.

Sec. 11. Constitution and By-Laws. The Martin and Washington Counties Peace Officers' Protective Association shall adopt a constitution and by-laws, to be approved by the executive board, suitable for carrying out the provisions and purposes of this Act. Sec. 12. Power to Insure. The executive board shall have authority to insure the members of the Martin and Washington Counties Peace Officers' Protective Association against death or disability, or both, during the terms of their employment or terms of office, under forms of insurance known as group insurance, the premiums on such insurance to be paid out of the funds of the association. Sec. 13. Funds not Taxable. The current or accumulated funds of the association shall not be subject to State, county or municipal taxation.

Church Fire Loss In The Millions

In the last 15 years fire has damaged or destroyed 40,000 churches in the United States and Canada! This year fire will consume over \$50 million worth of church property! These facts were brought out recently by the Christian Herald, which observed that some fires were spectacular large loss fires. Some laid waste historic shrines or landmarks of years standing. Some were small fires that went almost unnoticed by the press and parish. According to the Christian Herald, nearly 3,000 churches in the United States and Canada burn every year—2,000 of them during the winter months. While many of these 2,000 fires will be only minor blazes, more than half will reduce church



Scene of The Clown to be shown at the Viccar Theatre here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Institution Asking The U. S. Congress For Special Fund

Smithsonian One of Great Repositories of Human Knowledge

Washington.—America's beloved Smithsonian Institution, custodian of priceless national treasures and one of the world's great repositories of human knowledge, is at long last forced to ask Congress for a modernization fund. So skillfully has the Institution always stayed within limited budgets that it was page one news when its Secretary, Dr. Leonard Carmichael, went up on Capitol Hill to make his appeal, reports the National Geographic Society, which often has been associated over the years with the Smithsonian in the ceaseless quest for facts and truth.

Dr. Carmichael said that the Institution buildings on the Washington Mall must be repaired and given modern facilities to preserve and protect the invaluable things the country has entrusted to Smithsonian care. An overworked staff is embarrassingly in arrears on the vital activity of exchanging scientific knowledge with the rest of the world. Many well informed Americans have no clear idea of what the Smithsonian is. Some believe it is a government institution. Actually it is a private one, owned by every citizen of the country. At the same time, it is both a financially nurtured ward and a trusted servant of the Government. buildings to a "horrible rubble," the article declared.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Accidents on the highways and streets in this county were held to a low number last week, officers reporting no deaths or injuries and comparatively little property damage. The 1953 accident record is pretty snug so far, but it was about this time last year that one person was killed and ten limbs were fractured in one accident. It is necessary to keep plugging to keep the record snug.

15th Week			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1953	2	0	\$ 400
1952	8	5	2,265
Comparisons To Date			
1953	72	16	\$18,640
1952	93	39	26,920

The unique Smithsonian had an unusual beginning. James Smithson, an Englishman who never in his lifetime visited the United States, at his death in 1829 left this country the then respectable fortune of \$550,000 to found a "Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." Rarely does a bequest so little limit the scope of activities it makes possible. Fortunately for the country and the world, the men who organized the Smithsonian and charted its future had imagination as unlimited as the bequest, and there is now hardly a byway of knowledge which the Smithsonian has not explored with scientific objectivity.

Today it operates the National Capital's fine zoological park, the National Herbarium with 2,000,000 plants, the Astrophysical Laboratory and the Bureau of American Ethnology, which saved the love of the American Indian for posterity. It has responsibility for the National Gallery of Art, sometimes called the Mellon Gallery. It operates the National Collection of Fine Arts and the Freer Art Gallery.

radiation and organisms. It will administer the National Air Museum when the museum is built.

The Government, the nation's first weather bureau and its first commission on fish. It has taken part in at least 1,500 scientific expeditions "per orbem," as its motto says—"throughout the world."

Millions have been awed, amazed and edified by the public exhibits in its National Museum. The original Star Spangled Banner from Fort McHenry, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's first telephones, the pioneer Wright airplane, gowns of every First Lady from Martha Washington on down, the world's most perfect crystal ball, huge whale and dinosaur skeletons, Theodore Roosevelt's big African animals, the first American automobiles—these and 3,000,000 other fascinating objects are on view.

Not displayed, but equally valuable, are 30,000,000 other things held in vaults and laboratories and special rooms. Collections of bugs and bones, of birds and brocade, of fish and fossils, of gems and gears, of stones and ship models—the list is endless, and everything is available, when the proper representations are made, to all who study for the good of mankind.

The Smithsonian helped win four wars by answering questions on an inconceivable variety of subjects for the armed services. It has assisted countless children to pass their school courses by answering, just as carefully, their small questions. It was Smith-

Makes Profit On Sweet Potatoes

James Young, Negro farmer of Route 2, Wake Forest, says, "Any farmer can make a good crop of sweet potatoes pay off if he selects light, sandy loam soil, uses selected or certified seed potatoes, the correct fertilizers and proper irrigation."

This way of doing things, according to Young is the only way to show a real profit. B. T. Mc-

Young is one of Wake's more progressive Negro farmers. He says Young was so well satisfied with his year's crop last year that he is increasing his acreage this year.

Smithsonian scientific publications are in every important library in the world. In many a musician's home is another Smithsonian opus, a little mimeograph sheet that sadly reports, in answer to an amazing number of inquiries, that Stradivarius violin labels were all too easy to counterfeit.

Never was one establishment so varied. "The country's treasure house," "America's attic," "national tradition" are just a few of the hundreds of vain attempts made to describe it in a few words.

The Smithsonian's own ideas as to its future have best been stated by Dr. Alexander Westmore, retired Secretary who preceded Dr. Carmichael. In 1946, the Institution's 100th anniversary year, he wrote:

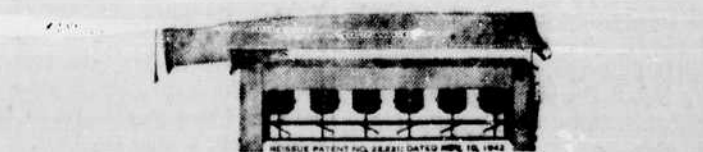
"The Smithsonian had a definite beginning but has no foreseeable end. Its stated purpose knows no time or space limits, and it will go on through the centuries, changing with a changing world and so adjusting itself that it may fill a useful role in the upward struggle of mankind."

and again plans to follow all the recommended practices in planting, harvesting, curing and marketing.

Young, a tenant farmer of the Rolesville community in Wake, came nearer to reaching his community's individual farm family goal of increasing income by \$500 in 1952 than any other Negro farmer. He produced 124 bushels of sweet potatoes on half an acre of land. Most Negro farmers sold their crop in bulk to a dealer. With the exception of labor is harvested.

Misses Own Fire While Attending Another One West Lebanon, N. Y.—Fireman John Thomas was out fighting a blaze when another alarm came in. Fire fighters from two other Rensselaer county volunteer companies put out a fire—in Thomas' own home. which was supplied by his family. Young's total expense came to about \$45. And he has enough money left to provide for his family.

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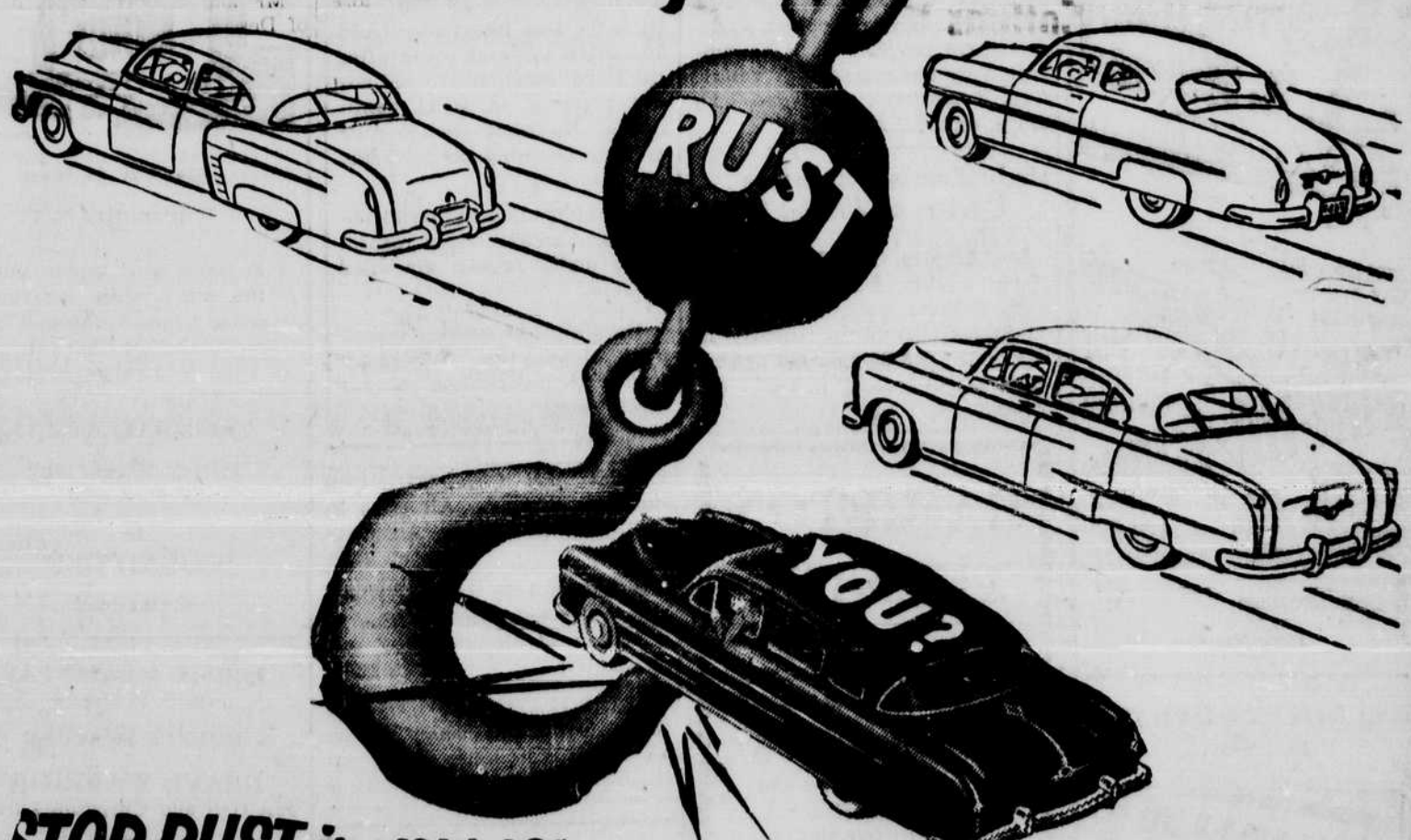
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