

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

CHRONOLOGY OF 1947

DISASTERS

January

- 1—Five killed when DC-3 transport crashes near Charleston, S. C.
- 1—Transport plane falls near Carmel, N. J., killing 20.
- 1—Airliner crashes near Galax, Va., killing 18 in 19 aboard.
- 1—Fifteen miners die in gas explosion in coal mine in Nottingham, Pa.
- 1—Tornado sweeping through Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri kills 20.

February

- 1—Twenty-one killed, 128 injured when train plunges over 150-foot embankment in Allegheny mountains near Altoona, Pa.
- 1—Explosion of tank in electroplating factory in central Los Angeles kills 15, injures 158, demolishes area half mile square.

March

- 1—Worst mine disaster since 1928 takes toll of 111 lives in Centralia, Ill., explosion.

April

- 1—Explosion in fireworks plant in Clinton, Mo., kills 10.
- 1—Tornadoes rip through Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma, killing 138, injuring 1,000, Woodward, Okla., hardest hit with 64 dead.
- 1—Most of Texas City, Tex., destroyed by enormous explosion when freighter, loaded with nitrate fertilizer, explodes in harbor and sets fire to docks, oil tanks and factories. Fire rages for three days. Toll: 400 killed, 3,500 injured.
- 1—Tornado destroys Worth, Mo., killing 14. Another twister kills 9 in rural Northwest Arkansas.

May

- 1—Outbreak of infant diarrhea in Philadelphia area causes deaths of 27 babies.
- 1—Forty-two killed when DC-4 airliner crashes after take-off at La Guardia Field, New York. Seven survive.
- 1—DC-4 airliner crashes near Ft. Deposit, Md., killing all 59 on board. Two crashes rank as worst air disasters in U. S. history.
- 1—Tornado strikes Lacey, Okla., wrecking town, killing 6.

June

- 1—Tornado kills 35 in farming section near Pine Bluff, Ark.
- 1—Mississippi river floods lowlands in northern Missouri, southern Iowa and Illinois, forcing 22,000 to abandon homes. Seven drowned at Ottumwa, Iowa.
- 1—All 50 on board DC-4 airliner killed when it strikes mountain near Leesburg, Va.
- 1—Flash flood drowns 11 in Cambridge, Neb.

July

- 1—Tornado kills 11 near Grand Forks, N. D.
- 1—Chartered DC-3 transport plane crashes in swamp near Melbourne, Fla., killing 21, injuring 15.
- 1—Explosion wrecks beauty shop in Harrisonburg, Va. Ten women killed, 30 persons injured.

August

- 1—Four die when chartered plane dives into chimney of gas plant in Everett, Mass.

September

- 1—Labor day weekend takes death toll of 456, compared with 437 in 1946.
- 1—Twenty killed when excursion boat blows up at Pittsburgh dock.
- 1—Hurricane sweeps in over southern Florida, crosses Gulf of Mexico, strikes Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. Toll: 100 killed, many injured, property loss of 25 to 30 million dollars.
- 1—Flood following hurricane drowns 21 in New Orleans.
- 1—Fire on New York City pier results in injuries to 144 firemen, five million dollar loss.

October

- 1—Fifty-two killed when transport plane crashes in Bryce Canyon, Utah.
- 1—Forest fires in Maine kill 17, destroy many homes. Fires rage throughout northeastern states.
- 1—Transport hits mountain in Alaska, killing 18.

November

- 1—Army plane hits Mt. Spokane, Wash., killing five men.
- 1—Nine naval personnel killed, two saved in crash of bomber in Pacific, 100 miles southwest of San Diego, Calif.

December

- 1—Army plane crashes near Goose Bay, Labrador; 23 die, six rescued.
- 1—Two passenger trains collide head-on near New Braunfels, Tex., killing 20, injuring nine.
- 1—Army plane burns and crashes near Memphis, Tenn., killing 20.
- 1—CAB tabulation shows 1947 toll of 274 fatalities in mishaps involving scheduled airlines.

DEATHS

January

- 1—Ovington E. Weller, 84, former U. S. senator from Maryland.
- 1—Charles S. Woodworth, 90, one of founders of store chain.
- 1—Eva Tanguay, 68, famous vaudeville actress.
- 1—Andrew J. Volstead, 87, former Minnesota congressman who introduced 1919 prohibition act.
- 1—Grace Moore, 43, opera, radio and screen star in air crash.
- 1—Paul P. Harris, 78, founder of Rotary International.

February

- 1—Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, 60, hero of both World Wars.
- 1—O. Max Gardner, 84, U. S. ambassador to Spain.
- 1—Sidney Toler (Charlie Chan), 80, film star.
- 1—Harry E. Thaw, 76, wealthy playboy who shot Stanford White.

March

- 1—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, 88, woman suffrage leader.
- 1—Gen. Douglas B. Ewing, 85, founder of General Motors corporation.

FOREIGN

January

- 1—U. N. security council guarantees independence of Free Territory of Trieste, ceded to Italy after World War I.
- 1—Chinese civil warfare continues to intensify.
- 1—Truce becomes effective between French troops and native rebel forces in French Indo-China.
- 1—Poland holds first election for parliamentary offices since 1935.
- 1—Paul Ramadier chosen new premier of France. New cabinet leans to left, but not Communism.

February

- 1—Premier Alcide de Gasperi forms new Italian cabinet composed of coalition of Christian Democrats and Leftists.
- 1—Anglo-Arab conference on Palestine adjourns in failure, as Arabs reject partition plan.
- 1—British military government of Germany announces plan to free 1,000,000 of the 1,500,000 Nazi suspects in zone of France. New cabinet resigns, to be formed by Josef Cyrankiewicz. Ten key positions held by Communists or Socialists.
- 1—British announce withdrawal from India before June, 1948.
- 1—Foreign ministers end London conference on teaching agreement on peace treaties for Austria and Germany.

March

- 1—Chinese Communist troops open large scale offensive against Changchun.
- 1—Greek government appeals to U. S. for immediate aid.
- 1—Jewish underground forces battle British soldiers in Palestine.
- 1—U. S. and Philippines sign treaty granting U. S. 99-year leases for naval bases.
- 1—Dutch and Indonesian sign treaty recognizing Dutch cabinet since war with sovereignty by January 1, 1949.

April

- 1—U. N. grants U. S. strategic trusteeship over former Japanese islands, the Caroline, Marshall and Mariana groups.
- 1—Chinese Communist troops kill 8 U. S. marines, wound 18 in raid on marine munition dump.
- 1—Moscow conference ends after 46 days after reaching agreement on only a few points for Austrian and German treaties.
- 1—Peace negotiations begin between Indo-Chinese rebels and French forces.

May

- 1—Communists ousted from French cabinet.
- 1—Congress passes foreign relief bill, providing \$50 million dollars for Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Trieste and China.
- 1—First Japanese premier under new constitution, Gen. Katayama, 59, lawyer and a Christian.
- 1—Russia seizes control of Hungarian government through Hungarian Communist party coup.
- 1—Premier de Gasperi of Italy forms new cabinet, minus Communists or Socialists.

June

- 1—Secretary Marshall reveals "Marshall Plan" for European aid treaties with Italy, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.
- 1—Austria and U. S. reach settlement on occupation costs.
- 1—President of Chile Gabriel Videla proposes inter-American army to guard the continent.
- 1—UNRRA, largest relief effort in its history, ends after spending three billion dollars in forty years, 72 per cent of funds coming from the U. S.

July

- 1—Paris economic conference establishes 16-nation organization for European economic cooperation under Marshall plan.
- 1—Dutch forces, with air support, attack Indonesian Republic installations on Java and Sumatra, claiming breach of truce.
- 1—Protests on undeclared war in Netherlands East Indies pour into U. N.

August

- 1—U. N. atomic energy commission releases six papers on atomic control plans. Russia rejects proposals.
- 1—India becomes free of foreign rule and declares independence. Two sovereign states, Dominion of India and Pakistan, govern most of huge land of New India.
- 1—Russian vetoes keep Italy, Austria, Transjordan, Eire, Portugal from U. N. membership.
- 1—Government of Ecuador seized in bloodless coup by defense minister Col. Carlos Manchano.

September

- 1—Inter-American treaty of reciprocal assistance signed by delegates of 19 North and South American nations at Rio de Janeiro.
- 1—Rioting sweeps India, with thousands of fatalities.
- 1—European nations ask 22 1/2 billion dollars in aid under Marshall plan.
- 1—Arab Higher Committee of Palestine tells U. N. commission Arabs will fight to keep Palestine an Arab-controlled state.
- 1—Greek government reports 45,214 Greek civilians and 4,000 soldiers and policemen killed by rebels since October, 1944.

October

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- 1—Britain forced to ration potatoes.
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Top Ten Spot News Stories of 1947

(As selected by nation's weekly editors in Publishers' Auxiliary poll.)

- 1—Tatt-Hartley act keynotes turbulent labor picture.
- 1—Marshall plan, including 22 1/2 billion dollar outlay, marks U. S. effort to rehabilitate stricken Europe.
- 1—Tanker explosion and fire wreak havoc in Texas City, Tex., with death toll of 400.
- 1—U. S.-Russian disputes held spotlight in United Nations' quest for world peace.
- 1—Britain grants India long-sought freedom: rioting and bloodshed prevail.
- 1—Governorship dispute flares in Georgia, with M. E. Thompson as ultimate victor.
- 1—Telephone strike ties up communications over wide spread area.
- 1—Price inflation staggers domestic economy.
- 1—Marriage of Britain's Princess Elizabeth brings royalty into limelight.
- 1—Truman Doctrine and Greco-Turkish aid mark revised concept in foreign relations.

September

- 1—President and Mrs. Truman visit Brazil on 20-day goodwill mission.
- 1—Army imposes complete ban on news of biological warfare development.
- 1—Farm income soars 11 per cent in past year while operating costs jump 16 per cent, department of agriculture report discloses.

October

- 1—Food conservation drive launched by President.
- 1—First war dead arrive at San Francisco.
- 1—President calls congress for emergency session on November 17.
- 1—Distillers begin 60-day shutdown to save grain.
- 1—U. S. justice department files anti-trust suit against 17 investment banking companies.

November

- 1—Democrats regain state control in Kentucky by electing Earle C. Clements governor.
- 1—President's advisory committee says U. S. must give Europe five and three quarter billion dollars in aid in 1948.
- 1—Gov. Earl Warren of California enters Republican presidential race.
- 1—Congress convenes on President's call to deal with European aid, inflation.
- 1—Charles Luckman resigns as chairman of citizens' foot committee.
- 1—Robert E. Hannegan's resigns as postmaster general; succeeded by James A. Donaldson, former first assistant.

December

- 1—Ten movie writers, producers and directors indicted for contempt of congress in Red probe.
- 1—Secretary Marshall denounces Russian slurs on U. S. in London.
- 1—Open congressional investigation of grain speculation of Edwin Pauley, army department official.

PANORAMA

January

- 1—Ford Motor company reduces prices on passenger cars \$15 to \$50 in effort "to halt insane spiral of mounting costs and strikes."
- 1—Potato growers authorized to dump 20 million bushels of low-grade potatoes under government price-support plan.

February

- 1—Largest narcotic seizure in nine years made in New York when federal agents find \$250,000 worth of heroin in possession of U. S. seaman returning from France.
- 1—Coldest temperature ever recorded on North American continent, 81 degrees below zero, registered at Snag Lake in Canadian Yukon.
- 1—Survey shows average teacher's salary in U. S. is \$37 weekly, and 350,000 teachers have left schools since 1940.

March

- 1—Margaret Truman, the President's daughter, sings in radio in debut with Detroit symphony.

April

- 1—Tuberculosis death rate in U. S. hits 100-year level in history at 40.1 per 100,000.
- 1—Two die of smallpox in New York City. Mayor O'Dwyer asks all New Yorkers to be vaccinated.
- 1—Reynolds Bombshell, converted army bomber, sets unofficial around the world flight record by covering 20,000 miles in 78 hours, 55 minutes.

May

- 1—Oklahoma State Sen. Thomas Anglin shot in hip by State Rep. James Scott in senate chamber. Scott is adjudged insane.
- 1—Stock market prices slump to lowest point since January, 1945, on reports of buyer resistance and slowing business activity.

June

- 1—New "secret weapon," called as effective as atom bomb but cheaper to make, announced by Prof. T. D. J. Lister of New York. It is reported to be some kind of electrical discharge ray.
- 1—Treak snowstorm in Montana. Wyoming border region piles up 15-foot drifts. Three workmen smothered in snow-buried truck.
- 1—Radio tube "almost declares U. S. army is now 'a poor second' to Russia's."

July

- 1—"Flying discs" reported by airlines crew over Emmett, Ida., leads to frenzy of similar stories of discs over other states.
- 1—New national plan discovered by University of California. It is 10 miles in diameter, 156 million miles from sun.
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August

- 1—More than a third (35 per cent) of veterans who entered college under G. I. bill of rights have dropped out of school, reports.
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September

- 1—Cyclotron at University of California produces non-explosive fission of tantalum, inadium, platinum, lead and bismuth. Scientists also discover diamonds are radio-sensitive and make excellent counters of radio-activity.
- 1—Department of agriculture reports that 70 cents of every consumer dollar is spent on meat, poultry, eggs, etc., compared with 51 cents in 1938.
- 1—"Radac" (rapid digital automatic computation) may be basis of defense force for rocket weapons, reports Presidential Scientific Research board.

October

- 1—Beulah Overall and George "Bud" Gollum acquitted on charge of murdering Beulah's parents in yacht explosion.
- 1—Plot to obtain atomic bomb secrets revealed in senate inquiry into Hollywood communism.

November

- 1—Dealers blame rumors of nylon shortage on radio commentators and newspaper columnists.
- 1—Russia reported to have exploded atomic bomb in tests; U. S. scientists doubt possibility.
- 1—Decommissioned battleship New Mexico reaches junkyard in Newark, N. J., for scrapping, after week of ludicrous "battling" with fireboats and writs.

December

- 1—Senate sustains presidential veto of atomic energy reduction bill.
- 1—President signs presidential succession bill placing speaker of the house first in line.
- 1—Sixty wartime emergency powers ended after termination dates set for 124 others.
- 1—Bill approved to unify armed forces.
- 1—James Forrestal appointed to newly created post, secretary of national defense.
- 1—Eightieth congress ends first session.

SPORTS

January

- 1—Bowling football scores: Rose Bowl, Illinois 10; U. S. C. L. A. 14; Cotton Bowl, Arkansas 0; Louisiana State, 0; Orange Bowl, Rice 8, Tennessee 0, Shrine game, West All Stars, 13, East 9.
- 1—Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians pitcher, signs contract calling for \$80,000 plus bonus for 1947 season.
- 1—Bill Dodds runs Knights of Columbus mile in Boston in record 4:09.1.

February

- 1—National Collegiate Athletic association bans running shirt among football rule changes.
- 1—Charles Trippi, pro football star, signs to play baseball with Atlanta Club.
- 1—Hank Greenberg signs with Pittsburgh Pirates for \$80,000.
- 1—Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight champion, knocks out Billy Fox in title bout in New York.

March

- 1—Martin Ortiz takes bantamweight title from Harold Dake in Los Angeles.
- 1—Willie Hoppe retains world three-cushion billiards championship. Ted Edwards and William Lingebach win U. S. court tennis doubles.
- 1—Joseph Verdure sets new record for 220-yard breaststroke, 2:16.4 in Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League.
- 1—Utah defeats Kentucky, 49 to 45, to win National Collegiate basketball title.
- 1—Bill Dodds runs fastest indoor mile, 4:08.8 in Chicago.

April

- 1—Commissioner Happy Chandler suspends Leo Durocher, Brooklyn baseball club manager, for 1947 season.
- 1—Joe Baski, American heavyweight fighter, defeats Bruce Woodcock, British champion, in London.
- 1—Baseball season opens. Brooklyn is managed by Burton Shotton.
- 1—Texas U. take top honor in Drake relay in Des Moines, Iowa. Illinois leads in Penn relays in Philadelphia.
- 1—"Labe Ruth Day" observed at all ball parks in U. S. and Japan.

May

- 1—Jet Pilot wins Kentucky Derby in 1:57.4/5; Phlanx second, Faultless, third.
- 1—National women's senior A. A. U. championship swimming meet in Seattle won by Crystal Plunge club of San Francisco. Ann Curtis takes individual honors.
- 1—U. S. golf team regains Walker cup at St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 1—Mauri Rose wins annual 500 mile auto race at Indianapolis with average speed of 116.3 miles.

June

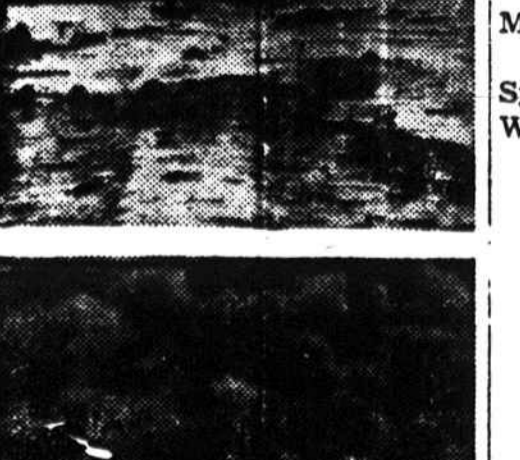
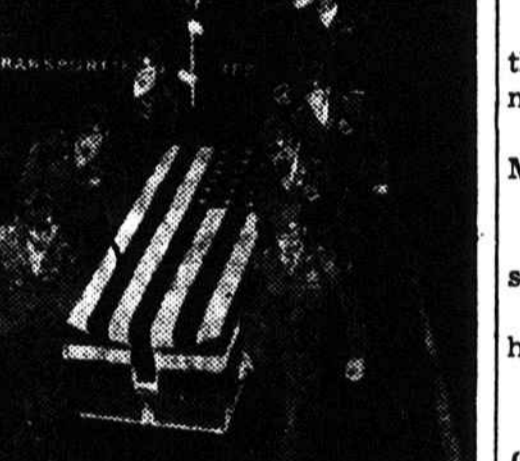
- 1—Honeywell sets new world record for seven furlong race of 1:21 4/5 minutes at Hollywood Park, Calif. Lloyd Marshall of Cleveland knocks out British light heavyweight champion in London.
- 1—Lew Worsham wins national open golf title by one stroke at St. Louis.
- 1—Harvard rowing crew defeats Yale 1:04 historic race at New London, Conn.
- 1—Ewell Blackwell of Cincinnati Reds pitches first no-hit game of season against Boston Braves in Cincinnati.
- 1—U. of Illinois retains National Collegiate Athletic association championship in meet at Salt Lake City.
- 1—Betty Jamison wins U. S. women's open golf title in Greensboro, N. C.

July

- 1—American League wins All-Star baseball game in Chicago, 2-1.
- 1—Rocky Graziano defeats Tony Zale to win world's middleweight boxing title.
- 1—Schooner Dolphin II wins California-to-Hawaii yacht race in 11 days, 1:04 minutes. Yacht Cara Mia captures Chicago-to-Mackinac race in 39 hours, 54 minutes.
- 1—Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight boxing champion, outpoints Tami Mauriello, light heavyweight, in non-title bout in New York.

August

- 1—Eke Williams knocks out Bob Montgomery in Philadelphia to become lightweight champion of world.
- 1—Victory Song sets new world record for trotter by running mile in 1:57 3/5 minutes in Springfield, Ill.
- 1—D. Lee Fraun of Dallas, Tex., wins professional North American clay target championship in Vandalia, Ohio.
- 1—Willie Pep retains featherweight title by defeating Jack Leslie in Flint.
- 1—College All-Stars beat Chicago Bears pro football squad in Chicago, 16-0.



Services at The Churches

Sylva Methodist
(The Rev. W. G. Grigg, Pastor)
Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m., Gudger Crawford, superintendent.
11 a. m. Morning worship with the pastor using as his sermon subject, "A New Covenant".
6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship.
Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

Sylva Baptist
(The Rev. C. M. Warren, Pastor)
Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. Carl Corbin, Supt.
11 a. m. The pastor will use for his subject, "No Other Gods", Ex. 20:1-17.
B. T. U. at 6:30 p. m., Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton, Director.
7:30 p. m. The pastor will use for his sermon subject "The Mind of Jesus", Phil. 2:5.
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting.
Fri., 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal.
Each Monday at 10:30 a. m. the Baptist Ministers' Conference meets here.

Cullowhee Baptist
(The Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., Pastor)
9:50 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Morning worship with the Rev. B. G. Henry bringing the message.
2:00 p. m. Monthly Deacons Meeting and Fellowship Hour.
6 p. m. Training Union.
Wednesday—7:30 p. m. Sunday school lesson pre-view.
Friday—7:15 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

Cullowhee Methodist
(The Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., Pastor)
10 a. m. church school.
11 a. m. Morning worship service.
6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.

Sylva Presbyterian
(The Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Pastor)
Services held in Episcopal church.
10:00 a. m. Sunday School. Mr. M. C. Cunningham, Supt.
11:05 a. m. Congregational Meeting for the election of ordination, and installation of three additional Ruling Elders. Observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
The 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship, the pastor using for his sermon subject "The Challenge of The New Year".

Scotts Creek Baptist
(The Rev. B. S. Hensley, Pastor)
10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Morning worship by the pastor.
6:30 p. m. Baptist Training Union
8 p. m. Evening worship.

Cashiers Baptist
(Rev. Edgar Willis, Pastor)
Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a. m.
Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Schedule of Masses
Bryson City, 1st and 3rd Sunday 8 a. m.
Canton, 5th Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Cullowhee, 1st Wednesday 7:00 a. m.
Fontana Dam, 2nd Saturday 8:00 a. m.
Franklin, 2nd Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Highlands, 3rd Saturday 8:00 a. m.
Murphy, 1st Saturday 8:00 a. m.
Sylva, 4th Sunday 8:00 a. m.
Waynesville, Every Sunday 11:00 a. m.

Glenville Baptist
(Rev. Hoyt Hadaway, Pastor)
10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Morning worship.
7 p. m. B. T. U.
8 p. m. Evening worship.

Lovedale Baptist Church
(Rev. G. E. Scruggs, Pastor)
10 A. M. Sunday School.
11 A. M. Worship Service.
7:30 P. M.