

### W. H. F. Millar Is Endorsed By Club For Rotary Post

The Waynesville Rotary Club endorsed one of their members and past president, as a candidate for District Governor of the 194th District here Friday. W. H. F. Millar will be presented by the Waynesville Club for the post in next spring's election.

Mr. Millar has been active in Rotary for many years, and appeared as speaker on several conference programs of the organization.

At the meeting Friday, Howard Clapp, president, announced that M. H. Bowles, M. D. Watkins and Dr. N. M. Medford would compose the committee to represent the club in raising the local quota for the N. C. Symphony Orchestra.

The Christmas program will be in charge of a committee composed of Dr. Walter West, Dave Hyatt, Dr. Kermit Chapman and Rev. Paul Townsend.

### Fannie Trantham Is Wedded To Lemuel Hugh Hall

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Fannie Trantham, daughter of Mr. Albert Trantham, to Lemuel Hugh Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hall, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2.

The marriage took place on November 2nd, in Rabun county, Ga. where the couple were accompanied by Claude Trantham, brother of the bride.

Mrs. Hall is a graduate of the Waynesville Township high school.

Mr. Hall was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy.

The couple plan to make their home in Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Kirkpatrick and young son were the guests during the week of Prof. E. J. Robeson. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is the former Miss Ruth Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Robeson, of Newport News, and granddaughter of Prof. Robeson. Mr. Kirkpatrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Handy Kirkpatrick of Canton, and with his family is visiting his parents.

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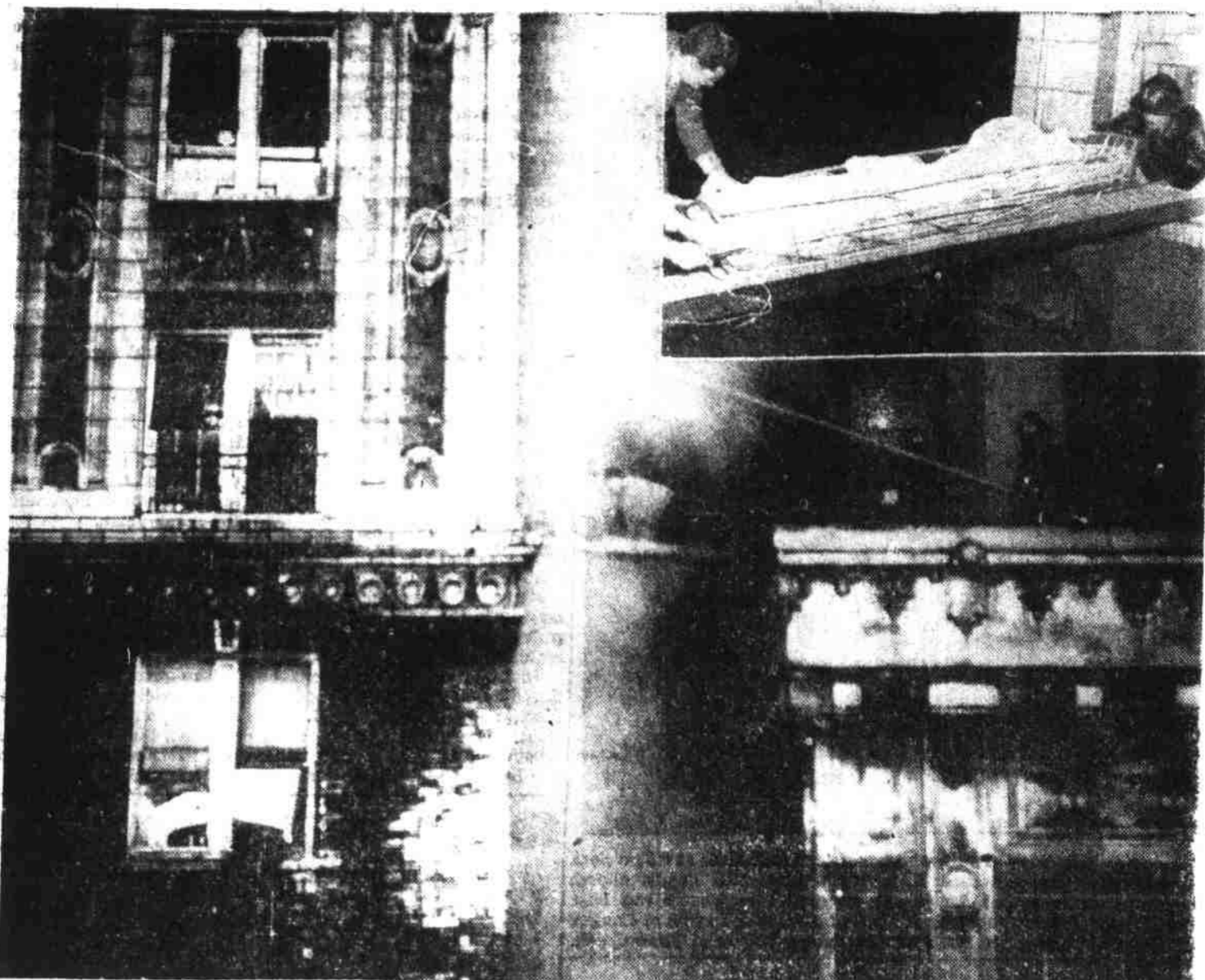
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### Heroism Fourteen Floors Up During Hotel Fire



Risking his life on a ladder brace across an alley from the roof of the Mortgage Guarantee building to the fourteenth floor of the Winecoff Hotel, a city fireman inches his way across the chasm to rescue trapped occupants of the hotel. Behind him other firemen pour a stream of water through windows of the blazing structure. The aftermath is shown as a fireman and a volunteer move the bodies across the ladder.—Atlanta Constitution photograph.

### Dream Of Trip To Moon Inspired Young German's Study of Rockets

FORT BLISS, Tex.—(AP)—A titled young German schoolboy dreams of "going to the moon" inspired studies leading to development of the V-2 rocket.

Partial lifting of a tight curtain of military secrecy brought the disclosure that the V-2's principal inventor, blond, 34-year-old Baron Werner von Braun, has been in this country a year as a civilian consultant in the Army Ordnance department's guided missiles research program.

The onetime technical director of Germany's Peenemunde proving ground on the Baltic sea heads a group of 118 of his countrymen—scientists, engineers and technicians—engaged in rocket studies at Fort Bliss and the nearby White Sands, N. M., proving ground.

In the first interview the Army has permitted with Von Braun he disclosed:

1. Production of the V-2 was too small at the time to have delayed the Allied invasion of Normandy. It later was stepped up to 400 a month.

2. The Germans had given serious thought to a two-stage missile which was calculated to span the Atlantic with a range of about 3,100 miles, but it never reached the drawing board.

3. One-third of the tests at White Sands have been failures, against five per cent at Peenemunde, largely due to age of the re-assembled Nazi rockets and rough handling in shipment to this country.

With facilities available at Peenemunde, Von Braun believes he might have put a rocket on the

### County Board Will Meet December 17

The county board of commissioners will meet December 17 at the court house, announces George A. Brown, Jr., chairman.

Part of this meeting will be devoted to completing the list of appointments to non-elective county positions. Among the appointments already made are those of Dr. Sam Stringfield, county doctor; J. P. Diens, assistant tax collector; J. Mack Fish, delinquent tax collector; and Mrs. Gertrude P. Platt, assistant clerk of court.

### STATE'S BUILDING UP

RALEIGH—(AP)—The total estimated cost of all buildings authorized for construction in the State during October was \$5,520,000—approximately \$1,022,000 more than in September. Clarence Pritchard, statistics director for the State Labor Department, announced recently.

The increase was accounted for largely by issuance of permits for expansion of railway shop facilities in Spencer, at a cost of \$1,039,000, Pritchard said.

moon in ten years. Smilingly he hazarded that finding means to establish a refueling station or platform outside the earth's atmosphere "is merely a question of time."

"Man could ride the V-2 now," Von Braun said. "The main trouble is how to get him down."

Ludwig Roth, 37-year-old designer-engineer, told newsmen he thought it possible that "in ten to 20 years we may go around the world in rockets."

Von Braun related he first had the idea of going to the moon in 1930 after reading a book on liquid fuel rockets by a Professor Oberth. He organized a private company two years later which built small primitive rockets and made 85 test launchings at an old World War I ammunition dump near Berlin. In 1932 the German Ordnance department became interested and the experiments became official secrets from then on.

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### Escape So Near For Hotel Guest



This unidentified person reached a window before falling unconscious and dying in the fire that swept the Winecoff Hotel. At the window she found there was no way of escape from her upper-story room.—An Atlanta Constitution photograph.

### SWAMPED

CHAPEL HILL—(AP)—Carolina athletic officials have announced the ticket office was so swamped with applications for the Sugar Bowl game that "it would be impossible even to acknowledge these requests for another week or ten days."

Indications are it will be December 16 before applications can be acknowledged and before the ticket can indicate which applications have been accepted, officials said. There are three applications for each ticket available. No more applications will be considered, officials said.

### TRAIN TOPPLES ON TRUCK

MACON, Ga.—(AP)—Twenty-one cars of a southbound Central of Georgia freight train derailed in the outskirts of Macon today, one of them toppling down a high embankment to crush a passing truck and injure two of its passengers, neither seriously. None of the train crew was hurt.

### DOG KILLS 9,000 RATS

ELGIN, Ill.—Trixie, a 3-year-old rat terrier, credited by its master, Gardner Bargholz, driver for the city's garbage collection department, as Elgin's champion rat killer, was killed recently in the line of duty—following the garbage truck on its rounds. Bargholz claims that Trixie killed 9,000 rats.

### MORE SUGAR

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Barring "unpredictable disasters," American consumers will get an extra ration coupon entitling them to five pounds of sugar by next April 1st.

This was announced by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson in a statement saying that additional extra allowances may be possible later in 1947.

Consumers got ration allowances of 25 pounds this year, including grants for canning. They will get at least 30 pounds next year if present plans turn out.

Anderson also announced that quotas of industrial users—such as candy makers, bakers, ice cream makers and soft drink bottlers—will get an additional 10 per cent of the quantity they used in 1941. These users now are limited to between 50 and 60 per cent of their 1941 usage.

### YULE BOMB KILLS MAN

THE HAGUE—(AP)—A bomb wrapped as a Christmas gift exploded in the living room of a Hague family last night, killing 48-year-old Frans Boer and seriously injuring his wife. Three other persons were slightly hurt. Police said they had no definite clues upon which to work.

### What It Means:

### Taft Budget Cut Problem

By CLARKE BEACH

WASHINGTON — A large cut in the Federal budget such as Senator Taft has proposed would not be a mere fiscal operation, annoying to government bureaucrats.

It would necessitate major changes in national policy regarding such vast programs as federal aids to agriculture, reclamation and development of public power. Congress itself would have to shoulder the responsibility.

The Ohio Republican leader advocates a federal budget between 25 and 30 billion—at least seven billion less than the budget which it is reported President Truman will recommend for the coming fiscal year. Taft has not detailed how he would bring expenses down to his figure.

### Why It's Difficult

Purely administrative expenses of the government amount to only \$1.9 billion in the current fiscal year. This covers the payroll, office supplies, building rentals and upkeep, travel expenses, etc. A 20 per cent cut here would reduce the bill by only 380 million.

Obviously enormous reductions must be made in other categories if seven billion is to be saved. The choice must be among these items, which comprise the Budget Bureau's breakdown of federal expenditures in the current year:

Veterans' Program	\$6,200,000,000
Refunds on Taxes	1,800,000,000
Public Debt Interest	5,000,000,000
National Defense	18,500,000,000
Agriculture Aids	1,200,000,000
Social Security	1,200,000,000
Public Works	1,000,000,000
General Expenses	1,900,000,000
International Finance	4,200,000,000
Total	\$41,000,000,000

Included in "national defense" is the cost of terminal leave pay for enlisted men, amounting to \$2,400,000,000. "International Finance" includes foreign loans. These items are not continuing expenses.

### What Can't Be Cut

The veterans' program, tax refunds and interest are considered by fiscal authorities as "uncontrollable," not subject to reduction. Nor could most of the expenditures under social security, such as unemployment relief and retirement allowances, be altered.

Budget pruning must be applied, therefore, to one or another of the programs administered by the various departments if substantial savings are to be made.

Since all of the departments' work is done by specific authorization of Congress, it is Congress which must decide which program is to be eliminated.

A glance at the Interior Department budget shows that about half the total consists of construction projects such as extension of Bonneville power transmission lines and the billion-dollar reclamation program in California.

### Further Complications

In the Agriculture Department budget the chief items are agricultural research and the various crop adjustment activities, designed to aid the farmer to increase his income. The largest expense in the latter category already has been eliminated—crop subsidies.

Congress could whittle on such activities as the forest service, which controls forest fires, maintains roads, etc.

In the Commerce Department, Congress would have to decide to curtail or eliminate such agencies as the Weather Bureau, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Bureau of Standards, the Census Bureau or the Civil Aeronautics Authority. The department's statistical and informational services for business are minor items.

Some of the government's top administrators definitely oppose a blanket cut, reducing the budgets of all agencies on a flat percentage basis. This would have the effect of spreading their funds thin, they say, and reducing efficiency. They would prefer to see some of the agencies eliminated entirely.

As for the largest single item in the federal budget, national defense, a sharp reduction there would necessitate a complete reversal in our military and international policy.

Some high ranking officers say we need no less than we have if we are to retain our present status in world affairs.

### Looking For Missing Daughter



Grief-stricken Adj. Gen. Marvin Griffin, at Hatcher Hospital in Atlanta, trying to find his daughter, Patsy, was listed as missing. She was later found among Atlanta Constitution photograph by Pete Rotun.

### HURT BY OWN ARROW

VINCENNES, Ind.—Pete Stewart recently had reason to paraphrase thus: "I shot an arrow into the air, it fell to the earth I do know where." Borrowing his son's bow, he shot an arrow upward. It fell straight down, hitting him on the head and sending him to the hospital to have his scalp sewed up.



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