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Accidental Deaths in U. S. Total 640 During Holidays Auto Accidents Toll Heavy

Illinois Leads List; Last Year 508 Persons Died in Various Kinds of Accidents; Delaware Only State with Clean Record This Year Against Five Last

Violent death struck at the four corners of the nation over the three-day Christmas holiday leaving 640 victims.

Traffic accidents accounted for 418 of the total, the rest resulting from fire, shootings, stabbings and other tragedies.

This year's three day Christmas holiday brought death to at least 593 persons in accidents and other forms of sudden death, with automobile traffic taking 397 lives.

Last year 508 persons died in various kinds of accidents and as the result of violence in a similiar three-day period.

Five states—Nebraska, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wyoming—kept their death slates clean last year, but this year Delaware was the only one.

Illinois led the list this year with 60 dead—29 of them in traffic, ten by trains, eight by suicide, seven by violence of one kind or another and seven from other causes.

Chicago reported more than 1,400 traffic accidents over the week-end and five states reported deaths by freezing or exposure, three of them in the south: Tennessee, North Carolina and New Mexico.

There were 12 deaths from coasting in New York state.

The death list by states, included North Carolina, nine.

State Orthopedic Clinic To Be Held January 5th In Greenville

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held Friday, January 5th, in Greenville from 12:30 to 4 p. m.

This Clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatments. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a phiyician of the Welfane Officer, and that the patient bring such note to the Clinic.

The Clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrell, though patients from other Counties who desire to come may do so.

The Clinic is conducted by Dr. Hugh A Thompson, orthopaedist, Raleigh, North Carolina. This Clinic has been running for something over three years and is now serving a large number of cripples, adults as well as children, in this area.

The Pitt County Health Department Offices are located at the corner of Third and Greene Streets, Greenville, North Carolina.

Loan Is Available On Classed Cotton

North Carolina farmers who had their 1939 cotton classed by Government classers through approved cotton improvement associations are reminded by J. A. Shanklin, Extension cotton specialist of State College, that they can use their grade and staple reports in obtaining loans on their crop.

Regulations governing loans on 1939 cotton require that it must be classed by Government classers. Where the cotton already has been given the free classification provided for cotton growers who are members of approved improvement groups—no other classification is needed to qualify for the loan as long as warehousemen can identify the gin bale number from warehouse numbers.

Shanklin says that 55 cotton improvement groups in North Carolina were approved this year to have their cotton classed free by the government. These approved groups with a total of 5,494 members planted 43,073 acres to adopted varieties. This cotton acreage grown by members of improvement groups represented 4.8 percent of the cotton acreage planted in the State for the 1939 crop.

The regulations also announced that a total of 918 cotton improvement groups were organized in the United States in 1939, with 44,287 members planted to adopted varieties, which represented 5.1 per cent of the total cotton acreage planted in the United States for the 1939 crop.

Farmers who are members of approved improvement groups are urged by Shanklin to take their cotton to the warehouse early, for market prices are currently low, market prices for best

To Start Paying Pensions To Older Workers In 1940

Government's Monthly Retirement Pensions Will Be Put Into Operation in January With First of Checks to Reach Beneficiaries by February 1st

Washington, Dec. 27.—The federal government puts into operation next month its far-reaching plan to provide mass security in the form of monthly retirement pensions for older workers and their dependents.

It will be the beginning of the monthly pay-off of old-age insurance benefits under the social security law and estimates indicate that during 1940 more than $100,000,000 will be distributed to approximately 1,000,000 people.

The social security pay-off will not approach the goals of various proposals advocated by old-age pensions groups. For the most part it may fall short of the $55 a month average security wage paid WPA workers.

Government statisticians have estimated that payments for retired single men will average about $26 a month for life. Their estimated average for a married man who receives a supplemental benefit for his wife will be about $39.

The tops in government old-age benefits is $85 a month but to get it a married man would need to be covered by the social security system for 40 years and be able to show an average of $250 a month in earnings throughout the period.

The start of payments for January—for which checks will reached beneficiaries about February 1—will put into operation the final phase of the social security act approved by Congress in 1935 as one of the key features of the new deal program to provide systematic security.

Jap Chief Gets Petition Asking Cabinet Resign

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—(AP—Premier General Nobuyuke Abe reecived yesterday a resolution signed by 250 of the 463 members of the Japanese house of representatives asking that the cabinet "give serious consideration to whether it should remain in power."

The resolution, adopted Tuesday at a conference among legislators of all parties, was sponsored by the younger element and does not represent parliamentary action.

The resolution expressed the wish for cabinet consideration of retirement "in view of the heavy responsibility attendant to assisting the throne conduct affairs of state."

(Circles close to the government predicted December 20 that the cabinet might fall if the United States did not react favorably to the Japanese proposal for reopening the Yangtze River to foreign trade as far up as Nanking).

Japan Wednesday qualified her proposed reopening of part of the Yangtze River to foreign trade with the statement by Foreign Office Spokesman Yakichiro Suma that establishment of a new regime in China was expected to precede such a step.

Japan closed the big Chinese waterway to foreign trade in August, 1937. Reopening as far as Nanking was proposed recently as Japan courted United States friendship in view of the expiration January 26 of the Japanese-American trade treaty.

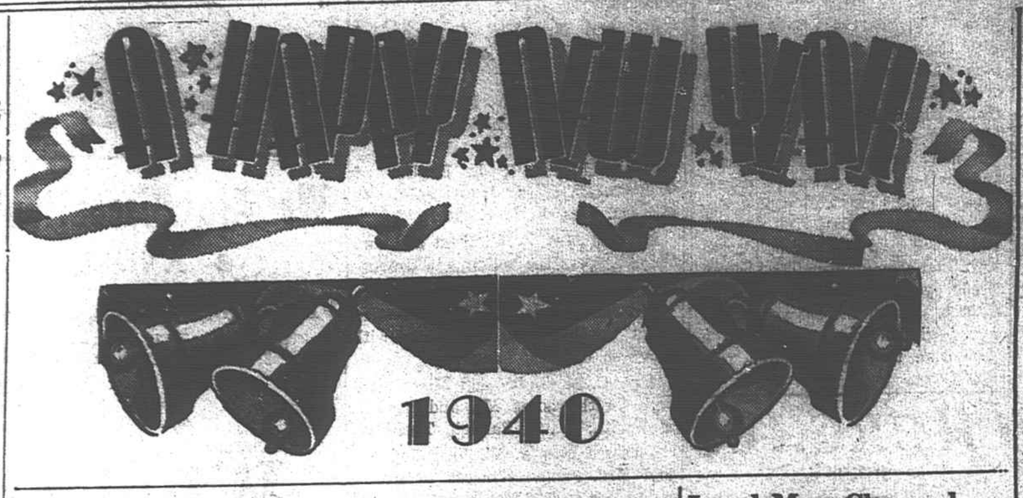
Holiday Death Toll in State Mounts to 35

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—The violent death toll of the Christmas holiday season rose to 35 Wednesday in North Carolina.

Fifteen persons died in highway traffic mishaps; fire claimed eight lives and other causes were, train, one; exposure, one; suffocation, one; falling tree, one; suicides, three; and homicide by firearms, five.

HOME-KILLED

Twenty hogs are being fed to slaughtering this year on farm owned by Bladen County, Kansas, which killed and cured 2,000 pounds of pork for home use.



Banks of North Carolina Actively Serving Needs

New York, Dec. 27.—That banks in North Carolina are actively serving the credit needs of their communities is evidenced by the results of a survey of bank lending activity announced by the American Bankers Association indicating that the commercial banks of the state made more than 220,000 new loans totaling $100,000,000 to business firms months of 1939, and renewed 215,000 and individuals during the first six outstanding loans totaling $245,000,000 during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using only one-half of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These estimated figures are based on reports received from 45 banks in North Carolina, or 20 per cent of the 225 commercial banks in the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in Winston-Salem and other large cities.

The 45 banks reported that they made 57,595 new loans totaling $44,809,315 between January 1 and June 30, 1939, and renewed 63,692 outstanding loans totaling $109,076,506 In addition, they reported 1,935 new mortgage loans to home owners and other real estate owners totaling $2,669,617.

The average number of new loans per bank was 1,280, and the average new loan was for $778.

The average number of renewals per bank was 1,415 and the average renewal was for $1,713.

The average number of new mortagges per bank was 43, and the average mortgage was for $1,880.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks of the larger cities maintain what are known as 'open lines of credit' on their books, available at all times to regular business borrowers. Seven banks reported such open lines of credit totaling $2,122,376. However, only $1,061,125, or 50 per cent of this credit was being used by business firms on June 30.

Hundreds Believed Dead in Earthquake; Villages Destroyed

Ankara, Dec. 27.—Hundreds were reported killed and whole villages destroyed in an earthquake which shook northern Anatolia early Wednesday.

Four shocks were felt in Ankara between 2 a. m. and 5 a. m. Wednesday (between 8 p. m. and 10 p. m. EST, Tuesday).

Accurate information of the damage caused was not immediately available because communications were disrupted.

Officials of late afternoon said, however, that reports indicated a major catastrophe.

The quake's center apparently was along the Black Sea coast of Turkey in Asia.

Heavy damage was reported at Ordu, Samsun, Tokat, Amasia, Sivas, and Yozgad.

Thousands were reported to have abandoned towns for the fields, fearing additional shocks.

The government and relief agencies rushed aid to the affected area, which is from 100 to 250 miles east and northeast of Ankara.

Anatolia has been struck by earthquakes frequently. On April 19, 1938, in this region there began a series of shocks which lasted for more than a week and took a toll of dead and missing estimated at more than 800. Scores of thousands of homes were razed.

Federal and State resourch agencies are renewing attempts to adapt sheep types to the region or sections in which they are being produced so as to produce superior animals.

Soviet Agents Admit Charge

Fined $2,500 for Violating State Department Act

Washington, Dec. 27.—Two Russian agents and a Soviet corporation pleaded guilty today to violating the Foreign Agent registration act and were fined a total of $2,500.

Boris Nikolsky, president of Bookniga, Inc., and I. A. Ilyin, secretary-treasurer, admitted a charge of withholding material information in registering themselves and the corporation with the State Department. They pleaded guilty before Justice Jennings Bailey about an hour after indictment by a federal grand jury.

Nikolsky was assessed a $1,000 fine and said he would return to Soviet Russia on the next available boat.

It was agreed that Bookniga, Inc., which was fined $1,000 would be dissolved and that a book shop in New York through which Russian literature had been dissimated would be closed.

Ilyin was fined $500. The fines were the maximum under the statute.

The justice department said that Nikolsky was the president of Bokniga and was formerly chief of the export division of the official Soviet propaganda agency.

Ex-Polish President Reaches Switzerland

Fribourg, Switzerland, Dec. 27.—Ignace Mosciki, former president of Poland, arrived here Wednesday with his wife from Rumania and said he would "stay out of politics."

Mosciki, who retained his Swiss citizenship throughout the years as Polish president, started in 1926, resigned in 1939 when Swiss town Vevey, his adopted home, was in danger of being overrun by the German army. He was exiled by the Nazis in 1939 for his agitation for Polish freedom.

Report of Dental Work Being Done In County

Dr. A. B. Underwood doing dental work in Pitt County, representing both the State Board of Health and the County Board of Health, has just turned in his report covering his work from October 23, 1939 through December 16, 1939.

Chief items in this report are as follows:

Total number children examined,	962
Total number of children treated,	506
Total number children referred to dentist for treatment,	397
Number children, teeth cleaned,	506
Miscellaneous treatments,	149
Number lectures on Oral Hygiene,	35
Total fillings,	366
Silver nitrate treatments,	1,085
Teeth extracted,	212

It is understood that physicians consider Oral Hygiene as one of the most important aspects of preventive medicine.

DRIVE CARELUFLY TO SAVE LIVES

It may be a little late in the year to do anything about it but the number of people being killed in highway accidents suggests that 1939 may become something of a banner year.

After all, it makes little difference to the victim of a careless driver whether the fatality occurs in 1939 or 1940. It is almost the same. But, there is still time for us to do something about the victims slated to die in automobile accidents in 1940.

There is one thing that every automobile driver can do, that is drive carefully at all times. Never take it for granted that the person in front of you is normal and deathwish of liquor. Never assume that the pedestrian, or bicycle rider, knows that there is such a contrivance as an automobile.

By remembering this at all times you may be able to keep from killing some careless fool, or thoughtless youngster, and enjoy life the better for your efforts.

Local Man Charged With Assault On Boy

B. Streeter Sheppard was accused by Rev. H. M. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here of inflicting serious injury in an assault with a shot gun on his young son, James Wilson, in a warrant issued for his arrest early Christmas night, shortly after the alleged assault.

The boy with several companions was engaged in shooting fire crackers, when it is reported Mr. Sheppard, a neighbor of the Wilsons, became annoyed and attacked young Wilson beating him about the head and shoulders with a gun.

Mr. Sheppard is out under bond with a hearing of the case set for Saturday morning.

Local White Gentleman Is Santa For Crippled Negro Children Here

Mr. J. I. Morgan, local industrialist and financier, prominent Rotarian and member of the school board, though pressed with the increased volume of business that usually comes at the close of the year, found time to think about the plight of the crippled Negro children of his community this year, giving his check for a handsome little sum and directing how it should be disbursed. His directions were followed, to the letter, and not only were the children happy, but the sunshine of happiness shone bright throughout the entire homes, and all pledged themselves to a better life.

The Christmas drive for the needy, as a whole, was a success. Seventy-five dollars and fifteen cents in cash were realized and probably twenty-five dollars of merchandise was given. This was distributed so that every one in dire need was able to enjoy the Christmas season.

The highest single amount was given by Mr. J. I. Morgan. The next by Mr. Will Arnold, colored. He brought in a nice contribution and made it clear that it was given by white friends but for reasons he did not make the identity known.

We wish to thank every one, to the very highest, who made any form of contribution to this worthy cause and assure you that every one benefitted are equally thankful.

A check will show that nine dollars out of every ten were given by white friends. This is just one incident out of many that are happening daily, most of which are never noticed, that go to prove conclusively that the Southern whites are not unmindful of their colored brethern. If the Negro is to survive and rise in the scale of civilization, it must be done in the South, where the climate and industires are more suitable to his nature. This cannot be done without the guidance and sympathetic help of the Southern white people. And they will do this whenever the Negro proves himself worthy. They are, without a shadow of doubt, the best friends the Negro has on earth. The Negro should make every honest endeavor to encourage this racial good will and the future will bring more happiness.

H. B. Sugg.

WHO KNOWS ?

1. What is the status of the Americas' 300-mile "safety belt" in international law?
2. When did the League of Nations impose sanctions against Italy?
3. Who is the national woman's tennis champion?
4. What is the size of the United States Army?
5. How many copies of "Gone With The Wind" have been printed?
6. Did the United States receive any payments on the war debt on Dec. 15th?
7. What was the peak income of U. S. farmers?
8. What is the Finnish name for Finland?
9. For whom was the Admiral Graf Spee named?
10. How wide is the Behring Strait between Alaska and Siberia?

(See "The Answers" on Page 3)

INCREASE

Foreign trade of the United States in December of this year increased in value compared with both November and December of 1938, with exports and imports playing a part in both increases and export trade.

Reds Call More Troops As New Attempts Fail To Crack Finnish Lines

Over 270,000 Fresh Russian Fighters Reportedly Ordered from Interior of Soviet Union; Cossacks Fighting Gallant Defenders In Isthmus Sector

With Finnish Karelian Army at Viipuri, Dec. 27.—The Red army threw itself in vain again today against the Finnish Mannerheim Line as this "Verdun" battle went into its fourth week. Russian losses were heavy.

It was learned here that more than 270,000 fresh Russian troops—among the Red Army's best—have been ordered from the interior of the Soviet Union to be thrown into the Finnish war. They will comprise three Siberian divisions from the Arctic regions, accustomed to extreme cold, and 12 Caucasian divisions, also accustomed to snow and low temperatures. Owing to faulty Russian transport, it may be some time, however, before their full forces can be thrown into action.

Reliable reports state that at least one regiment of Russia's famed Cossacks already has participated in an attack, dismounting near the front and advancing on foot.

Soviet casualties rose sharply today when the Red Army tried a new method of attack.

The Russians, forced for three weeks to conduct their campaign along canalized lines because of the chain of interlocking lakes, today took advantage of several days of 10 and 15 degrees below zero weather and sent a mass attack against the Finnish left wing across the ice.

But the Finns also had foreseen the maneuver.

Their machine guns had a clear field of fire across the lakes and their artillery blasted huge holes in the ice, to drown whole groups of Russians.

Russian casualties along a one-mile stretch of Lake Suvanto, around which the attack centered, were reported mounting into the thousands.

The Russians sought to break tthrough on the Finnish left wing and make the Mannerheim Line untenable.

The Finns, meanwhile, have outwith skates.

fitted some of their night patrols

Unseen in their white parkas, they glide silently over the ice, harassing the Russians. The Finnish skaters are able to cover great distances at probably the highest speed ever reached by "foot" soldiers. Almost every Finn is expert in the use of skates, as they are with skiis, but few of the Russians can use them.

The weather last night and today aided the Finns. Low clouds prevented Soviet air observation and a resumption of the intense bombing activity of the last few bright days. Lower temperatures promised snow, for which the Finns are hoping.

Congress May Be Asked For Record Funds

Defense Appropriation of $2,000,000,000 Talked; May Grant Sum Without Fight

Washington, Dec. 27.—Congress will be asked to approve another record-breaking fund for national defense at the coming session and indications today are that it will accede without much of a fight.

Congressmen with military ideas of their own, however, may provoke greater controversy than the outlay of more than $2,000,000,000 which President Roosevelt has said he would recommend to finance the army and navy for the year starting July 1.

Before the new session is a week old two House committees will study proposals designed to make the navy the mightiest armada the world has ever seen. Both are likely to provide forums for proponents of super battleships, possibly twice as big as any now afloat.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) set January 8th tentatively for the House Naval Committee to begin public hearings on a proposed $1,300,000,000 expansion of the navy. This would provide for 95 new warships, 31 auxiliary vessels and 2,395 additional airplanes.

Although Mr. Roosevelt was reported authoritatively to have slashed about $700,000,000 from the estimates of both the army and navy, there were indications that the total would be at least $300,000,000 and possibly $500,000,000 above the current year's peace-time record of about $1,800,000,000. Nevertheless, democrats and republicans have shown little disposition to quibble over money spent for defense.

Goes To Paris

Rome, Dec. 27.—United States Ambassador William Phillips left for Paris Wednesday to confer on the European situation with William C. Bullitt, American envoy to France.

Gasoline Levy Expected Pass $25,000,000

'39 Gasoline Tax Would Have Run North Carolina Government for More Than Six Pre-World War Years; Averages Over $2,000,000 A Month

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—When final figures on gasoline tax collection for 1939 are made available on January 1st they are going to show that the money paid by North Carolina motorists in this form of levy alone would have operated the entire state government for more than six years in times comparable to 1917, the year in which the United States entered the World War.

For the first 11 months of this year the six-cent a gasoline levy has average better than $2,000,000 each month and enough information is available to indicate that it will not fall below that mark in December.

When all compilations are made it is evident that the total is going to approximate $25,000,000 for 1939.

North Carolina's total tax revenue for the year 1917 is shown by auditor's reports to have been less than 149.)

Very simple division proves that this year's gasoline tax alone would have footed a state bill of that size for more than six years.

And that $25,000,000 in not all gasoline tax. Tar Heel car owners paid. They chipped in approximately one-sixth that much more to the federal government in payment of the cent a gallon U. S. levy; and on top of that they forked over more than a million to meet the so-called "inspection fee" tax of one-quarter cent per gallon—a collection which incidentally went, mostly, into the general funds rather than to the highway funds. Inspection actually cost less than a fourth of the amount collected, and the rest went into the general funds.

Forty-eight out of 50 Hunterdon County farmers report they have improved their crop yields since becoming with demonstration farmers.

EUROPEAN SUMMARY

Washington — President Roosevelt confers with Protestants and Jewish leaders on world peace drive; Finnish commission begins negotiations to buy war supplies in America; Congress to receive a bill to put teeth into the American nations' "safety belt" project to keep the war away from these shores.

Helsinki — Finnish high command announces Russians are in retreat in the sector north of Lake Ladoga and that repeated assaults on the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus have been thrown back with heavy Russian losses; a Finnish ski corps is reported without official confirmation to have crossed into Russia in an attempt to cut the vital Leningrad-Murmansk railway.

Paris—The Paris Soir reports that Russia has given Germany an Arctic naval base near Murmansk from which German U-boat raids on north Atlantic shipping are being carried out and that the Allies may be compelled to intervene in the Murmansk region.

Western Front—Calm.

Rome—Italian press reports Russian troop concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan and corresponding concentrations of British, Afghan and Indian forces to meet the threat to the British-dominated Near East and, eventually, the rich Indian empire.

FOLLOWING

The current trend toward more livestock in North Carolina has Mr. Yadkin County where registered Guernsey heifers are growing in popularity as a 4-H Club project.