

Weather

Cloudy and cool with occasional light rain today, tonight and Tuesday.

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Police Hunt Choir Singer's Mysterious Attacker

Young Girl Found Beside Yule Gifts

Still Unconscious At Hospital Here

UNION, S. C.—(AP)—A young girl choir singer whose skull was crushed by a mysterious assailant today was under the care of a brain specialist.

Visiting relatives discovered Virginia Grace Eubanks, sixteen, unconscious Christmas Eve beside presents she had brought to school.

No weapon was found. Police said they had no motive for the attack.

She was taken from a hospital here to Memorial Hospital at Charlotte, N. C., where she was reported still in a critical condition this morning.

"It was no accident," declared her uncle, R. P. Goulet, who is operating a dry cleaning establishment in Union. "It was foul play. We're going to push this thing to the limit."

Her sweetheart, James Estes, about 22, a Navy veteran, told police he had been with the girl a few minutes before she was found near her home in the Union Mill community. Friends of the couple said they planned to be with her, although no engagement had been announced. The friends advised that Estes planned to give Virginia a ring last night. The attractive brunette is about 17.

She is an "A" student in her high school junior class and a member of the choir at the Oremaster Methodist Church, Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Eubanks.

The father, a textile worker, has been ill for three months. He said Virginia was at home when he left briefly. He had just returned, he said, when the girl's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lunsford, of near Tryon, N. C., arrived for a holiday visit. They proceeded to the father into the house and found the unconscious girl.

The girl's mother, a hotel waitress, was at work.

CHRISTMAS FOR BETTY LOU

Betty Lou Marbury, whose biggest Christmas wish is that her right hand may be saved, opens packages of her home in Brownsville, Tenn. Doctors have said amputation may be necessary to stop a malignancy from spreading.

The little girl asked people to pray for her in a letter to The Memphis Commercial-Appeal (AP Wirephoto)

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Heart Of Small Pa. Town Razed By Fire

NDHAM, Pa.—A fire in a Christmas tree grew into a raging inferno last night, destroying the heart of the southern Pennsylvania town of 1,500. One person was missing and presumed dead.

More than three blocks of the business district and surrounding residential areas were burned.

Mayer Ernest Harden estimated damage at \$250,000. Two other prominent citizens figured losses would run to at least \$100,000.

The fire started in the Christmas tree of Somers Fisher, Fisher's wife, Corinne, 60, who was upstairs when the evergreen toppled the flames, Mr. Fisher said.

Dr. John Tucker, the town's only physician, said the "presumably perished" Fisher himself suffered serious burns. Memorial Hospital at Cumberland termed his condition "bad."

Twenty to 30 fire trucks from the national navy communities rushed to aid the town's volunteer company.

Gen. Grant's Nephew Is Dead In California

ROSEMEAD, Calif.—(AP)—U. S. Grant Sharp, 86-year-old nephew of Gen. Grant, died here.

Republicans Get Stage For Rallies

'Pep' Meetings On February 1

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Republicans set February 1 as the target date today for a new statement of party principles to start off the 1950 Congressional campaign.

A. D. Hermann, executive director of the GOP National Committee, told a reporter that by that time the Republican House will be in a platform they can lay out.

Guy C. Gabrielson, the national chairman, has started local roll calling. He appointed a fifteen-member policy group to represent the party.

Hermann said this group will ask Republican state chairmen and GOP governors to submit to it their local platforms.

An analysis of 6,100 replies to a policy questionnaire sent party workers showed that 60 per cent of members still oppose the GOP's proposed platform.

The Republican are trying to find a middle ground with their liberal wing but are trying to steam up party workers.

18 Families Get Babies For Yule

The stork had a busy time of it Christmas Day, delivering eight babies to mothers in the city hospitals.

He was right busy Christmas Eve, too, to deliver the rounds for a total of ten deliveries.

Births over the holiday week included the following: Mrs. Albert Baker, Rt. 1, girl, Dec. 23; Mrs. Mack D. Kirby, Apt. 185, Monday, girl; Mrs. Leonard J. Hamilton, Jr., girl, Dec. 24; Mrs. Francis, 3125 Macon Drive, a girl, Mrs. Herbert J. Helms Jr., Cranemont, girl; Mrs. Melvin Hootler, 1233 Leona Ave., boy; Mrs. Bill J. Patterson, N. Belmont, boy.

Very Gratefully, THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Publisher.

THE 'BRIBE' PAID OFF



We showed you a picture of little Candy Snapp on Christmas Eve. She was the little girl who put a cup of coffee under the tree for Santa. The photographer went back to see Candy at her home on Queens Road last night to see if the "bribe" paid off. Here's the evidence. Candy had a big day, and she got quite tired, and gladly climbed into bed for some sleep. But she still wanted a toy nearby. (News Staff Photo by Jess Hootner of Tom Franklin Studio.)

Authority Chairman Cites Selfishness

Charlotte News Staff Writer

While the Charlotte Housing Authority brass fitting its plans to a reduced program for low-rent housing here, Chairman Edwin L. Jones declared today that larger projects were blocked by "selfish" real estate men.

Mr. Jones also criticized the City Council for its failure to support the Housing Authority completely in its program.

Both Morse and Humphrey told a reporter they were surprised to learn that official secrecy hides the names of persons and amounts of salary for other staffs of the 98 senators.

He added that he wants every senator to file a sworn statement on the first of each year showing all his sources of income, from whatever source, and all operations in stock or commodity markets.

Christmas Day Event

Cary Grant & Betsy Drake Wed

ried until the couple entered the house. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Stanley H. Smith, Methodist minister. Hughes was best man. The bride was unattended. Witnessing the ceremony were Col. C. A. Shoop, Eugene's uncle-in-law; Will Hinkle, Cary's attorney; Richard Maughan, a Phoenix attorney, and the Hubbards.

Child Dies In Fall From Auto

Man Lost Near River Is Found

A small white child was killed in an unusual automobile accident and a Negro woman fled mysteriously this morning as Charlotte teams commenced their Christmas holidays.

In another unusual incident, a well-known local photographer was ordered lost in the wilds along Catawba River throughout the night, but was found at this morning.

White County police continued to search the area. Brumfield was found in good condition shortly before 11 o'clock this morning.

He said his motor broke down late Wednesday and he was unable to reach the river bank downstream from Buster Boyd Bridge. He became lost in the woods.

City police reported the death of five-year-old Paula Griffith of 25-year-old Harold Jones, Paul's father.

The small Griffith child fell from the car when it door opened.

As she landed on the pavement, the child's head struck the car door.

Police said they found the baby lying in a back room. The windows were open and there was no sign of the child.

Local interests, he added, "are making a fetish of the so-called house cleaning ordinance."

He declared that Palmer's ally is a real example of this point.

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Snow, Rain On Weather Map

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

The last day of the long Christmas holiday began with typical winter weather all over the nation.

A narrow belt of rain extended northward from the Gulf of Mexico across most of Illinois and ending to lower Michigan.

Northern Utah, Southern Idaho and Northern Minnesota were blanketed in snow.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIBENTHALER

Christmas is a sort of fifty-fifty proposition—fifty per cent of the things you get don't fit, the other fifty per cent you don't need.

Many Thanks To You

I want to take this opportunity on the day after Christmas to thank each and every person who contributed to the Empty Stocking Fund.

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