



Nancy Lee Sikes is a bit over one year old. She has been seriously wounded. Her four-year-old brother, not realizing the danger, joyfully shot her with a BB gun. The pellet hit Nancy Lee's eye, and doctors are working to save the eye now. Nancy Lee is only one of two dozen children who have been shot in the eyes with these Christmas toys. (Photo by Jeep Hunter of Tom Franklin Studio.)

### 24 Injured In Flurry Of Post-Christmas Mishaps

By TOM FERPERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Several dozen children here have been shot in the eyes and seriously wounded since Christmas Eve, according to reports from the hands of physicians.

The hands of these youngsters have completely lost the sight in their injured eyes.

Several others are still in hospital, and eye specialists said they are fearful that still more will be damaged for life if wanton shooting of the Christmas toys is not stopped.

The News, in a survey today, found that:

The Charlotte Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital has had fifteen patients who were hit in the eyes by the small "BB" pellets.

THREE AT HOSPITAL

Freshwater Hospital has had three other children who were wounded by playmate's weapons.

Good Samaritan Hospital has had four injured children, three of whom were shot in the face dangerously close to the eyes.

One local woman told The News about the shooting of her son, who was quickly treated by a doctor and not hospitalized.

An eye specialist, Dr. H. C. Nichols, said he had treated two small boys who were shot in the eye, but on one Christmas Day a few weeks ago he had three wounded patients in the space of a few hours.

ST. JENNIS SEIZED

Capt. John Vandy of City Police said officers have taken about a dozen "BB" guns away from boys who were caught about Christmas.

"We have had untold numbers of complaints since Christmas about children shooting at each other," Capt. Vandy said.

Dr. Frank C. Smith of the Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital said that he and other physicians are alarmed by the number of children who have been seriously hurt by the "BB's."

The physicians are afraid the casualty lists may grow even larger during coming weeks.

### Weather

Cloudy and continued warm to mild Saturday, showers to night and Sunday.

More Weather Data on Page 16-A

### Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER HENNINGER

My bet says I'm going to be a financial leader. I'm playing the ones lined up behind me. The fellow that talks the most generally makes the most mistakes.

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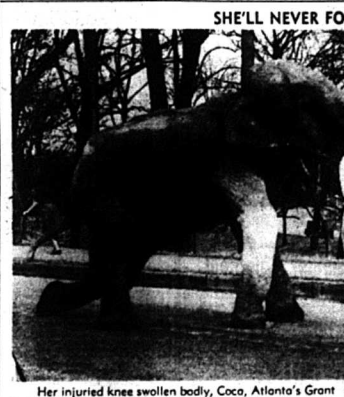
## Watchman's Condition Is Serious Found Dynamite In Blast Plot

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Police believe the dynamite attack was part of a plot against the UAW connected with the shooting of Walter and Victor Reuther. Walter Reuther said he believed the charge used Communist or left-wing agents.

A few hours before the abduction, Thomas submitted to a lie detector test at Detroit Police headquarters.

After the test, chief of Detective Jack Harvill said that he was convinced Thomas was telling the truth about how he found the dynamite.

ABSENT SEVERAL DAYS

Police called the watchman in for questioning after he had been absent from his rooming house from Dec. 27 to Wednesday.

When the watchman was found at 5 A. M., a rope was still around his feet, the loop was still attached to the dynamite and there were rope burns on his wrists.

## Isaiah Bowman Is Dead At 71

BALTIMORE — (AP) — Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president emeritus of Johns Hopkins University and one of the world's foremost geographers, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital this morning. He was 71 on Dec. 24.

Dr. Bowman retired as president of Johns Hopkins University Jan. 1, 1949.

He died at 8:30 A. M. at Johns Hopkins Hospital of a heart attack. He was stricken at his home last yesterday afternoon and taken to the hospital about midnight.

Dr. Bowman was a close adviser to President Wilson when the World War I president advanced the League of Nations plan.

The famed educator gave similar help to President Roosevelt throughout World War II and the preliminary work on the United Nations.

The one-time Michigan school teacher had not been idle since his retirement from the presidency of Johns Hopkins. In recent months one of his main tasks was heading a commission that tried to find out what to do about restoring federal resources Chesapeake Bay.

This was an example of his many public services to Maryland while he was president of the university and while he also was sitting in higher councils on world problems.

Ten years ago he headed, as another commission which blueprinted the organization of the State's Government.

In recent months he served as chairman of the European Co-Operative Administration's committee on overseas territories. He also had been helping Harvard University as a member of its board of overseers.

One of his most recent chores was directing the Maryland unit of the Committee for the Hoover Plan to Re-organize the Federal Government. He also was working on a book.

## Britain Recognizes Chinese Red Regime

LONDON — (AP) — Great Britain today recognized the Chinese Communist government.

The first major Western power to recognize Mao Tse-Tung's red regime as China's legal government, Britain severed relations with Chiang Kai-Shek's army and government.

The Nationalist government, which is based in Chungking, has a hard time recognizing the Communist government.

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## Five Children Die In Flash Blaze

DETROIT — (AP) — A flash fire swept through a two-story house in near-zero weather here today, burning five children to death.

Two of the eleven children in the home and Jim Parrish, who was caring for them, were burned severely. Four other youngsters escaped injury.

The blaze was discovered about 1:30 p. m. by a small friend who had borrowed a BB gun from another young man.

Police said that the fire started in a room where a small friend who had borrowed a BB gun from another young man.

## Midwest Punished By Floods, Cold

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## Barkley Will Visit Raleigh

RALPH — (AP) — America's most famous newswriter—Vice President Charles W. Barkley—will visit Raleigh today.

Mr. Barkley will be on hand here Jan. 26 for the North Carolina Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

The dinner will be held at the Raleigh Hotel.

# Memphis Receives Fresh Coating Of Ice

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sleet and freezing rain created the most hazardous winter weather in the Midwest today.

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## John Maragon Pleads Innocent

WASHINGTON — (AP) — John Maragon, former bootlegger, who was accused of being a racketeer, pleaded innocent today in Federal District Court.

Maragon was charged with racketeering and other crimes.

## Bank Now Guardian Of Dog, Four Cats

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The Bank of America has acquired a dog and four cats.

The bank is now the guardian of the animals.