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Train Crashes Into Station

Wrecked Car Crashes Into Station

INTO A NEW YEAR



Shriners of Oasis Temple began new year under auspicious circumstances at their annual business meeting here today when Dr. Claude B. Squires of Charlotte, as potentate, led the list of newly elected officers. Photographed above are, left to right, M. Everett Pierson, retiring potentate; Dr. Squires; and Johnie W. Benick, chief rabban, all of Charlotte. High spot of the temple's start of 1953 was authorization of construction of a fine home for Oasis membership to cost around \$200,000 on land already owned alongside Charlotte's Masonic Temple.

Two Army Vets Arrested As Spies For Reds

Russian Linked To Plot, Rec'd Demanded
WASHINGTON (AP)—Two former U. S. Army men were accused of spying for Russia today in a plot linked to the Soviet Embassy here. Atty. Gen. McGranery announced that the two were arrested in Vienna, Austria, yesterday. They were named in a secret indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Tuesday.

Simultaneously with McGranery's announcement, the State Department announced it had demanded that Russia recall Yuri V. Novikov, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy, because he has engaged in activities incompatible with his status as an accredited diplomatic official.

NATURALIZED CITIZENS
McGranery said the former Army men are Otto Verber and Kurt L. Ponger, both of New York City. Verber, 31, served as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army during World War II, and was a member of a military intelligence team in Europe.

BORN IN VIENNA
Both of the defendants were born in Vienna and were naturalized in this country early in 1942. Verber, 31, served as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army during World War II, and was a member of a military intelligence team in Europe. After the war, he was employed as an interrogator for the War Crimes Commission in Nuremberg, Germany. Recently, he has been living in the American Zone of Vienna, enrolled under the GI Bill of Rights at the University of Vienna.

OUR WEATHER
Mostly cloudy today and tomorrow. Cloudy tomorrow and showers tonight and tomorrow. Colder tomorrow night. High temperature yesterday 60 degrees. High temperature expected today 64 degrees. Low temperature yesterday 42 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight 32 degrees. Sunrise 7:32 A. M.; sunset 5:54 P. M. More Weather Data on Page 7-A

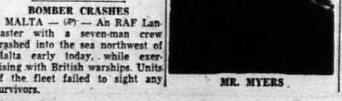
SQUIRES POTENTATE Shriners Vote To Build New Temple

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Members of Oasis Temple of the Mystic Shrine in annual business meeting here today elected Dr. Claude B. Squires of Charlotte as potentate and authorized the trustees to construct here a home for the temple's membership to cost not more than \$200,000.

LIMITATION
Another limitation in this resolution was that nothing should be included in this proposed home for the Shriners that will interfere with the operations of the Red Fit Club here.

'Happy Birthday' Sung For Ex-Potentate Myers

"Happy Birthday To You" resounded in the assembly room at the Masonic Temple today when several hundred members of Oasis Temple of the Mystic Shrine paid tribute to A. G. Myers of Gastonia, oldest living past potentate of Oasis.
Mr. Myers has been a distinguished leader in major activities of Oasis Temple about 40 years. Particularly he has been active since he was elected potentate in December, 1923. He is the senior member of this temple's board of trustees.
Retiring Potentate M. Everett Pierson of Charlotte, in the Shrine's business session, commended Past Potentate Myers as a "distinguished financial leader of our temple through many years."
Past Potentate John D. Shaw of Charlotte obtained recognition of Potentate Pierson and made the formal motion that the Shriners wish Past Potentate Myers "the most happy birthday today, on the occasion of his 71st anniversary."



MR. MYERS

Spectacular Wreck In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A runaway passenger train, its horn screeching a warning, crashed through a barrier into Union Station today.
At least 49 emergency patients were rushed to hospital but almost miraculously no one was reported killed.

Burning Building Explodes In Washington

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A burning building in Northeast Washington suddenly exploded with a great roar today, knocking down people in the street nearby. There were reports of one killed and at least twelve injured.

The blast blew all the way across the street five firemen who were fighting the blaze. Glass fragments were blown across the street and a big plate glass window in a neighboring shop was shattered.
The building was a battery and appliance store at 10th and H St., Northeast. This is about one blocks from the Union station on the route out towards Baltimore.
The explosion came at about 12:30 P. M. (EST). Ambulances and fire-fighting equipment rushed to the scene within a second emergency in downtown Washington today.

Gov. Umstead's Condition Good

DURHAM (AP)—The report from Gov. Umstead's physician today was that the governor's condition is good.
"The governor is in the hospital for members of the temple located here and elsewhere over Western North Carolina; facilities for the various uniformed units of the limited construction costs to an amount which can be paid without incurring debt. Further, this structure will not include an auditorium."
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Ferry Collides With Freighter
NEW YORK (AP)—A Staten Island ferry with 1,900 passengers crashed into a freighter near the Statue of Liberty today in one of two collisions in fog-shrouded New York Harbor.
Eleven persons were injured and hurt, shaken up, and some were actually drenched in seawater. Passengers rushed for life preservers, but the ferry dinged before she dove from the United States Lines' 8,200-ton freighter, American Vets, and reached her Manhattan berth.

CREW NOT HURT
The doctor said he saw the engine crew leave the locomotive unassisted, and that he understood persons working in the station hummed off— which was vitally demolished— saw the train coming and escaped unhurt.

Thought Of A Bomb Flashed Through Mind Of Charlotte Witness To Wreck
WASHINGTON—(AP)—"If that train had come 20 feet nearer I'd have been riding on the cow catcher."
That was the first reaction of J. A. Stenhouse, 42-year-old Charlotte, N. C., architect, and secretary of the J. N. Pease Co., who drove the 100-ton freighter Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train crash through a barrier into the concourse of Union Station today.

EVENING PRAYER
Dear God, who has made up for Thyself and for one another, bless all whom I shall meet each day. Let me be conceived to give each one something of kindness, of cheer, of helpfulness and love—that I may be true to my best self as one who is made in Thy image and called to be Thy son in Jesus' name. Amen.

ONLY A PART OF THE PICTURE



This picture is deceptive, in a way. You see a smiling little girl and her dollies in a schoolroom or a nursery. But the camera, in this case, doesn't tell the whole story. You can't see the braces and wheelchair in which Myrtle Paulette LeVance has spent all but two of her seven years. You don't see the other poorly-organized children, her fellow-patients in a local orphan ward. But you do see the bravery of child-poled by the governor, serve at his pleasure, and their salaries would be fixed by the governor with the approval of the Advisory Budget Commission. In addition to the board members, the bill provides for an executive secretary to be appointed by the board at a salary fixed by the governor.

State Board Of Paroles Urged

RALEIGH (AP)—Legislation to re-vamp the State Paroles Commission in line with a recommendation by Gov. Umstead was tossed into the House hopper today.
The bill was introduced by Rep. J. B. Rodman of Beaufort and several other House members. It would replace the present joint parol commission with a three-member "Board of Paroles."

British Nab 6 Former Nazis In German Raid

By GEORGE BULLOUGH
BONN, Germany (AP)—In a surprise midnight swoop, British police last night arrested six former Nazis and accused them of plotting to regain power in Western Germany.
British public safety officers, joined by armed military police, raided the men out of their homes in the Hamburg and Duesseeldorf areas, in the British occupation zone, and carried them off to an undisclosed jail.

SECURITY THREAT
British high commissioner in Germany, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, ordered the arrests under a law empowering occupation authorities to act against threats to the security of the Allies.
Among the men seized were two who had been named in Hitler's will to succeed to high political posts in what the suicide-bent Fuehrer envisioned as a continuing Third Reich.
A British spokesman said the men had not yet been charged, but they were being held while their anti-Western activities were investigated further.

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Comic Dictionary
FIRMNESS
That admirable quality in occupations which is gettable substance in others.