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Four Leads, 5 Missions After Tankers

Man Of The Year To Be Named In Tomorrow's News



The Charlotte News Man of the Year for 1953 will be announced in tomorrow's News. Selection of 1953's Man of the Year was made by Men of the Year of former years...

Two Atlantic Vessels Bump In Delaware

Both Catch Fire After River Mishap. By BILL LOFTUS WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—Two tankers crashed in the fog-bound Delaware River early today, killing at least four crewmen. Five crewmen still were missing. The tankers, Atlantic Dealer and Atlantic Engineer, collided as they sought safe anchorage in the fog-bound river setting off fires on both vessels.

The eight Men of the Year who made the 1953 selection are pictured above as they met to consider this year's award. Seated (left to right) David Owens, 1950; Cecil W. Gilchrist, 1945; H. H. Everett, 1952; Col. J. Norman Pease, 1948; Standing, Coleman W. Roberts, 1944, the first Miss of the Year, George McFrey, 1947; John F. Watlington Jr., 1951; Henry C. Dockery, 1949; J. B. Marshall, Man of the Year in 1946, is dead.

AFTER THE DANCE IS OVER



No, these aren't cannibals running down their next meal. They are a Tonga Islander warrior (on bicycle) and a dancer returning home after taking part in ceremonies welcoming Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to the Pacific Island. (AP Wirephoto)

By Southern Democrats Defense Contract Plan Hit

By ROWLAND EVANS JR., Wash. (AP)—An Eisenhower administration plan for funneling more government defense work into areas of large unemployment ran into a barrage of heavy criticism from Southern Democrats today, forecasting verbal fireworks when Congress meets next week. Sen. Maybank (D-SC) accused President Eisenhower of turning his back on his campaign promise that the federal government would set forth again yesterday at the Little White House at August-

Red Pressure On French Tightened

By LARRY ALLEN HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Vietnam troops were ordered to move into the Northwest, troops of the Vietnam "Iron Division" drew within four miles of the fortified plain bristling with French Union troops and American-supplied winter campaign, perhaps in preparation for another push into the already-occupied kingdom of Laos. The Red-led invaders who knarried across Southern Laos to Thakhek on the Thailand border

Martin Luther Film Banned

MONTREAL (AP)—The Quebec film censorship board has banned the showing in this largely Catholic Canadian province of the U.S. made movie Martin Luther. The board gave no reason for the ban. The Catholic National League of Decency in the United States has taken issue with the movie content "theological and historical references and interpretations which are unacceptable to Catholics."

Woman Killed In Gun Battle

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—A woman was shot to death, and two men wounded in a kitchen duel here last night. Gladys Munson, 25, was killed. Wounded were her estranged husband Albert, 29, and Herman H. Walton, 30, a factory worker and former constable. Detective John I. Williams said without my gun and not back acting as a bodyguard to Mrs. Munson since she and her husband separated under guard at Pontiac. Munson came to attempt reconciliation last night, police quoted Walton as saying.

Evening Prayer

God, help us to declare Thy name today in all our conduct. Help us to give eternal life now. To know Thee is life eternal. We open our hearts. Come in, O God, to work while it is day. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

LET HIM FIND OWN WIFE, MAYOR SAYS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Mayor Alex M. Clark has turned a deaf ear on a plea by an Italian youth for the names of some "charming and sympathetic" American girls interested in matrimony. "We're not running a lonely hearts bureau here," said the mayor today. "Let him get out and work for a wife like I did."

Social Security Defeat Predicted

By CHARLES F. BARRETT WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Keen (R-NJ) predicted today neither the Eisenhower administration nor Congress will adopt a key Republican colleague's plan to pay social security benefits to almost every one. Rep. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.), chairman of a social security subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, outlined the far-reaching new program yesterday. It seemed destined for heated controversy when Congress convenes next week.

N. C. Editors Pick Ten Best

By ASSOCIATED PRESS North Carolina's top news stories of 1953, selected in a poll of Associated Press member newspapers and radio stations: 1—Sen. Willis Smith dies; Lenon named successor as next year's senatorial race takes shape. 2—Gov. William B. Umstead inaugurated governor and suffers heart attack during early days in office. 3—Legislature sets on Umstead's program and ends business amid Freedom of Information battle. 4—Tragedies hit Ft. Bragg as 20 soldiers drowned in one accident and 15 others die in plane crash. 5—FBI closes books on Ku Klux Klan with January and November mass arrests. 6—World says homage to Wrights at Kitty Hawk 50th anniversary celebration. 7—The Alton race riot heard school segregation arguments. 8—President Eisenhower visits Salisbury for Rowan County's bicentennial.

New Year's Celebration Can Just Ruin \$100 Bill

By JAMES DEVLIN NEW YORK (AP)—Taking your best guess out for New Year's Eve will require the major part of a \$100 bill at some of New York's swankier night spots. Or, if you prefer, you can visit the bar around the corner and buy a 30-cent beer to watch the revelry on television. The minimum tab at the Hotel Pierre's Cotillon Room will be \$27.50 per person. For that you will get dinner, a show, noisemakers, dancing and a champagne cocktail. To the \$25 for two, add the price of all other drinks, tips, transportation, a snack on the way home and maybe a headache remedy. The Pierre's price includes the 20 per cent luxury tax. At most other places, the quoted price does not include the tax, which must be added. The Hotel Plaza's basic charge will be \$25 per person in its Persian Room for dancing, dinner, tax and tip.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy with light showers in the morning, turning colder tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and colder. High temperature yesterday, 35 degrees; high expected today, 35 degrees; low expected today, 22 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 23 degrees. Sunrise, 7:31 a.m.; sunset, 5:10 p.m.

Ex-Wife Free In Man's Death

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—Nina Harrell, 35, is free today in the fatal shooting of her former husband, Earl Harrell, 35, who was married to her sister Ruth, 26, when he was killed Christmas Day. Prosecutors charged R. Schwesinger held Nina and Ruth together. There were also five small children by Ruth and a 13-year-old daughter by Nina. Schwesinger said Nina and Ruth told him that Harrell ignored his demands that he quit drinking Christmas Day and threatened to kill the entire family. They accused him of firing two shots at Ruth and Lenore, his 13-year-old daughter. Then, the two women told the prosecutor, the women and older daughter struggled with him. Nina grabbed his gun, which went off, killing him.

Lawyer Says Prison Officials Tampered With Client's Letter

GREENSBORO (AP)—A charge that Central Prison officials tampered with the evidence in the case of a client's letter was voiced here today by a Greensboro attorney. J. Shields said he did not learn of the situation until he received a letter purportedly smuggled out of the Raleigh prison by Lindsay Dillon, 43. The letter was hidden inside a Christmas card mailed from Raleigh. The episode is another bizarre chapter in the history of Dillon, who is serving a 10-year sentence on an attempt to have two sentences imposed on him here in 1942 set aside. Dillon, a fugitive since July 1942, was brought to North Carolina last summer after serving 11 years in a New York penitentiary. During a Guilford Superior Court term here in November Judge Frank M. Armstrong of Troy turned down Dillon's petition for setting aside his unserved sentence of 17 years and 18 months for robbery. Shields said the incident began Dec. 12 when he mailed Dillon an affidavit on which his signature was needed. The affidavit is a request for review of the North Carolina Supreme Court of Judge Armstrong's November decision. Shields said the "handwritten" letter received the Christmas card containing Dillon's letter, written on prison stationery, was being slowly upstream, hunting for anchorage space. Several other letters were at anchor in the area. Residents along the shore of the

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Plane Is Missing With Eleven Aboard

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Ten more persons previously unaccounted for after the Christmas Eve railway disaster in New Zealand were reported safe today. A total of 119 bodies now have been found. Seventeen people are still missing. The signed affidavit was returned here Monday. Shields has about two weeks within which to get the affidavit before the Supreme Court.

Comic Dictionary

A perverse creature that spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in a bathing suit.