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Road Slatter Records, 54 Persons Die In Home Fires

Crash Kills 3

PARIS (AP) — The Union Aeromarine De Transports, a private French airline, said three persons were killed when one of its DC-6 planes crashed today near Salisbury, Rhodesia. The company said about 60 persons were injured.

Cave-In Toll—18

ZICHEM ZUSSEN BOLDER, Belgium (AP) — The death toll in the collapse of an underground mine in a farm was officially set today at 18, including 14 still entombed. This hope was abandoned for those still trapped in the network of caves and tunnels three days after the cave-in.

Forces Reinforced

HAVANA (AP) — Government forces in Las Villas Province, in central Cuba, are facing increasing menace from rebels and have been reinforced.

Rescue Operation

LONDON (AP) — The U. S. Navy rescued 134 persons and delivered food to 3,000 persons in flooded northwestern Morocco, a naval headquarters reported today. The rescue operation, with helicopters and planes based near, was carried out Christmas Day.

Change Studied

PARIS (AP) — The French Cabinet meets today to consider currency reform. Speculation was that the franc would be devalued to enable French prices to compete in the European common market.

Progress Hailed

TOKYO (AP) — The Chinese Communist government today claimed the greatest railroad building achievement for one year in China's history — the laying of 1,400 miles of new track in 1958.

Attack Renewed

CAIRO (AP) — President Nasser's government today renewed its verbal attack on the Communists in the Syrian province of the United Arab Republic. Syrian Interior Minister Abdul Hamid Serraj said that the Reds had become "mouthpieces for the enemies of Arab nationalism."

The Lighter Side

Here's One Resolution She'll Keep

(By ASSOCIATED PRESS)
Nancy Duddy already has made one New Year's resolution. The Norristown, Pa., girl will read Christmas cards before sending them to her friends. In a last-minute rush she mailed 100 greetings to friends and relatives. The cards were marked, "From the five of us." Nancy is 20 and single.

Where's The Pop?

The pop of champagne bottles was heard somewhere in Hartside, N. Y., but not in the home of Mrs. John Blake. She put three bottles of bubbly outside her doorstep to cool. When she went to retrieve them, they were gone.

Scott's Waiting

H. H. Scott of Memphis is proud of the present from his wife, but he's not showing it off just yet.

The gift was a shiny red sports car, and Mrs. Scott had a wonderful idea of painting the greeting, "To Harold with Love," on the side with washable paint.



Richmond Firemen Battle Fire Which Killed Five

14 In Tarheelia

Carolinas Record 21 Violent Deaths

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
At least 21 violent deaths have been recorded in the Carolinas since the beginning of the four-day Christmas holiday period, 15 of them in highway accidents with 14 of those in North Carolina.

The other seven deaths were all in the Palmetto state, two of them pedestrian fatalities.

In a flaming two-car wreck near Jackson, five persons died, including four members of a Danville, Va., family. The dead were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edward Taylor and their two teenage daughters, Ellen Louise, 16, and Nancy, 18, all of Danville; and Foy Arnold Allen, 52, of Roanoke Rapids, who was in the second car.

MORE VICTIMS

Other holiday traffic victims were Mrs. Janie Stuts, 31, of Charlotte, who was struck by a car; Bobby Earl Sisk, 27, of Dallas, who was killed when he stepped into the path of a vehicle near Dallas; Columbus Martin Jr., 20, a Negro of R. 1, Hobbins, who was killed when a car

There's Nothing Like Nice, Modern House

CLIFFSIDE PARK, N. J. (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perry thought it would be nice to spend Christmas around a roaring fireplace in the living room of their new home.

Our Weather

Fair and not so cold today and tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Low this morning — 18
Low tomorrow morning — 30
High today — 48
High tomorrow — 56

Sunrise today 7:30 a.m.; sunset today 5:17 p.m.

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LONDON (AP) — The annual war of nerves with the British distillers, postmen and holiday carolers has been fought and is usual loss.

1 Family Loses 9 Members

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Christmas holiday fires brought tragedy to families in many parts of the nation. At least 54 fathers, mothers and children lost their lives during what was to have been one of the happiest times of the year.

Nine persons of a family of 12 died today in a fire which destroyed a farm home near Auburn, Wis.

Five bodies were recovered two hours after the 6 a.m. (PST) blaze and fire department officers were searching the ruins for four more.

Firemen said those listed as dead were Mrs. Olive Hollenbach, 35, and eight children. The husband and father, Olie Hollenbach, was burned only slightly. The two other survivors were Wanda Hollenbach, 7, and a Mrs. Hightower, 30, presumed to be the mother of Mrs. Hollenbach.

Five of the six members of a prominent Virginia family perished when flames swept their \$100,000 mansion in the fashionable Windsor Farms suburb of Richmond early today.

They were Hiram C. Gray Jr., 43, director of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.; his wife, Catherine, 47; two sons, Thomas, 17, and Foster, 13; and a daughter, Susan Lee, 19.

SON IS SURVIVOR

Another son, Horace A. Gray III, 22, had left the home a short time before the fire.

Two separate Pennsylvania fires each took the lives of three children.

An early Christmas morning fire killed the three children of Brookside three youngsters in the Wilkes-Barre despite a desperate effort of their parents to save them. The children were Deborah, 4; Donald, 2; and Edward Jr., 1.

Evening Prayer

Dear God, whose love for us comes into our world in the person of Christ, we thank Thee for taking our lives as they are and transforming them into what Thou wouldst have them to be. May the spirit of love which came down at Christmas cast out that which is selfish and evil in us. In love we pray... Amen.

LET NOTHING YOU DISMAY, EH?

War Of Nerves Is Lost—As Usual

You are expected to put money in the box.

The Borough Council, which hires the distillers or garbage collectors, frowns on this practice. Nevertheless on Dec. 24 the doorman always rings and there stands the head distiller.

PENCIL POISED

He has a clipboard holding a list of the addresses at which he and his crew pick up wall-bags. His pencil is poised expectantly over yours.



Mrs. McDaniel (Left) And Her Son, And Mrs. Meadow And Her Daughter

Russians Push Berlin Demand

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union warned Thursday that Western insistence on remaining in Berlin could kindle nuclear war that would reach America.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko continued the Kremlin's campaign to force the Western Allies out of West Berlin by predictions of nuclear war if they stay. He boasted Russia is well armed for any trouble.

Gromyko spoke at the closing session of the winter meeting of Russia's parliament, the Supreme Soviet. He also urged a ban on nuclear weapon tests without controls which the West considers necessary.

A THREAT

If an end is not put to the Berlin crisis, Gromyko said, "the threat will further increase of West Berlin becoming a second Sarajevo."

Premier Khrushchev has demanded that the United States, Britain and France pull their occupation troops out of West Berlin by June 1 leaving a demilitarized free city surrounded by Communist East Germany.

NO DIFFERENCE

"The flame of war would inevitably spread to the American continent if today's military techniques have virtually eliminated the difference between distant theaters of war and those close at hand," he asserted.

The foreign minister added that Russia "has no objection to hearing proposals if the West has any." "Don't you dare strike those poor children!" warns your wife.

BRIEF PLEACE

This is done. Briefing there is peace. Then the living-room door opens and in comes your eldest son, aged 23. The time is 9:45 p.m.

"Good morning," he says. "Is it Christmas yet?"

When the neighbor hood through the bell rings for the fifth time you hop out of your chair as though harpooned from the rear.

High Rate Surpasses Any Period

Traffic — 263
Deaths — 54
Miscellaneous — 33
Total — 350

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Traffic deaths in the first quarter of the long Christmas weekend, taking a sharp upturn Thursday, were running at a higher rate than the nation's all-time record for any holiday.

Safety experts expressed alarm over the slaughter on the highways. They said unless motorists are "shocked into better behavior" a new death toll record may be set.

The rate of fatalities was more than seven per hour since the count started at 6 p.m. local time Christmas Eve. It was higher than the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate of 650 deaths during the 102-hour period which ends at midnight Sunday.

The county also was at a faster clip than for a comparable period during the four-day Christmas holiday period when the all-time record of 706 traffic deaths was recorded.

UP TO DRIVERS

As the toll shot upward the council said: "It's up to the driver to pull down this toll in homebound bound travel. Christmas is traditionally the most dangerous period of the year because of heavy traffic and high visibility."

The council estimates 60 million cars will have been on the highways when the holiday period ends. It cautioned however driving conditions could be much worse than during the first part of the holiday. Weather conditions since Christmas Eve have been favorable in driving in most parts of the country, with highways virtually free of ice and snow.

Persons lost their lives in a head-on crash of two autos near Michigan City, Ind. The dead were a Chicago couple and their 3-year-old son and a Crown Point, Ind., youth.

At Sacramento, Calif., a Greyhound bus loaded with 34 holiday travelers skidded into a crowd of people on a highway, killing a woman and injuring her husband.

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Yule Sound—Waaa!

Stork Plays Santa For 19 Families

By JOHN BORCHERT
News Staff Writer

Baby inflation has hit Charlotte. On Christmas Day, 19 parents became the proud possessors of holiday sons and daughters. Last year, there were six babies born on Christmas Day.

The only thing I missed was my Christmas dinner," commented Mrs. Joseph Andrews Jr., 3333 Greywood Rd., who gave birth to a girl, her second daughter, at 5:01 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital.

This one is called Amy Jo, after Joe, the father. The first girl is 3-year-old Terri.

Slipping in under the midnight wire was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schultz, 900 N. Pine St., who was born at 11:55 p.m. at Memorial Hospital.

For many of the parents, it was the second or third child. But for others, it was the first. And some of the parents were newcomers here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDaniel, 219 Koswick Ave., just arrived here two months ago from Santa Monica, Calif. Mr. McDaniel is in engineering with Douglas Aircraft here. Yesterday his wife presented him with C. E. McDaniel Jr. at 10:36 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Meadow of Rt. 1, Matthews, are from other parts of the nation also. Mr. Meadow is a native of Florida, and his wife is a native of Washington, D. C. Yesterday, at 6:08 a.m. at Presbyterian Hospital, Marian Carol Meadow arrived.

"I think she looks just like my husband," her mother said of her seven pound, 15 ounce daughter, a first child in the Meadow family.

Here is where the other babies were born on Christmas, with parents names and addresses, and times of arrival: Presbyterian Hospital — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ross, 2732 Dogwood Ave., a boy, 8:48 p.m.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Hager, Rt. 9, Charlotte, a boy, 7:45 p.m.; and Mr. and Mrs. William Powell, 1219 Hanover St., a girl, 3:04 p.m.

Memorial Hospital — Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Edwards Jr., 404 Irving Ave., a boy, 9:06 p.m.; Mr. and Mrs. William F. Davis, 5300 Millford Rd., a girl, 11:28 a.m.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levine, 4011 Wendenover Lane, a boy, 1:05 p.m.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Broome, 221 W. 11th St., a boy, 4:11 p.m.; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sargent, 2821 W. Trade St., a boy, 1:19 p.m.

Mercy Hospital — Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cooper, 228 Hollis Rd., a boy, 6:35 a.m.; and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Harrington, 921 Brookside Dr., a girl, 11:01 p.m.

Good Samaritan Hospital — Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie James, 1118 Oaklawn Ave., a boy, 8:44 p.m.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Harry Washington, 712 N. Graham St., a girl, 7:20 a.m.; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, 415 N. Alexander St., a boy, 5:15 a.m.

Congressional Battles Seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Congress members will start arriving soon for the new session which may open with battles in both House and Senate.

The 86th Congress convenes Jan. 7 with much bigger Democratic majorities than the 85th Congress of 1957-58.

Normally a new Congress gets off to a slow start but this time things look different.

In the Senate, a lengthy fight is shaping up over a move by the House to strip the Senate of its power to curb filibusters. Southern Democrats in the past have used unlimited debate to block civil rights legislation.

Senate Republicans also are embroiled in a family quarrel. A group which views the present GOP command there are behind the times is pushing a rival slate for the leadership posts.

RULES FIGHT

In the House, a bloc of self-styled liberals wants to limit the power of the Rules Committee to bottle up legislation. Under present House rules, that committee can keep most bills from the floor almost indefinitely.

Unless a compromise is reached ahead of time, this fight will be settled on opening day.

'Inside Frank Sinatra' To Be Next Spotlight

Movie star and crooner Frank Sinatra has been battling the world ever since he was a Dead End Kid in Hoboken, N. J.

He's fought with newsmen and photographers, with producers and business associates, and with some of the loveliest ladies he's squared. Why?

Readers of The Charlotte News will find the answers Monday in the latest of The Charlotte News Spotlight series, "INSIDE OF FRANK SINATRA."

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