

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

\*\*\*\*\* FINAL

Largest Evening Newspaper In The Two Carolinas Charlotte, North Carolina, Saturday, December 27, 1958

34 Pages — Price Ten Cents



Established Dec. 8, 1888.



Witness Killed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—A wealthy ex-night club owner, who was a witness before the state Senate rack-ets subcommittee earlier this year, was found murdered today. Investigating officers said Tony Mirabile, 64, had been shot and stabbed to death.

All-Out Drive

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Civilians were warned today to keep clear of rebel positions as the government proclaimed an all-out drive to wipe out the insurgents.

Smallpox Victim

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—An outbreak of smallpox in this headquarters city of the U. S. Army in Europe brought its first fatality today. A 72-year-old patient died in a clinic where four doctors and several other employes have contracted smallpox.

2 Climbers Lost

TOKYO (AP)—Two Japanese university mountain climbers were reported missing today, bringing the total dead or missing throughout Japan to 18 in the past two weeks.

Victims Buried

ZICHEN ZUSSEN BOLD-ER, Belgium (AP)—Five victims of an underground washroom farm cave-in were buried today while rescue workers continued to dig with faint hope of finding survivors. Officials said 18 persons were trapped by the collapse of tunnels last Tuesday.

Official Visit

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is making an official two-day visit to Sudan. Hammarskjold flew in last night from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. There he will attend the first session of the African Economic Committee, a U. N. subsidiary.

Is Sinatra Hero Or Just Ham?

Books Classified 9A 1-3C Comics 8B Crossword Puzzle 8B Earl Wilson 7B Editorials 4A Obituaries 3A Radio-TV 5-8A Serial 9A Social Security Game 8B Sports 10-11A Theaters 6-8B Your good health 9A Women 1-2B Worry Clinic 8B

Starting Monday

icy Roads Cause 31 Accidents; U. C. Home Fires Take 5 Lives

4 Children In Family Perish

By DONALD MACDONALD News Staff Writer

Five North Carolinians died early today as a result of home fires. Four children in a Caldwell County family were killed when their home burned, and a Union County woman died of burns suffered last night when her clothing caught fire.

The children perished when flames engulfed a two-story frame residence on Cedar Valley Rd. off Highway 321, approximately three miles east of Granite Falls. A fifth child, an 11-year-old boy, managed to jump from a window and escape, although badly burned on the face.

The children perished when flames engulfed a two-story frame residence on Cedar Valley Rd. off Highway 321, approximately three miles east of Granite Falls. A fifth child, an 11-year-old boy, managed to jump from a window and escape, although badly burned on the face.

Neighbors tentatively identified the victims as Ann, Peanut, Brother and Danny, the names they were known by in the neighborhood.

Fire Chief Kenneth Huss of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Dept. said the children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, were away from home at the time, visiting neighbors.

HOUSE WAS POPPING Earl Kirby, the owner of the house and who lives a few steps away, said when he awoke "the house was popping and crackling."

The dwelling was constructed of pine lumber and the flames raced through it like kindling.

An unidentified motorist told the Rev. Riley Hucksby, pastor of the church, that he heard the children screaming, but was unable to help them.

It is feared that first that a friend of the Wilson children may also have been a victim, Roger Deal, about 11, had planned to spend the night in the Wilson house, which is situated on a rural paved road about three miles north of here.

It was impossible to save the children, he said. Two of the children apparently attempted to follow their father.

See N. C. on page 2-A



Hollie Wallis Makes A Lonely Figure As She Surveys 8-Inch Ice At Chesapeake Bay, Md.

Was Balloon Report Hoax?

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Aerial searchers tried today to pin down unconfirmed reports, from ham radio operators that the British balloon Small World had landed in eastern Venezuela after a trans-Atlantic flight.

The air search began Friday over the jungle area of the Orinoco River delta.

The amateur radio operators reported that the balloon and its four passengers had landed near Pedernales, a Venezuelan port on the Atlantic at the northern edge of the wide delta. The town is just 20 miles west of the tip of Trinidad in the British West Indies.

The report gained strength when Minister of Communications Oscar Machado Zuloaga was quoted in Caracas newspapers as saying the balloon had landed in Venezuela.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority said, however, that it had nothing to confirm the report. It was supervising the search by a Communications Ministry DC-3. After searching for only an hour or two, the plane was forced by darkness to land at Maturin, 60 miles west of Pedernales.

The Small World cast off from Santa Cruz de Turkrie in the Canary islands, 65 miles off the coast of Morocco, on Dec. 12. The goal was to drift with the winds to Barbados, some 3,000 miles away in the West Indies Federation.

The Small World cast off from Santa Cruz de Turkrie in the Canary islands, 65 miles off the coast of Morocco, on Dec. 12. The goal was to drift with the winds to Barbados, some 3,000 miles away in the West Indies Federation.

The three men and the wife of one of them riding the balloon had estimated that the trip would take three weeks. They had food for three months in the 15-ft.-7-ft. gondola, which was built to double as a lifeboat if necessary.

"What did the other fellow have?" asked the judge. "Only two pairs," replied Hester.

New Record? Road Deaths Still Above Estimates

The traffic death toll today climbed faster than pre-Christmas holiday estimates as millions of weekend travelers toured the country's highways.

The National Safety Council said the toll was ahead of a rate which would produce the 600 deaths it predicted for the four-day holiday period.

But it added there was a "glimmer of hope" the rising number of auto fatalities might fall short of the all-time holiday high of 705 set in a similar Christmas period two years ago.

As usual, speed and careless driving were blamed for most of the killer accidents.

Generally fair and warm weather egged on some motorists to clamp down on the accelerator.

The council said it based its hopes that no new record was in the making in midyear figures which showed this year's toll at 345 deaths. At a comparable period in 1956 the death count was 384.

The NSC said Friday night was the first time since The Associated Press count started at 6 p. m. local time Wednesday that the traffic toll had fallen below the heavy fatality pace of two years ago.

He flipped open the hood and a cat staggered out. The car's fan was bent and the radiator was punctured.

Error Corrected "The mayor & members of the council extends to all seasons' greetings," read the sign on a Newark, N. J., street.

Not Here, Please Members of the Minehead, England, hunt followed a fox across the countryside to the door of the Beaconwood Hotel, and the hounds killed it there.

Husband Held For Killing

Post-holiday violence claimed the life of a Negro woman this morning when she was shot down at the home of a friend.

Rosa Kinard, 60, 3428 N. E. 1st St., died at Good Samaritan Hospital of gunshot wounds in the head at 4:30 a. m. today, some two hours after the shooting.

Sammie Kinard Jr., Rosa's husband, admitted the slaying, Charlotte police said, and has been charged with murder.

Officers said when they answered the call shortly after 2 a. m. to go to the home of Roosevelt Harris, 3013 E. 1st St., they found Rosa on the floor near the front door. Kinard was standing several feet from her body.

"I shot my wife," officers quoted Kinard as saying. Officers said the blast from a 20 gauge shotgun struck the victim in the head.

Kinard told officers the shooting climaxed an argument. He said he didn't mean to kill his wife, that he struck out at her with the gun and it went off.

Harris told officers substantially the same story as Kinard. He said Kinard struck at his wife with the shotgun and it fired. Kinard turned to him, Harris said, and exclaimed: "Looka there, Roosevelt, I done killed my wife. I won't live in peace anymore."

See ICING on page 2-A

Hooping In Italy Proposing Position REGGIO CALABRIA, Italy, (AP)—Even Gypsies are whirling hula hoops—but some go paid for it.

While other Gypsies strummed guitars, Rosita Altavilla, 23, danced with a plastic hoop Friday on a highway near this town in the toe of the Italian boot.

Could Be They Know The Law

Could it have been Dasher and Dancer, or maybe Rudolph with his red nose? Well, not likely.

At any rate, the LeGette Blithe family of Huntersville could hardly believe their eyes.

There, out of the woods and across their fields walked three deer.

MR. BLYTHE hurriedly put in a call for County Police Chief Joe D. Whitley to tell of what he had seen this morning.

"And I want you to know that I've had nothing to drink," explained the well-known Mecklenburg novelist and biographer.

Chief Whitley looked at his statute books and confirmed that there is no deer season in Mecklenburg County. It's absolutely against the law to shoot a deer at any time.

SO CHIEF Whitley called The News and gave out the word.

Dasher and Dancer and Rudolph can take a restful after-Christmas stroll in Mecklenburg without fear of being shot.

County police reported a motorist was pinned in his car momentarily when it overturned at the intersection of Highways 49 and 29 but he managed to get out of the car without injury. His name was not available.

The Weather Bureau said the ice this morning came from rains spread by a low pressure area moving northward from the Gulf of Mexico and discharging its moisture through freezing ground level temperatures.

State Holiday Toll Rising

By ASSOCIATED PRESS The North Carolina holiday visitor death toll mounted by fear-some leaps and bounds today with traffic the killer.

At least 17 persons have died on the highways since the holiday count began at 6 p. m. Wednesday, seven died in fires and four in other miscellaneous violence.

A 17-year-old Fayetteville girl was the state's 17th traffic victim, who was run over by a car in North Carolina County killed five persons—four in the same family—and another two-car smashup near Coats killed three persons. Both wrecks occurred Christmas night.

There were three fatalities reported Friday, they were: Robert Lee Moore, 48, of Sanford, who suffered fatal injuries after a collision on U. S. 1 near Sanford;

Nick Austin, 47, of Hendersonville, who was run over by an auto on U. S. 401 12 miles south of Warren;

And Miss Carolyn Murphy, 17, of Fayetteville, who died when a passenger car near Red Springs Christmas night when overcome by fumes. The victims, Robert A. Kimball, 20, and Patricia Evers, 16, were found dead yesterday morning.

A two-car collision near Jackson in Northampton County killed five persons—four in the same family—and another two-car smashup near Coats killed three persons. Both wrecks occurred Christmas night.

There were three fatalities reported Friday, they were: Robert Lee Moore, 48, of Sanford, who suffered fatal injuries after a collision on U. S. 1 near Sanford;

Nick Austin, 47, of Hendersonville, who was run over by an auto on U. S. 401 12 miles south of Warren;

And Miss Carolyn Murphy, 17, of Fayetteville, who died when a passenger car near Red Springs Christmas night when overcome by fumes. The victims, Robert A. Kimball, 20, and Patricia Evers, 16, were found dead yesterday morning.

Our Weather

Cloudy and moderately cold with occasional rain this afternoon and tonight ending late Saturday.

Low this morning 29 Low tomorrow morning 35 High today 40 High yesterday 40 High tomorrow 45 Sunrise today 7:30 a. m.; sunset today 7:18 p. m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-B

—THE EMPTY STOCKING FUND— Late Gifts Swell Charity Fund

The News today acknowledges contributions to the Empty Stocking Fund that were received too late for acknowledgment on Christmas Eve.

This brings the 1958 Empty Stocking Fund total to \$18,115.41, the largest amount given in the 27-year history of the fund.

Amount previously Acknowledged — \$18,443.50 Pat and Debbie Queen, Linda Bryant 6.00 C. G. Y. 13.00 A Friend 10.00 Grow Together Garden Club (aged 14) Darlene Hasler, Dot Frost, Jane Ann Coffey, Candace Welsted, Joan Johnston, Nancy Meacham 23.00 Ernest N. Johnson 10.00 Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Belvin 10.00 Pat and David Beverly and Rusty Thomas 2.00 Buncosed-Stacy Inc. Shop employees 28.50 Boy Scout Troop No. 100, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2.00 Lynn Zagors and Allison Armstrong 15.30 WRT and WBT Engineers 5.00 John J. Morton 10.00 Miss Betty Hough Chadwick Methodist Church 20.00 Anonymous 20.00 Third Graders-Anderson Presby-terian Sunday School 7.50 Charlotte Bowling Association 230.00

Ricky, Anne and Charlotte Stratton 10.00 Foxcroft No. Carolers, Melanie Tall and Nancy Coleman 12.00 Employees of Thomas Cadillac-Oldsmobile Inc. 11.00 Mr. and Mrs. Ron A Friend 37.25 Employees of Westinghouse Electric Corp. 10.00 A Friend 10.00 Employees of Southern Radio Corp. 25.00 Mrs. Myra B. Aldridge Willie 5.00 Mac and Melody Lee 5.00 Vic, Cheryl, S. C. 2.00 A Friend, Camden, S. C. 1.01 J. D. Taylor and Family C. W. Gilchrist 10.00 Plaza Road A&P Tea Co. 18.00 Mrs. Anne T. Johnston 10.00 Anonymous 5.75

TOTAL TO DATE — \$19,115.41

—DON'T BELIEVE IN DOCTORS— Boy Dies As Parents Pray

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A 12-year-old boy died unattended by a physician Christmas night because his parents believe in healing only by prayer.

The death of David Fulton Weems became known when the family made funeral arrangements yesterday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Aulton Weems, members of the Jefferson Park Holiness Church.

Mrs. Weems, 29, mother of three other children, discussed the death of the boy with reporters. She said it was believed that he died of pneumonia. No death certificate had been completed.

he made through the Jefferson County solicitor's (prosecutor's) office.

The mother said David possibly became overheated, while fighting a woods fire and became extremely ill Tuesday. He appeared to lapse into a deep sleep.

HAD CONVULSIONS The boy later had convulsions but on Christmas as a afternoon aroused enough to look at his presents and talk. He died about 7 p. m.

ices," the mother said. "He was just a good boy who had never reached the age to join the church but during his sickness all he wanted was prayers."

She said an automobile ran over David's stomach when he was 4 years old. His body was crushed and an arm broken, she related.

"A preacher of another faith looked at him and said he would never walk again," Mrs. Weems said. "Three days later he was up and going, the arm was healed and the only thing he had was a small scar on his body to show for the injury."

Mrs. Weems said that a grimace developed in her stomach but it went away when believers of her faith offered prayers and laid their hands upon her.

Members of the Minehead, England, hunt followed a fox across the countryside to the door of the Beaconwood Hotel, and the hounds killed it there.

The action enraged guests at the Beaconwood. The owner, the Rev. Harold Tyrwhitt, said this reaction came "This is a vegetarian hotel."