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Auto Inquiries Prove Fatal To Margaret Mitchell

Southern Writer Dies In Atlanta

Struck Down By Speeding Car

ATLANTA (AP)—Margaret Mitchell, the author of "Gone With the Wind," died today. She was struck down by a speeding automobile on Peachtree St. last Thursday night.

Mrs. Mitchell died at 11:30 a. m. at the Georgia General Hospital. Doctors said she had a fractured skull. Fractures of the pelvis and other injuries.

The hospital listed her age as 43. The quiet author of the famous Civil War novel was hit by a car while she and her husband, John R. Marsh, an advertising executive, crossed the street while walking to a party on her home.

DRIVER CHARGED
Police charged the driver of the car, Miss D. Grady, with speeding, manslaughter, and driving without a license.

Mrs. Mitchell was 43 years old. She was married to John R. Marsh, an advertising executive, who was with her at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Mitchell began writing at the age of six. She wrote "Gone With the Wind" and three other novels.

Mrs. Mitchell began her career as a newspaper writer. She wrote for the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution.

In 1926 she married Marsh, advertising manager of the Georgia Power Co. and a year later left to become a full-time housewife.

Then, "Gone With the Wind" began to appear. But the volume was published until 1936.

COPIES SELL FAST
From the time the book was published, it sold fast. It has sold more than 10 million copies.

It made the best seller list immediately and turned the bright light of publicity on the quiet Atlanta author.

Since then the book has sold some 8,000,000 copies in 40 countries and 30 different languages.

Today GWTW, as it is shortened, is back on the best seller list. It has sold 60,000 copies in the United States and 100,000 in other countries.

At one time it seemed everyone was reading it. It was the only book that was being read in the movie version.

Clara Cable, friend of Mrs. Mitchell, said she was the only one who would read it in the movie version.

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Truman Pushes Reorganization

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today pushed his reorganization plan No. 1. This calls for a new Federal Security Administration.

He did so by summoning all Democratic Senators to the White House and appealing for favorable action on the proposal. Sen. Homer D. Phillips, who served as spokesman for the bill, told reporters afterwards that some of the group have been opposed to the plan.

Shortly after the White House meeting broke up, the Senate opened debate on Mr. Truman's reorganization plan No. 1. This calls for a new Federal Security Administration.

Plan No. 2, next on the Senate schedule, would shift the Bureau of Employment Security from the Federal Security Administration to the Labor Dept.

SECOND MOVE
Today's conference was President Truman's second move within four days in behalf of the plan. The first, in a letter to Vice-President Barkley yesterday, the President declared that objections raised against the plan appeared to him "ill-founded and mistaken."

Mr. Administration leader predicted privately that the Senate would hand Mr. Truman a set-back. The opponents were not so optimistic.

"If all members of the Senate are here and voting I think the resolution of disapproval will be passed," Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) of the Senate Executive Expenditures Committee said cautiously.

His committee reported the plan adversely to the Senate, 7 to 3.

Ike May Run In '52, Bridges Think

CONCORD, N. H.—(AP)—Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) believes that Dwight D. Eisenhower may be "changing his mind" and might accept the Republican nomination for the Presidency in 1952.

Eisenhower, now president of the GOP, had been a member of the "draft" movement against considerable opposition. A similar movement among some Democrats failed to budge the World War II hero from his position of not seeking the Presidency.

But a group of old friends and new friends are now urging him to run. They are convinced that Eisenhower would make a very "big showing" if he was a candidate in the last national election.

Epidemics May Be Falsely Diagnosed

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—Yale scientists expressed today that a large number of cases diagnosed as poliomyelitis were actually due to other diseases.

The existence of the virus, first reported by the New York State Department of Health, was confirmed by the Yale researchers after a year's study.

Isolated during last summer's polio outbreak in Southern New England, North Carolina and Texas, the origin of the virus still is unknown and its means of transmission are obscure.

The Yale scientists reported that all infected persons who have come to their attention have recovered with no harmful after-effects.

A report of the Yale research was published today in the proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine. Commenting on the report, Joseph I. Melnick, associate professor of microbiology, declared:

This precedent-setting group is the jury in the Wallace murder case. For the first time in the county's history, four women are jurors in a capital case. Back row, left to right, are Wesley C. Thompson, Joseph M. Phillips, Mrs. Catherine Hill, Warren Cochran, Paul G. Barber, Robert E. Taylor, front row, left to right, are Stanley W. Smith, R. M. Stevenson, A. L. Hucklebee, Mrs. Myrtle Hough, and Mrs. Daisy B. Flowe. Alternate is Mrs. C. E. Covey.

Suspended General Testifies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Walter D. Wainwright testified today that he had no knowledge of the "lost" \$100,000 fund.

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Business Pickup Expected Soon

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman received word today that there are signs of a business pickup and the prospect of a million more jobs by the end of the year.

The reports came from Emil Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange, and Secretary of Labor, Harold Ickes.

Schram told Truman that there are signs of a business pickup and the prospect of a million more jobs by the end of the year.

He said good many plants had been re-opened and had put employees back to work. Unemployment had declined from 15 to 12 percent.

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Heard Mrs. Wallace Cry 'Shot Marvin'

By RALPH GIBSON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

"I shot Marvin."

The words screamed into the night air by Mildred Wallace brought neighbors running to the Wallace home to find Marvin Frank Wallace with a bullet through his heart. Mrs. Wallace testified in Superior Court today.

Mrs. Wallace, who lives next to the Wallace home in the Sugar Creek community, said she and her mother were in their kitchen when they heard screams from next door.

Rushing from the house, she saw her mother standing at the foot of her back steps. "She was hanging up and down, wringing her hands, and screaming that she had shot Marvin," Mrs. Wallace told the court.

Clutching his mother's skirt and weeping, Edward Thompson Jr., six-year-old son of Mrs. Wallace by a previous marriage, Mrs. Finch added.

Mrs. Wallace, 22-year-old, three-times divorced, is charged with shooting her husband to death with a .22 caliber rifle as he lay on the bed reading the comic.

A jury of eight men and four women is hearing the case. The first time in the county's history that many as four women have served on a jury in a capital case.

In a filled courtroom, Mrs. Wallace sat quietly with her two court-appointed attorneys and listened to the State's witnesses being called by Solicitor Basil Whitener.

Dressed in a brown and white polka-dot dress, she did not appear to be nervous as the machinery of court began to turn.

She is being tried for first degree murder, conviction of which carries an automatic sentence of death in the gas chamber unless the jury specifically recommends life imprisonment.

First witness to take the stand