Bowl Report

Sports Editor Bob Quincy, holding firmly onto the Tiger's tail, reports from Miami today about Clemson's preparation for the Orange Bowl grapple with Miami University. Turn to Pages 2B and 3B for his column and for Sandy Grady's Raleigh report.

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Senator Would Air U.S. Foreign Policy

Sparkman Calls For Full Debate

Dulles Proposes Joint Effort

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON—(AP) — Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.) proposed today a full scale Senate debate on foreign policy to help settle the rising controversy over Western defense plans.

Sparkman, who served as a member of the American delegation to the United Nations, told reporters he agrees with John Foster Dulles that the United States can never make its defenses impregnable by abandoning Europe and standing alone.

But he added that the issue ought to be discussed in the Senate — "without name calling" — so the country will get a better chance to decide between the views of President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson and Dulles on one side and former President Hoover on the other.

Hoover has proposed that the U. S. create a Gibraltar of defense in the Western Hemisphere and not "land another man or another dollar" in Europe until European nations "erect a sure dam against the Red flood."

DULLES DIFFERS

Dulles, on the other hand, said in a New York speech last night that the free world should join in ringing the Soviet orbit with economic, political and military strength.

The GOP foreign affairs adviser to the State Dept. added that the "only effective defense for us and for others," should the Soviet Union decide on open war, "is the capacity to counter-attack."

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), speaking at Cincinnati, said:

"There is a great lack of confidence in Washington felt throughout the whole country. We are continually wavering between panic and reassurance. One moment we are told that Russia will attack tomorrow; and another, that we can work the whole thing out in time."

Taft said some of the feeling is due "to the people in the Pentagon." He said he has "no confidence in the judgment of many of our top military people."

In Washington, Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the GOP floor leader, said, "Prudence dictates that the United States conserve its limited resources and not fritter them away in patchwork defenses throughout the globe."

Wherry called in a radio speech for "an impregnable ring of air bases around Russia" to be set up by the U. S. and its allies. He added that "air and sea power should be our major contribution to the mutual defenses."

Taft said that because of defense spending the American standard of living is due for a 10 per cent cut. He said he hopes that President

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Our Weather

Considerably colder today and tonight with lower temperatures. Sunday, clearing and slightly warmer. Low this morning, 33 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:31 A. M.; sunset, 5:30 P. M.

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Have you ever wondered what makes snow "creak" in cold weather? Probably you've noticed how it squeaks underfoot on very cold mornings as though protesting against being stepped on. The reason is this: At the freezing point, and for several degrees below freezing, snow is near its melting point. When it's crushed underfoot the pressure makes it flow together without any sound. But when it gets a good deal colder, somewhere between 10 and 16 degrees above zero, pressure no longer melts it, and the snow crystals adjust themselves abruptly, with a squeaking noise.

Rail Engineers Ask Improvements In Pact

CLEVELAND — (AP) — The nation's 80,000 engineers today asked improvements in a three - year peace pact the Government hoped would settle a long wage dispute between the railroads and four operating unions.

Four two days, 125 general chairmen of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers discussed the settlement plan announced from the White House Dec. 21.

Then last night, Grand Chief Engineer James P. Shields said he and his negotiating committee had been instructed to "go back to Washington to negotiate the terms of that memorandum into a more favorable settlement."

Shields declined to say what changes the chairmen seek in the plan, which provides wage increases for approximately 300,000 engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors.

Before the meeting, however, he expressed dissatisfaction with the size of the wage boosts and with the three-year moratorium on future general increases.

The National Mediation Board indicated in Washington it would not act on the engineers' move until the other unions concerned vote on the peace proposal.

General chairmen of the firemen and of the trainmen meet here next Thursday. The conductors' general chairmen meet in St. Louis Jan. 7.

If the settlement is approved by these three unions, a special board might be set up under the Railway Labor Act to consider the particular problems of the engineers.

The trainmen, in their weekly publication, already have indicated editorially they "will probably approve" the pact "with some modifications" as "the best deal possible under the most impossible circumstances."

The firemen's president, David B. Robertson, has observed: "When you're under Government control, you take what the Government gives you."

The Government has been operating the railroads since Aug. 26, when it took over to prevent the spread of a strike by trainmen and conductors.

Shields said that when John R. Steelman, Presidential assistant, disclosed the settlement, it was understood to be subject to approval by general chairmen of the four unions involved. Shields added Jan. 15 was mentioned as a possible date for further talks, should they be needed.

Rent Boosts, Decontrol Actions Cited By Woods

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Landlords got a million rent increases in 1950 and rent controls were lifted from 4,000,000 dwelling units.

This was announced today by Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods in a year-end report on the work of his office.

Woods said Federal ceilings still are in force on another 7,500,000 rental accommodations.

The housing expediter said rent boosts averaging 18.2 per cent were approved for more than 85 per cent of all landlords who petitioned for them.

Under the present national rent law, Woods has power to remove all controls in areas where he finds the "demand for rental housing has been reasonably met." He must lift ceilings where local government bodies vote to end the controls.

The rent boss reported that his agency also settled 94,590 cases of rent overcharges which resulted in refunds and penalty payments of $3,687,074.

The summary further stated that Woods' office:

Ordered landlords to improve tenant services or lower rents in 28,458 cases and corrected what Woods called "lesser violations" affecting 100,000 tenants.

Issued 98,621 certificates permitting landlords to evict tenants and turned down 26,369 such petitions.

Obtained refunds of $234,509.37 for World War II veterans who were overcharged on new home construction or who purchased homes which failed to meet Government specifications when built under postwar material priorities.

Kills Parents, Niece, Nephew

AKRON, Ohio —(AP)— A World War II veteran went berserk today, Sheriff Robert L. Smith said, and killed his parents, a niece and a nephew.

The sheriff said the veteran, Irvin Snodgrass, admitted beating up his parents and then setting fire to their home. He was found running around naked in the snow, Smith added.

Smothered in bed by the fire were Clyde Morrow, 2, and his sister, Georgianna, 1. They had been left with the grandparents by their mother, Mrs. Rosetta Morrow, before she left with her husband for a trip to Cleveland.

James Snodgrass was found lying across a bed on the second floor of the house. His wife was found on the floor downstairs near the bedroom of the children.

The first floor of the structure was badly damaged by the fire. The second story was untouched except for smoke.

The sheriff said he had arrested the veteran for questioning. He described the man as a battle fatigue case.

Good Conditions Cut ECA 40 Pct.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Economic Co-operation Administration (ECA) said today that improved conditions in Western Europe made possible a 40 per cent cut in Marshall Plan aid during the first eleven months of this year.

The eleven-months total was $2,431,200,000, compared to $3,563,800,000 for the same period in 1949.

The United Kingdom received $436,900,000, the largest amount for any country. France was next, with $373,000,000; Italy third, with $275,300,000 and Western Germany fourth with $222,300,000.

Legion, Bob Smiths Open Funds Drive For Amputee

HARRISBURG, Pa. —(AP)— The Pennsylvania Dept. of the American Legion said today it is planning a nationwide drive to raise funds for Pfc. Robert L. Smith, Middleburg, Pa., soldier who lost parts of all four limbs in Korea.

State Commander Joseph S. McCracken said he had forwarded letters to all department commanders in the United States, and also to posts in Germany, France, Italy and Hawaii.

"This money will be turned over to Robert in full, with no deductions for administrative costs," McCracken said.

Meanwhile two "Bob Smith Funds" have been formed in Johnstown, Pa., and Jacksonville, Fla., to aid in collecting funds to aid in the youth's rehabilitation.

The Florida fund closed at $500 last night, with four Jacksonville Bob Smiths sparking the drive.

The Smiths in Johnstown include Robert's half-brother, Arthur, who is one of the group aiding in making up a fund. Arthur is a corporal at the Johnstown Army and Air Force Recruiting Station.

In addition, other individual contributions included a $500 check from the Buffalo (N. Y.) Evening News.

McCracken, in his letter, said the drive "transcends all state lines and even extends beyond the scope of a single organization. All Americans should be given the opportunity to participate in the campaign."

1950 Road Toll Placed At 35,000

Many Will Die Last Two Days

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The nation's 1950 traffic death toll will climb to an estimated 35,000, the highest since 1941 and the sixth worst in the history of motor vehicle travel.

The National Safety Council's estimate of this year's traffic deaths includes the score it predicted will be killed during the last two days of the year. It predicted 330 persons will lose their lives in motor accidents over a 78-hour period, from 6 P. M. yesterday to midnight Monday.

The 31,230 killed in the first eleven months this year was only 270 less than the traffic fatalities in 1949 and compared to the 32,259 killed in 1948.

The council said that only five times has the traffic toll in one year exceeded 35,000. The record high was 39,969 in 1941. Other years in which 35,000 or more persons were killed in traffic mishaps were 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937.

CHRISTMAS TOLL HEAVY

In last week-end's Christmas holiday, 545 persons were killed on the highways — one of the highest totals on record for an extended holiday.

Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said the figures are a sharp warning to New Year's celebrants this week-end.

"The Christmas holiday death toll was shocking," Dearborn said in urging caution to motorists and pedestrians.

Today's survey showed five traffic deaths since the count started last night. One each was reported in Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, New Hampshire and Ohio. One death in a fire was reported in the District of Columbia.

The Christmas week-end traffic toll of 545 was equivalent to 167 a day, in 1950. Holiday week-end toll, taken Dec. 8-11, was 245, equivalent to 75 deaths a day. In the first eleven months of 1950 there were 31,230 traffic fatalities, equivalent to 93 a day. However, the eleven-month figure includes delayed deaths which do not show in a spot survey.

SHARP INCREASE

The council said there was a ten per cent increase in traffic deaths up to Dec. 1 as compared to the same period in 1949. The 3,210 deaths in November were 8 per cent higher than in November last year.

The council said the death total this year grew in relation to increasing mileage, which is eleven per cent higher than in 1949 and 40 per cent above 1941.

Forty-six cities had no traffic deaths up to Dec. 1 this year. The largest city with a perfect record was Brookline, Mass., population 57,000. Second largest was Berwyn, Ill., 51,200 and third was White Plains, N. Y., 43,500.

Civilian Copper Use Curtailed

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Government today prohibited non-essential use of copper in more than 300 civilian products, effective March 1.

The banned uses range from pots and pans, building hardware, furniture and electrical appliances to jewelry, toys, cocktail shakers and paper clips.

The order was issued by the National Production Authority to conserve copper for "defense and defense-supporting needs," said William H. Harrison, the NPA administrator.

Throughout the list — except in the case of such items as toys and other non-essentials — copper will be permitted where it serves a functional purpose, as in working parts, and where no practical substitute is available.

But the NPA action completely eliminates copper from "bright work" and trim on automobiles, as well as in auto wheel disks, defrosters and heaters, gas tank caps, mirrors and brackets.

Also on the prohibited list are copper door hinges, house numbers, clothes hangers, cabinet furniture hardware, drains and downspouts, radiator covers, roofing, shower parts, towel bars, weather stripping, and windows.

Use of copper is virtually all dress and clothing accessories, even to snaps and hooks and eyes, is barred. It is forbidden as well in costume jewelry, ash trays and humidors, fireplace fixtures, trunk and luggage hardware, automatic pencils, clock cases, umbrellas and tableware.

DRUNKEN BICYCLING

BATH, Eng. —(AP)— Ernest Earl, a 40-year-old farm worker, was sentenced today to a month imprisonment for drunken driving—on a bicycle.

—David Ovens— Charlotte's Man Of The Year

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

David Ovens is The Charlotte News' Man Of The Year for 1950.

He was the unanimous selection of a committee composed of previous Men Of The Year and three News executives.

Members of the selection group had this to say, in addition: David Ovens could have been chosen Man Of The Year in Charlotte in many previous years, too.

His service to the city throughout a long career was emphasized during 1950 when he carried out still another major job for the city as a whole.

He directed the work of a committee which spent almost a year studying and then recommending a 15,000-seat coliseum and a 2,500-seat auditorium for Charlotte.

His chairmanship of the Auditorium Committee selected by Mayor Victor Shaw was no figure-head position.

COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

Working quietly, for eleven months, he called the committee into frequent sessions, led the discussion of Charlotte's needs, directed an investigation of auditorium and coliseum projects in various sections of the U. S; compiled a comprehensive report for the City Council.

He, with the other committeemen, refused merely to sit back after presenting the facts.

Mr. Ovens used a positive approach. He made this clear: The recommendations for an auditorium-coliseum project on Independence Blvd. were "minimum needs," not idle day-dreams to be put aside.

He and his fellow committeemen did everything they could, including the conduct of a long search through the city for the proper site. This was no small job itself, but when he and his group found the Independence Blvd. site, they recommended it strongly to the Council.

And this is best evidence that the Ovens committee did its job well:

The City Council accepted all the recommendations, without whittling or changing anything. And the Coliseum-Auditorium proposal to the voters, in a $3,000,000 bond issue proposal.

VOTERS APPROVED

The voters quickly gave overwhelming approval. And before the year was out, these things had been done:

An Auditorium Building Committee had been set up by the Council, with David Ovens as a member.

Engineering surveys of the Independence Blvd. site were made.

The architects started putting detailed plans on paper.

All of this constituted one of the most important steps in Charlotte's cultural history. Except for the inadequate and much-maligned Armory, the city had no auditorium since the old City Auditorium at College and Fifth St. had to be torn down decades ago. And nobody knew Charlotte's need better than David Ovens.

For David Ovens is, and has been since before the first World War, Charlotte's "Mr. Music."

DEEPLY INTERESTED

Never a musician himself, he has always loved good music and has always tried to bring good music to the city. Through his own personal efforts, with the help of only a few, he used to arrange for Charlotte concerts by some of the world's leading concert performers.

It was one of those memorable days that stays fresh in the minds of old-timers when Mr. Ovens brought Enrico Caruso, the great Italian tenor, to Charlotte near the close of the Metropolitan star's career.

He was one of the founders of the Charlotte Community Concert Association, and served as its president for years, bringing an entire series of outstanding concertas, singers and instrumental soloists to the city every season.

But while he may be best-known for his promotion of good music, Mr. Ovens still had time for other things. He has been a founder, or an early leader, in several organizations and enterprises here for 40 years.

He helped form the old Greater

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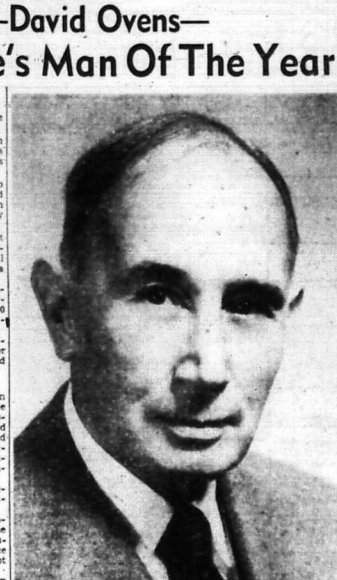

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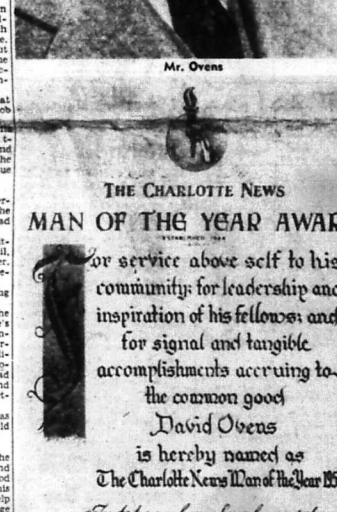

This certificate was presented today to Mr. Ovens, signifying his selection as Charlotte's Man of the Year in 1950. Previous Men of the Year have been presented a similar certificate by The Charlotte News which instituted the custom of selecting the City's Man of the Year.

Biggest Air Battle Of War Fought

Enemy Soldiers Pushing South

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO — (AP) — Swift F-86 Sabre jets and Russian-built MIG-15 jet planes fought the biggest air battle of the Korean war late today near the Manchurian border.

Forty MIGs swoshed out of the Manchurian skies and tangled with 15 American Sabres in a dogfight of dazzling speeds.

Two MIGs were damaged. All the American planes returned safely to their base.

In an earlier, smaller jet fight Saturday, American Sabres shot down one MIG and damaged another near Sinuiju in Northeast Korea.

The American pilots said they saw one MIG plunge into the earth in flames from 1,500 feet. They said the other was on its back, streaming smoke in a downward plunge at low altitude.

REDS GAIN ON GROUND

On the ground, two Communist forces swung 12 to 13 miles deep into South Korea on the U. S. Eighth Army's icy eastern flank.

An Eighth Army spokesman said United Nations defenders were "in contact" with the larger force of 5,000 Reds. It was operating in the hill country 32 miles inland from the Sea of Japan.

The smaller Communist force of 2,000 troops was only 19 miles inland from the East Coast.

There was no indication from Army headquarters that a battle had begun.

Details of the war's biggest air battle were sketchy. The Air Force said the fight began at 3:15 P. M. (1:15 A. M., EST).

The swept-wing Sabres swept from 25,000 feet down to 3,000 feet.

The Communist air force has shown increasing willingness to fight as Allied troops push U. N. Korean and Chinese Reds massed along Parallel 38 for the second invasion of North Korea.

General MacArthur has predicted the invasion will start rolling between Jan 1 and 10.

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, the new United Nations field commander in Korea, stressed the gravity of the situation confronting Allied troops. In a year-end statement, he told his command:

"We are severe trials. We shall need dogged determination in attack and utmost tenacity in defense."

He compared the adversities to those that faced Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge. But Ridgway added:

"I have complete confidence in your ultimate success."

MacArthur's war summary said U. N. troops engaged Red patrols in sporadic action.

The Communists forced Allied troops to pull back on the eastern flank.

The top commander reported a thickening of enemy forces on the western front.

Allied troops made minor gains in the Chogyo-Oron sector of the east central front.

But on the eastern front the southward-driving Reds had scored gains of seven and a half miles as early as Thursday.

A. P. Correspondent Hal Boyle reported the capital of Seoul has become a ghost town.

In a four-hour clash 27 miles north of Seoul, an Allied patrol crossed the Icy Imjin river but was headed into Communist fire. The Communists drove the patrol back. The patrol said it destroyed an enemy pillbox, killed 21 Chinese and wounded 15.

A. P. Correspondent William Barnard reported from Eighth Army headquarters there was evidence of Communist infiltration of Allied troops and cutting of U. N. supply routes in the fluid eastern sector.

He said also that the Reds appeared to be pouring more troops into the area. One U. N. division reported four enemy regiments in its sector.

U. N. elements gained from 1,000 to 1,500 yards in a light engagement 30 miles northeast of Chunchon. See-saw fights have flared in this area the past few days. Chunchon is 45 air miles northeast of Seoul.

A small North Korean patrol was

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With Worship & Revelry

New Year To Enter Gaily Despite War

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans, in their various ways, will bid farewell tomorrow to an old year and an old half century, and observe the start of a new cycle of time. Some will do it with revelry, and some with prayer.

Across the nation, the recreation spots and the places of worship prepared to mark the advent of 1951 and of the second half of the twentieth century.

To many, it will be a moment to forget accumulated cares of the past and celebrate the fresh beginning. To many others, it will be a time of soul-searching for guidance in the future.

With the world, and America, beset by deep anxieties, hundreds of churches, under the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, have set a day of prayer.

Some will hold night-long services into the new year.

New Year's Day is a Roman Catholic Holy Day, so Catholics will attend mass both Sunday and Monday.

For sports enthusiasts, it is a day spiced with varied fare. The feature is the windup of the football season, with half a dozen bowl games across the nation.

The dean of these is California's Rose Bowl, which annually draws about 90,000 fans to Pasadena.

In the nightclubs and showplaces, there will be funny hats, noise and what is generally known as whoopee.

New York's Times Square will be jammed Sunday night, as it is every year. The extra cops on duty will have their usual non-alcoholic headache with the traffic jam.

New York's liquor laws permit Sunday sales, so there is no handicap for the saloons this New Year's Eve. Some of the better ones are charging up to $50 a couple for the evening's entertainment.

Dominick et Louis on 46th St. in mid-Manhattan will hand out bot-

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