

Date Book

TODAY
 8 p.m. Abolition Anniversary group, Third St. Peter's Catholic Church, West Avenue-West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Park Road, First National Church of the Holy Comforter.

TOMORROW
 8 p.m. Abolition Anniversary group, Central St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 125 S. Church St., Charlotte Presbyterian Church, Park Road, First National Church of the Holy Comforter.

WEDNESDAY
 10 a.m. 1955-56 Christmas Tree Sale at the Charlotte Convention Center.

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BULLETIN

OKLAHOMA CITY—A two-story brick building housing a produce company was demolished by an explosion today, injuring a dozen persons and trapping several others in the ruins.

Police said that at least one of two persons were believed dead in the explosion, which occurred shortly before 8 a.m. and rocked the east side of the Oklahoma City business district.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene and at least a half dozen persons were taken immediately to hospitals. Several others were lying in the streets awaiting aid.

A small fire blazed in the back end of the building, which housed the Janmer Produce Co.

First reports said about 15 girls and several office employees were in the building.

The front of the building was blown out and the top caved in. J. C. Hawk, operator of a filling station on the other side of the building, was in the cafe at the time.

Three Engineers To Draw Law

A new city smoke abatement law will be framed by a committee of combustion engineers.

The three-man group will present its recommendations to Charles S. Frost, the newly-appointed smoke abatement engineer.

The committee was appointed by the South Piedmont chapter of the Professional Engineers of North Carolina at the request of B. O. Vannor, chairman of the citizens committee on a smoke abatement.

Its members are W. P. Wells, A. M. Stephenson and H. K. Couch. Mr. Stephenson helped write the successful smoke abatement law of St. Louis, Mo.

City Manager Henry A. Vance has said he thinks the local smoke law is a good one, but that it could use a few changes.

The new group will use as a guide the model smoke abatement ordinance drawn up by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. Vannor said. This model has been used by several cities in getting rid of smoke.

WEATHER

U. S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE WEATHER BUREAU CHARLOTTE, N. C. DEC. 24, 1955

SOUTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy, continued unseasonably warm today, tonight and Sunday, in mountains and north portion, 65 to 70 elsewhere; low tonight 45 to 55.

NORTH CAROLINA: Considerable cloudiness, mild today, tonight and Sunday; high today 55 to 65 in mountains and north portion, 65 to 70 elsewhere; low tonight 45 to 55.

MOONRISE TODAY 1:22 p.m.
 MOONSET TODAY 5:22 a.m.

8:30 a.m.	72.0	8:30 p.m.	57
9:30 a.m.	70.0	9:30 p.m.	54
10:30 a.m.	68.0	10:30 p.m.	51
11:30 a.m.	66.0	11:30 p.m.	48
12:30 p.m.	64.0	12:30 a.m.	45
1:30 p.m.	62.0	1:30 a.m.	42
2:30 p.m.	60.0	2:30 a.m.	39
3:30 p.m.	58.0	3:30 a.m.	36
4:30 p.m.	56.0	4:30 a.m.	33
5:30 p.m.	54.0	5:30 a.m.	30
6:30 p.m.	52.0	6:30 a.m.	27
7:30 p.m.	50.0	7:30 a.m.	24

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
 7:30 a.m. 81 per cent.
 1:30 p.m. 53 per cent.
 7:30 a.m. W. 3.
 7:30 a.m. S.W. 4.
 7:30 a.m. S.W. 4.

Man Killed In Gun Fight

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merely known to police as the "ape yard."

Lt. Forney gave this account of the shooting:

While working on an alleged prostitution ring case, he was solicited by a Negro man shortly after 10 p.m. and taken to the desolate area underneath a railroad trestle in the S. Mint and S. Graham St. area.

He and the Negro man, later identified as Gaston, who was killed, met another Negro man who later told Gaston that Lt. Forney was a policeman.

He denied being a policeman, saying that he was from Cheraw, S. C.

The second man then shot at

him from a distance of less than 10 feet.

The detective then drew his pistol and returned the fire. He said he emptied his gun once, reloaded, and emptied it a second time.

The Negro man who escaped was described by Lt. Forney as being about 25 or 30 years old, wearing a red jacket and light colored trousers.

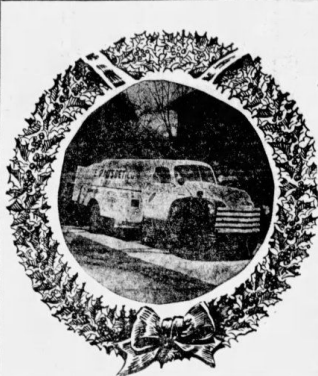
Lt. Forney said he is sure the man is wounded in the side or lower back.

Mrs. P. W. Garland

GASTONIA—Mrs. P. W. Garland, 66, wife of the former mayor of Gastonia, died at home at 6 p.m. Monday after six months of failing health and a three-month critical illness.

The funeral will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Harry Moffet officiating, assisted by Dr. Wilson O. Weidman.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. She was the former Kathleen Boyce, daughter of S. N. Boyce and the late Mrs. Boyce. She was a native of Gastonia. She and Mr. Garland, a Gastonia attorney, were married June 6, 1905. She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Ben Adams, of Gastonia; two sons, James B. Garland of Gastonia and Col. Peter W. Garland Jr., military attaché of the American Embassy in Bonn, Germany; one brother, three sisters and six grandchildren.



GREETINGS

... to all our friends! Our best wishes for a holiday that is chock-full of many, many good things such as . . . happiness . . . good cheer . . . and the wondrous joy and peace of a HOLY CHRISTMAS!

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Matthews Masons Install Officers

New officers of the Matthews Masonic Lodge 461 AP & AM have been installed by Ed Phillips, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fiftieth District, also a member of the Matthews Lodge.

New officers are Ed Phillips, Ellington, master; David Reed Orr, senior warden; George Frederick Hinkle, junior warden; Lake Morris Hood, treasurer; James William Russell, secretary; Robert Calvin Craig, senior deacon; Charles Edward Halsey, junior deacon; Alfred Fleet Vandell, senior steward; Joseph Harvey Orr, junior steward; Ben Leroy Jenkins, tyler; and Neely M. Craig, chaplain.

Man Injured In Dawn Fire

Fire swept through the second floor of a house near the corner of 2nd and Broadway Sts. at dawn today. A man identified as Clyde Jones, 25, was slightly injured when he jumped from the second floor to the ground.

Fire Dept. Capt. Joe Moody estimated damage at "several hundred dollars." A coal-fired laundry heater was listed as the probable cause of the blaze.

The heater is located next to the bedroom of Mrs. Estelle Wright, who discovered the fire. She said she had no idea how it started.

Engine Companies 1, 2, and 11 answered the alarm, along with Truck No. 1 from the Central Station. They brought the fire under control within minutes. Mr. Jones was removed to Good Samaritan Hospital for observation.

The 308 E. 2nd St. building was listed as belonging to Agnew & Brown Agency.

Greetings to All

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Pre-Yule Accidents Injure Three Here

Nine out-of-town people were involved in a rash of pre-Christmas Eve accidents that have kept city police busy since early yesterday afternoon.

Three persons were injured, including two elderly women from Atlanta, Ga.

They were Mrs. G. L. Lake, 78, and Mrs. E. F. Louie. They were passengers in an automobile which was struck at the corner of E. 7th and N. College Sts. by a vehicle driven by Dr. Oscar Houser, 1100 Ideal Way. The other injured person was Fred Lee Jones, 706 N. Davidson St., who suffered a broken arm and leg when police said he walked into the path of a car operated by Jimmie R. Bryson, a soldier from Fort Polk, La.

THIEVES HIT CLEANERS

City police officer quoted J. S. Hart, operator of Hart's Cleaners, 727 N. Graham St., as saying \$200 was stolen from his office sometime between 7:30 p.m. yesterday and 7:30 a.m. today.

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It symbolizes the presence of God in our human experience. It expresses the human life of God and the divine nature of man. Christmas is the sacrament of divine love and human hopes. Its light is the benediction of the closing year and the star that leads us all into the one ahead. May it guide us through the strife and confusion of our world to the reality of a united humanity and reign of peace on earth.

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