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A COLLIE PUP warms the heart of Michael Steen, 5, as the Portland (Ore.) City Pound holds its annual party at

which stray dogs and cats are given away. More than 200 animals passed through Santa's hands to delight children. (AP Photo)

Central Sumatra Is Taken

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A clique of army officers has seized control of central Sumatra, second largest island in the Indonesian republic, government officials here announced.

A broadcast over the Sumatra radio said the army group staged the coup last night and would return power to the Indonesian government "when the people's demand for economic improvements are met."

Col. Simbolon, 37-year-old army commander in north and central Sumatra, today proclaimed himself head of both civilian and military authority in that area. He said he took the step in the interest of the Indonesian people. He declared he no longer recognized the central government's cabinet but did not intend to set up a new state.

The central government here announced it would a delegation to Sumatra to contact "people there." It made no other comment on the move by the army group. There were no reports indicating the coup was spreading to other points in the Indonesian archipelago.

There are 500 Americans on Sumatra, but there were no indications any of them were affected by the power switch.

Communications between Sumatra and Jakarta, the country capital on Java, and the outside world were severely restricted. The head of Jakarta's cable and wireless company said the army had delayed all out-bound cables from Jakarta under strict censorship.

The handover ceremony was attended by a large crowd. The Sumatra radio broadcast said, "The troops reportedly listened in silence to the transfer proclamation. The deposed civilian governor, Rusan Muljohardjo, a Javanese, was present but was not resented by the people, was described as tense and nervous. Without emotion, the radio added:

"There were no reports of any clashes. One report said the formal takeover of power was without incident."

Couple Dies As Train Rams Car In Gastonia

Automobile Parts Fly 683 Feet

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

GASTONIA — A man and woman were killed when a Southern passenger train smashed into their car at a crossing in West Gastonia about 9:30 a. m. today.

The victims were identified as Willis C. Seegers, 32, of Radford Rd. in the Pinkney Station section of South Gastonia, and Mrs. Nassah Dow, 62, of 210 E. Long St., Gastonia.

Gastonia Police Captain Roy Short said the train engineer, H. L. Cline, 75, of Spencer, said he was traveling between 65 and 75 miles an hour when the train ripped into the car at the crossing.

Police said the car was demolished by the impact and the two bodies buried 243 feet.



CHRISTINA LEANE denied, Harold Jones (right) scowls as he perches on the ledge of a TB hospital in Tampa, Fla. His mother and a doctor (right) copped fifth inside. At left he is shown on the fifth floor ledge.

Strictly Political

N. C. Delegation To Congress Holds Key Committee Jobs

By JULIAN SCHREER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

It's an interesting delegation we're sending to Washington in January.

Committee-wise, they run the gamut from appropriations to atomic energy and the Tar Heel state has men placed on all key committees.

New assignments will be made for Rep. Alton Lennon—who has been to the Senate—and "freshmen" Kitchin, Whiteaker and Scott.

Kitchin and Whiteaker are bubbling with excitement, but it'd take dynamite to stir quiet, conservative Mr. Scott, who is probably going down in North Carolina history as the state's quietest Congressman.

Of the 12 members of the House from North Carolina, we've a good record with four chairmanships.

Rep. Bomar heads the Merchant Marine and Fisheries committee; Rep. Durham is again top man on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; Rep. Cooley heads the Agriculture Committee; and Rep. Barden is chairman of the committee on Education and Labor.

Meeting: When the delegation met in Raleigh this week, they had a ripping good time.

Reps. Kitchin, Whiteaker, Scott and Lennon found they were all going to live at the Coronet Apts., and none knew a word of reserved space.

"Nice place," said Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. "That's what it was anyway. When these rowdy Tar

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Nixon Concludes Refugee Survey

SALZBURG, Austria (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon arrived here today in a snowstorm to complete his survey of the Hungarian refugee problem. He prepared to fly home via Iceland where the big U. S. air base was a recent political issue.

Nixon came here from Vienna by special train. Following the pattern of his previous days in Austria, Nixon first shook hands with the Austrian officials gathered to greet him, then hurried over to talk with the groups of private citizens on hand for his arrival.

Nixon winds up his fact-finding tour of Hungarian refugee camps today with a visit to several camps across the Salzborg area and across the border in West Germany. The Vice President says the United States must do more than it has done to help solve the refugee problem. He is expected to recommend to President Eisenhower that America take in more than the 21,500 refugees already accepted.

HELP PLEDGED

Nixon today pledged American help for refugees who fled east European Communist countries near to the Hungarian revolt. He made the promise on a visit to the Glasenbach refugee camp five miles south of Salzburg. There are about 600 refugees at this camp, about 90 per cent of them Yugoslians.

"This camp, you will note, is not related to the recent move-

SHOPPING DAY LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEASONS

Christmas Greetings

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Evening Prayer

Almighty God, in these dark days may we walk by the light of that star that shone over ancient Bethlehem. Give us strength to do Thy will, minds to think Thy thoughts, and hearts to reflect Thy heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

'Cooled-Off Romance' Given Blame For Killing Of Three

CINCINNATI — A cooled-off romance was blamed by Hamilton County authorities for the fatal shooting yesterday of a prominent Cincinnati business man, his 17-year-old daughter and a 19-year-old youth.

The boy, Gordon Page Jr., also a member of a prominent family here, died today without regaining consciousness.

Lester Aue, 54, vice president of a chemical firm, and his daughter, Susan, were killed instantly in their fashionable home. The girl's mother, Mrs. Helen Aue, 50, was wounded critically and has not regained consciousness. Young Page's body was found in Miss Aue's room.

Sheriff Dan Tehan, referring to an unmailed letter to Miss Aue which was found in Page's automobile and two conversations with friends of the young couple at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where they were students, theorized Page was angered because Miss Aue had cut "going steady" with him.

STeady Dates

The young couple had steady dates while they attended suburban Indian Hill High School but

No Violence As Buses Run

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Montgomery's newly desegregated city buses resumed their schedules without incident today with buses less used than usual due to inclement weather.

A heavy rain started early and was followed by intermittent showers.

First buses pulling into the downtown area were late and crowded. Later buses carried heavier loads of persons going to work.

With an air of tension and uncertainty, Negroes returned to the buses yesterday for the first time in more than a year to take advantage of a federal court anti-segregation order.

For the most part, members of both races who rode city buses yesterday appeared unwilling to provoke arguments over the newly ordered "first come, first served" seating policy.

Police Chief G. J. Ruppenthal said no reports of violence were made to his department and no additional officers were pressed into service.

"It was just another Friday before Christmas for us," he said.

The only disturbance was reported by the Negro bus boycott which ended yesterday, 31 days after it was set in motion as a protest against segregation.

The heavy train loads and delays and cancellation of air flights also increased the travel on high-

Empty Stocking Fund

Bad Things Keep Happening To This Little Girl

Bad things have happened to this nine-year-old girl in a quick one, two, three succession.

Shortly after the first of the year, her father died. About three months ago, her mother died.

Then just a couple of weeks ago, one of the aunts with whom she made her home entered a hospital. She has tuberculosis.

The girl now has one relative here, her other aunt.

When her father left, she and her mother moved in with the mother's two sisters, both widows and both childless. The

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| Mrs. Ethel P. Beane | 4.00 |
| Laura B. Pace | 10.00 |
| Mrs. W. N. Wooten, | 2.00 |
| Chester, S. C. | 2.00 |
| Judy and Paula | 5.00 |
| Edward | 5.00 |
| Kent, George and | 15.00 |
| Peter Van Allen | 15.00 |
| A Friend | 10.00 |
| John, Bobby and | 5.00 |
| Bud Brien | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Edwin M. Rollins | 10.00 |
| A Friend | 5.00 |
| W. Stowe Greene | 10.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. | 25.00 |
| Conner C. Stroupe | 25.00 |
| Office Group | 5.00 |
| Buesnod-Stacey Inc. | 21.00 |
| Employees of The | 10.00 |
| General Electric Co. | 10.00 |
| Apparatus Sales | 25.00 |
| Division | 25.00 |
| Boyer and Fred | 2.50 |
| Ranson | 10.00 |
| A Friend | 5.00 |
| In Memory of | 25.00 |
| Cary Dowd | 25.00 |
| In Memory of | 5.00 |
| Dr. W. W. Craven | 5.00 |
| Barney Greenleaf | 2.00 |
| Tamara Gross | 2.00 |
| Harro Grose III | 2.00 |
| Johnny, Karen and | 15.00 |
| Sally Rae | 5.00 |
| Barry Lynn Greenberg | 15.00 |
| Dell and Hal Thompson | 10.00 |
| Employees Textile | 5.00 |
| Fibers Dept., E. I. | 5.00 |
| DuPont de Nemours | 80.32 |
| & Co. Inc. | 80.32 |
| Mr. and Mrs. | 10.00 |
| James G. Mallas | 5.30 |
| Mary and Arnold Shaw | 10.00 |
| Westinghouse Electric | 2.50 |
| Corp. Employee | 2.50 |
| Charlotte Office | 20.30 |
| Jim Cannon | 3.00 |
| M. L. Cannon | 2.50 |
| Boyer and Fred | 2.50 |
| Ranson | 10.00 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | \$11,238.94 |

5 DIE IN CRASH

MARSEILLE, France — Five airmen were killed today when a French military plane crashed at Istres airfield near Marseille.

MILL SECTION

The accident occurred at a crossing on Vance St. in the Firststone Mills section of West Gastonia, about a mile and a quarter west of the Southern passenger depot, officers said.

Parts of the 1947 car were strewn along the tracks for some 683 feet, police said. The motor was found in one place and other parts of the car were found on both sides of the tracks. Capt. Short said the car "blew to pieces," said Capt. Short.

Police said the bodies were badly mangled by the force of the collision and identification could not be made at first.

Witnesses said the car driver apparently did not see the approaching train and drove directly onto the tracks. Capt. Short said there are no red warning lights or gates at the crossing, only a "crossbuck" sign warning of the tracks.

ON TRACKS

Other witnesses said they thought the car did stop for a moment and then fell directly in front of the train.

The train engineer told police he never saw the car until it was just pulling on the track and he had no time to apply the brakes.

Capt. Short said the track rounds a curve just before it reaches the crossing and an approaching driver might not see a train if he did not look carefully as he reached the track.

The passenger train was identified as Southern train No. 26. Police said the train was believed to be carrying about 100 passengers.

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Our Weather

Cloudy and unseasonably mild today, tonight and Sunday, with scattered showers or thunder-showers today. Fog and drizzle tonight and early Sunday.

Low this morning 58
Low tomorrow morning 55
High today 70
High yesterday 68
High tomorrow 72
Sunrise today 7:28 a. m.; sunset today 5:14 p. m.

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Widespread Fog Adds Hazard To Yule Travel

The National Safety Council had estimated some 43 million cars would be on the highways during the holiday period.

The 1,000-mile-square mass of fog that blanketed the Midwest moved slowly eastward to the east coast and during the night stretched from Iowa and adjacent states into Ohio, Pennsylvania and southern New England.

Freezing drizzle, slicked highways in parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. Elsewhere it was unseasonably warm. Record breaking temperatures were reported in parts of the mid-Atlantic states.

In Chicago, two of the city's three major airports were closed. Operations at Midway, the world's busiest commercial field, were about one-fourth normal.

Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—AdV.