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## Flash Fire On Train Kills One, Hurts 40



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin)

### Sizzling Santa

"WHEW!" says Santa Claus, who is sweating out the fifth straight day of record-breaking temperatures. Though trapped in his long, fur-trimmed suit, Santa wasn't the only one to feel the heat. The mercury was expected to hit 75 degrees this afternoon to top easily the previous high of 71.8 for the date set

in 1951. The temperature has set a new record every day this week since Sunday. And weather men predicting a warm 72 tomorrow, said a balmy 50, same as this morning's minimum is likely tomorrow. The rain, originally expected here tomorrow, is stalled in New York, and has been "postponed" until early next week.

### City Growth May Spread To Gaston, Union

By JIM SCOTTON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The population growth of Charlotte may come to push the city limits right into Gaston and Union Counties.

Even today Charlotte is moving in that direction, and planners feel there is no reason why the city can not extend into these counties.

Just how big will Charlotte be in 20, 40 or 50 years?

#### COUNCIL AGREED

The City Council Wednesday agreed on how far the city limits should be extended now, but where should the boundary eventually be set?

Actually Charlotte should not set its limits anywhere, according to the modern concept of planning. Urban areas that have set political boundaries and allowed smaller municipalities to grow around them have been plagued with problems, city planning director, W. E. McIntyre said today.

"For instance, the natural drainage area of a city may extend far outside its boundaries. Communities that remained outside a city have found it impossible to handle sewage properly and economically without being tied in with that city."

#### LARGE CITIES

"Large cities have found these 'bedroom communities' become filled with people who earn their living in the city but do not contribute taxes to that city."

Cities in the northeastern section of the country are generally surrounded by incorporated municipalities which refuse to be annexed by the city.

People flock to the suburbs and then find these industries' suburbs do not have the tax potential to provide proper schools, police and other services.

Large cities have found residents of these border communities wanting to take advantage of city water plants and other established services but not pay their fair share. Eventually this results in a higher and higher tax rate for the city, planners have found.

### A. F. Guided Missile On 'Unguided' Tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said today a runaway guided missile is presumed to have landed somewhere in the Brazilian jungle, possibly in the area of the Amazon River.

The missile, understood to have been a Snark, was launched from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. Wednesday and was set for a total flight distance of about 3,000 miles.

The course was supposed to have been a closed circuit over the Atlantic but the missile failed to go into the intended turn.

The missile was under radar surveillance as far as the coast of South America.

An Air Force spokesman said that because no reports of the missile's landing had been received, it is probable that it came to rest in some remote, unpopulated jungle area.

If this is the case, the wreck age of the missile probably will never be found. The jungle is so dense that even airplanes have disappeared and never been located.

There was no indication the missile carried a warhead or explosives.

As this flight, it was adjusted to make a gradual landing rather than a "terminal dive." However, in soaring into the top of a jungle forest, the missile presumably would trip on the trees and plunge vertically out of sight.

#### NO REASON GIVEN

There was no immediate word as to the reason the missile failed to go into its scheduled turn, but a combination of factors could have caused the trouble, including the failure of electronic equipment or of the control surfaces of the winged missile.

### Hungarians Threaten New Strike

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — A new general strike and bloodshed in Hungary was threatened today.

The Central Workers Council issued a proclamation warning the Soviet-imposed government of Premier Janos Kadar that continuation of its tactics against elected worker representatives would result in a general strike, bloodshed and a new national tragedy.

The Central Workers Council has gradually emerged as the leadership of Hungarian anti-Kadar, anti-Soviet feeling. Kadar so far has turned down every demand of the council on behalf of the people and workers, but his own popular support has been so shaky that he has not dared openly to withdraw his recognition of the body as the negotiating agency for Budapest workers.

The Hungarian people appeared to have recovered from the first shock of the smashing onslaught by Russian tanks Nov. 4 and to be coming back strongly.

The council's warning was voiced as a result of the arrest of many members of factory worker councils. Several more members were arrested 15 months ago.

Yesterday, after about 50 members had been arrested, workers at several plants went on spontaneous strike. At one factory, 600 workers successfully defied Soviet tanks and Hungarian militia and police and prevented the arrest of three more council members.

The central council yesterday advised that sporadic strikes in the plants. It said such strikes would serve the interest of the government because they would indicate the council was not the master of the situation in the factories.

Today it sent a three-member delegation to Kadar, "to protest against the violation of the law and to warn that if such arrests continue the anger of the world would be roused against it (the government)."

### 'Mr. Glad's' Name Told After He Died

NEW YORK (AP) — "Mr. Glad" who played Santa Claus for downtown denizens of the Bowery for the past 30 years, will be buried today. But only his death reveals the real name of the jolly, silver-haired man who so long played his part in spreading holiday happiness.

"Mr. Glad" was really Alfred Richard Rodway, founder and chairman of a Manhattan food-brokers firm. He died last Monday at the age of 81.

His wife Grace disclosed yesterday it was her husband who passed out change and sandwiches and coffee on the Bowery along with this message:

"Cheer up, old fellow. Every cloud has a silver lining. Keep up your nerve and everything will come out all right."

During the 1920s Rodway's wife said, he underwent several serious operations. "His illness and his interest in other people," she said, started him on his annual philanthropic pilgrimages.



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin) who stepped back to a safe range and fired this shot of Patrolman Earl Motzinger sandwiched between whizzing autos at the Square.

### Like Criticizes Arms Leaking

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower complained to Secretary of Defense Wilson today that "leakage" of military budget figures and manpower plans to the public "is something that's got to stop."

The informal discussion about "leakage" of Pentagon data in advance of an official release for publication was in the presence of two pool reporters representing newsmen assigned to cover the President.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said the conference quarters at the Augusta National Golf Club were too small to permit all newsmen to be on hand for the start of the budget party. So the rest were represented by Charles Roberts of Newsweek magazine and John Edwards of the American Broadcasting Co.

### 15 On Bond, One Jailed At Clinton

CLINTON, Tenn. (AP) — Sixteen persons made bond pending trial and a 17th went to jail yesterday as Federal Court wound up the first phase of its action to halt racial disorders which closed Clinton High School.

The Anderson County School Board scheduled a meeting with faculty members and law enforcement officers today to plan re-opening of the school Monday. It was closed after a flareup of violence Tuesday.

Fourteen men and two women from Clinton County have been before Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor in nearby Knoxville in the last two days on charges of criminal contempt of court in the incidents.

The 17th, Joe Diehl, a farmer, was arrested and convicted of contempt for handing out "inflammatory literature" which compared the roundup of the other 16 with Communist action in Hungary. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

"He may not know as much as he should know," Taylor told Diehl's court-appointed lawyer, "but to compare an action of this kind with that of the Russian government and the Hungarian people—he knows better than that."

The other 16 were charged with various threats or acts of violence or other activities tending to interfere with integration of Clinton High in violation of a court injunction.

Taylor had issued the injunction Aug. 29 and made it permanent Sept. 6 when violent demonstrations followed admission of 12 Negroes among 800 whites at Clinton High under Taylor's desegregation order of last January.

Taylor said he would set the contempt cases for trial within 10 days. He has full discretion to set the penalty in a contempt case, but his decision can be appealed.

### Motorman Dies In Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — A flash fire on a moving four-car wooden coach elevated train today killed the motorman and injured an estimated 40 passengers.

The Chicago Transit Authority train was bound from suburban Evanston to downtown Chicago. The fire burst forth as the crowded, push-hour train neared the Howard Street station, just inside the north city limits.

Russell Lane, Associated Press reporter who was riding in the second car, said the sudden blaze, confined to the first two cars (three passengers) into a panic.

Lane said the first car, where the blaze started, "went up like a torch." He said some passengers in the forward car fought their way to other cars while many riders leaped through closed windows to the elevated right of way.

#### PASSENGERS FLEE

The train came to a halt south of the Howard Street station, near Jarvis Avenue where passengers fled to safety.

Lane said he walked to the rear of the train and dropped to the ground as other passengers fought to escape through windows.

Most of the injured, taken to a half dozen hospitals on the North Side, were reported suffering from burns, smoke inhalation and cuts. One rider was reported suffering from a fractured arm.

Lane said the fire apparently broke out in the motorman's cab as the train neared the Howard Street station. He said the train, scheduled to stop there, continued without slowing down.

Just south of the Howard Street station, the newsmen said, the train was slowed down as smoke began pouring back from the head end.

#### SHOUT OF 'FIRE'

Then, he said, passengers in the front car began streaming through the second car amid a shout of "fire."

Lane said a jam occurred as those seeking escape from the front car became wedged in the narrow passage between the cars and many turned back to leap through windows as flames erupted.

A CTA spokesman said the dead motorman, whose body was badly burned, was Daniel Cullen, 47, who was walking to the rear of the train a mile from the scene of the accident.

Lane said many passengers in the second car excitedly opened windows and dropped to the ground. Others, including himself, walked to the rear of the train and jumped to the ground.

On the ground, Lane said, he saw a number of riders prostrate, some with faces blackened by fire and smoke.

#### Our Weather

Fairly cloudy and continued unseasonably warm today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low this morning . . . 50  
Low tomorrow morning . . . 50  
High today . . . 75  
High yesterday . . . 75  
High tomorrow . . . 75  
Sunrise today 7:18 a.m.; sunset today 5:11 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 3-A

### 15 Years Ago Today, War Came To The United States

—What's Inside—  
LEST WE FORGET, 15 years ago a quiet Sunday afternoon was shattered by the advent of war in the Pacific. The shock, tragedy and unforgettable drama of Pearl Harbor is re-created today on the Feature Page, 2B.

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### Evening Prayer

O Father, give us a clearer understanding of the importance, the worth, and the truth of real worship which will deepen our love for Christ. Amen.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT  
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS  
Christmas Greeting  
HELP POST TO  
Go first to FIELDS — Sterling FRIENDSHIP RINGS \$1. (adv.)

### Daughters Carry On For Mrs. Santa

By JULIAN SCHEER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The word spread quickly this week, skipping down the warm streets, up the dingy back alleys to the noisy school yards.

It was good news, exciting news, and the youngsters cheered—in their own sort of way.

"Mrs. Santa Claus" was dead, they knew, but the word was alive in her "daughters"—Alice, Lillie, Addie and Gerie—with the help of "son" Jake, would carry on.

The 20th annual Christmas Party of "Mrs. Santa Claus" would come off as usual.

a Christmas toy and a sack of nuts and candy.

The word spread from W. 10th to Pine to Poplar to Pharr streets and there was excitement in one corner of the city.

For 19 years the Christmas parties of Mrs. Dixie Housel were the season's Christmas star for hundreds of Charlotte youngsters. When she passed away nearly three weeks ago, it looked as though the unprivileged of the city—particularly those in the old Fourth Ward—would go wanting.

But a handful of Mrs. Housel's helpers decided this week to continue her work. None could hope for her affectionate title, "Mrs. Santa Claus,"

but all would share in her pleasure.

Mrs. Alice Anderson who lives on W. 5th St., spearheads the drive. She has worked with Mrs. Housel for 16 years.

She is joined by Mrs. Lillie Benson of W. 10th, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson of W. 11th St., and Mrs. Addie LaJohn of W. 10th. Mrs. Housel referred to them as "daughters."

#### SON SERVES

Her "son" was Jake Mills, city tax collector, who'll serve as the money-gatherer again this year.

Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher and Jimmy Dalton are helping out and support has been promised again by some of Charlotte and Mecklenburg's most prominent citizens.

There are problems again

and the No. 1 problem is money. There is several hundred dollars in the pot, but last year "Mrs. Santa Claus" managed to raise \$1,139 for the needy youngsters.

For 17 years "Mrs. Santa Claus" had parties, but for the past two years she and her helpers delivered each gift. This year the old party idea is returning.

#### ANOTHER GOAL

"Mrs. Santa Claus" had another goal for her 20th and grandest party. This year, she has a number of daughters, she wanted each little girl to get a new doll.

But what was more important was a new toy for each youngster.

It appears today they'll get one—another Christmas will come on time again this year.