

5 KILLED, 15 HURT, TRAFFIC TOLL IN D. C. AND VICINITY Two Women Lose Lives In Suitland Crash

Five persons dead and 15 injured was the week-end traffic toll of Washington and nearby areas.

A Washington mother and her daughter-in-law were killed and a third person seriously hurt last night when their automobile struck a tree and crashed into a ditch near Suitland, Md.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Helen Vaccaro, 22, of Suitland, Md., and Mrs. Anna Vaccaro, 46, of 222 Eleventh St. S. E. The driver of the car, Vincent A. Vaccaro, of the Southeast address, said to be the son of the elder Mrs. Vaccaro, was reported in a serious condition at Casualty Hospital.

SALESMEN KILLED

George L. Oliver, 32, a Richmond (Va.) automobile salesman, was killed yesterday when struck by an automobile on the Baltimore Boulevard near Laurel, Md. Police said he had parked his car and had started across the road to a service station when he was struck.

Coroners in Washington and Fairfax, Va., today will investigate the deaths Saturday night of Mrs. Rebecca Gustinsky, 60, of 4408 Georgia Ave. N. W., who was hit by an automobile at Otis Street and Georgia Avenue, and James Violetee, 18, of Accotink, Va., killed instantly when a light truck in which he was riding crashed into the rear of a large truck stalled on a hillside near Accotink. Edward H. Hazard, Accotink, was seriously injured.

MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Three residents of Benedict, Md., were rushed to Casualty Hospital for treatment last night after being thrown from a motorcycle near Benedict. The injured were John E. Berger, 24; Vincent Nicholson, 20, and Lloyd Higgs, 20. Berger's condition was reported critical.

Five persons were hurt in an auto accident near Greenbelt, Md., yesterday. Taken to Providence Hospital were John C. Peterson, 32, 16 Bridge Rd. S. E.; Elder Guilfré, 18, of 3220 Twelfth St. N. E.; Julia Graves, 38, of 1832 Rosedale St. N. E.; Guy Guilfré, 36, of 4119 Fourth St. N. W., and Barbara Claypoule, 32, of 1822 L St. N. E.

Among others injured in traffic crashes were Miss Faith Harrington, Alexandria, Va.; Miss Margaret Lovett, of Alexandria; Wallace Coffin, 4; Scott H. Coffin, 16, and Roger Lawrence, all of Alexandria.

BABY SHOW

Health, Beauty Rule At Moose Clinic

A prize baby show and a health clinic will be held at the Moose Home, 1414 I St. N. W., Thursday and Friday, under the direction of the Columbia Women of the Moose, Chapter 368.

Babies will be judged on the basis of health as well as good looks, and will be examined by local physicians in the course of the contest.

Blue ribbons will be awarded the prettiest babies, and cups are to be given to the handsomest boy and prettiest girl. The most nearly identical twins and the child with the reddest hair also will be awarded prizes.

A coronation program at the Rialto theater will conclude the program. Registrations will be accepted at 1332 G St. N. W. until Wednesday evening.

Spaghetti Dinner

Parishoners of Holy Rosary Church will give a spaghetti dinner at the church, Third and F Streets Northwest, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 p. m. to raise funds for a new parish hall. Catherine Passero, Christina Mosca and Tillie Maisti are in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

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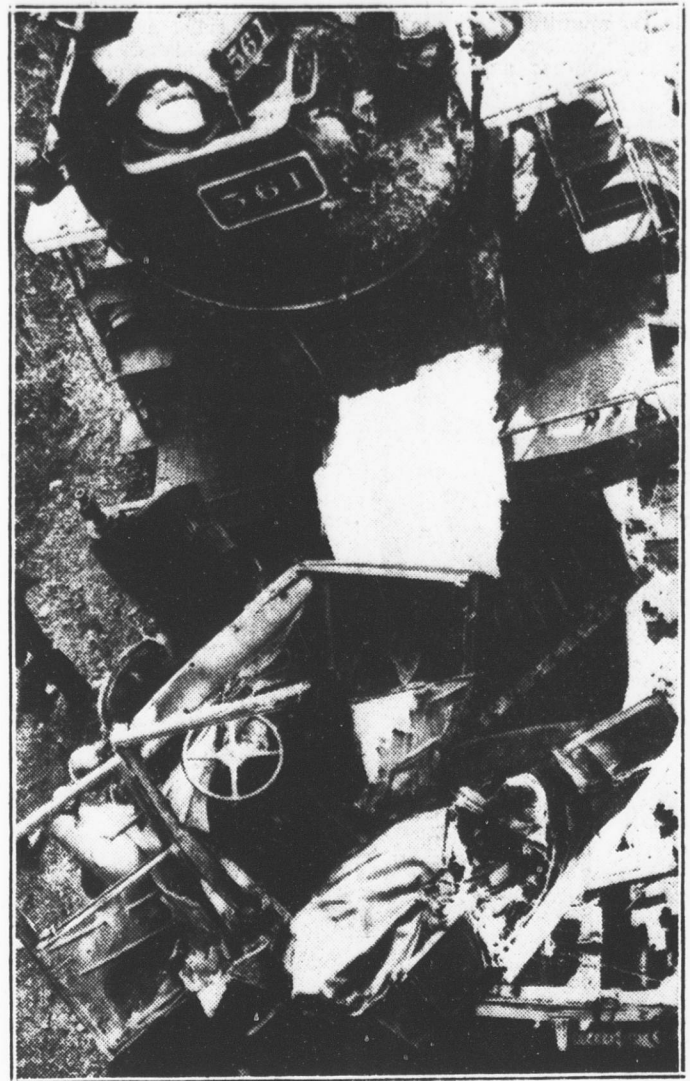
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Dr. Mays Speaks

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, dean of the school of religion, was the speaker at the all-university religious service in Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University yesterday. Music was provided by the university choir.

Dr. Wesley Talks

Annual harvest home day services were observed at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church yesterday with Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the graduate school at Howard University, the speaker. Also participating in the day's program was Mrs. Josephine Carroll-Smith.

11 D. C. CITIZEN GROUPS TO MEET DURING WEEK

New Appropriation Bill To Be Discussed

By A. J. DRISCOLL Citizens Associations Editor.

Eleven Citizens Associations, including the Federation of Citizens Associations, will meet this week to discuss a wide range of subjects including the 1940 District appropriation bill, which voteless residents must raise by taxation, but have no say as to how the money may be expended.

The Federation will elect officers and select an advisory committee of 12 from 22 candidates. The Northern Conference and Washington Highlands also will elect officers.

WANT LOCAL RESIDENT

Efforts will be made by many of the groups to induce President Roosevelt to appoint a local resident as District Commissioner to succeed George E. Allen, who retired September 1. The President also will be asked to fill the post of Peoples Counsel, for which Congress appropriated necessary cash at its last session.

Dr. George F. Bowerman, public librarian of the District, will be guest speaker at the Connecticut Avenue Association meeting. Special business before the Friendship group, will be agitation for a cross town bus line.

The complete civic calendar follows:

Tuesday night: Columbia Heights, Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, North Cleveland Park, 3923 Windom Pl. N. W.; Randle Highlands, Orr School.

Wednesday night: Association of Oldest Inhabitants, Old Union Engine House, Friendship, Janney School.

HLDER TO SPEAK

Thursday night: Bradbury Heights M. E. Church; Connecticut Avenue, All Souls Church, Northeast Conference, No. 12 police station.

Friday night: Chillum Heights, John R. Keene School. Saturday night: Federation of Citizens Associations; board room, District Building.

Inquiry Launched in Broadcast Which Terrorized Entire Nation

Aroused Opinion Seeks to Avoid Repetition

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"cruel hoax," Col. Samuel Harden Church, president of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, today made a demand for a Federal investigation and steps taken to prevent a recurrence of the incident.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, which staged the broadcast as part of its weekly feature, the Mercury Theater of the Air, issued a statement that was read several times after the broadcast, explaining that there was no intent to mislead the listeners.

Four times during the broadcast, the company explained, it was announced that the presentation was not real, but the dramatization of an old novel by H. G. Wells. But from the wave of panic, fear and hysteria that spread throughout the nation, these announcements were overlooked or misunderstood by millions of persons.

REACTION AMAZES

Orson Welles, brilliant young stage star who directs the Mercury Theater broadcasts, and who adapted the old novel, "The War of the Worlds," placing the attack in New Jersey instead of in England as the fantastic book was written, declared he was "amazed" at the reaction. He said:

"We've been putting on all sorts of things, from the most realistic situations to the wildest fantasy, but nobody ever bothered to get serious about them before. We just can't understand why this should have had such an amazing reaction."

The telephone lines of the nation were swamped for hours, as frantic persons sought to secure information, or attempted to get in touch with members of their families in the "invasion" zone.

In Washington, the police operators were unable to handle the thousands of calls that poured in. Newspaper switchboards were jammed by worried persons seeking the latest word from the war,

WELLS PERTURBED

LONDON, Oct. 31 (I.N.S.). H. G. Wells, the author, was deeply perturbed today at the panic caused by the broadcast in America of his "War of the Worlds."

"It was my understanding with the broadcasting company that the broadcast should be presented as fiction and not as news," said Wells. "I gave no permission whatever for alterations which lead to the belief that it was real news."

The amazing story was splashed in the London newspapers, which recalled similar mass hysteria in 1936 when Father Ronald Knox, a British author of detective and mystery stories, broadcasting a report of a fake Communist rising

BERLIN, Oct. 31 (I.N.S.). If Americans fall so easily for a fantastic radio broadcast of an "invasion from Mars," that explains why they so readily believe Nazi "atrocity" tales, Der Angriff said today.

"What is the lesson?" Der Angriff wanted to know about the wave of American mass hysteria.

"Let us weep for our American contemporaries, who accept such atrocities as true. 'Naivete is a gift of God, but it should not be abused. How much less naive is required to accept as true atrocity stories about Nazi Germany?' 'This explains a lot for us in the Old World.'"

and wanting to know if Washington was to be attacked. Telephone company officials estimated there were more than 9,000 calls to the Columbia Broadcasting Company office here alone, and the board there was unable to answer the calls.

Officers and men of the National Guard attempted to place calls to learn if they had been ordered mobilized to combat the invaders. Army and Navy officers on leave attempted to communicate with headquarters to get orders on what to do.

Scores of persons appealed to the Red Cross for gas masks and advice as where to go to escape the danger of the invading hordes. Church services were interrupted as persons who had heard fragments of the broadcast rushed in with the startling news, and congregations bowed their heads in prayer.

FLEE NEW YORK

The panic here was nothing compared to that in New York, where thousands of persons loaded their possessions in cars and fled the city. Highways were jammed with people seeking to flee the city, which they believed would next be under attack.

In the Harlem section, thousands stood on the streets weeping and shouting hysterically, while others knelt in the streets their voices raised in prayer.

WELLES REGRETS FEATURE WHICH BROUGHT PANIC

'Amazed at Reaction,' He Says in Statement

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (I.N.S.). Orson Welles, youthful adapter of the radio dramatization of the novel, "War of the Worlds," issued the following statement today:

"Orson Welles, in behalf of the Mercury Theater of the Air, is deeply regretful to learn that the H. G. Wells' fantasy, 'War of the Worlds,' which was designed as entertainment, has caused some apprehension among Columbia Network listeners.

"Far from expecting the radio audience to take the program as fact rather than a fictional presentation, we feared that the classic H. G. Wells story, which has served as inspiration for so many moving pictures, radio serials and even comic strips, might appear too old-fashioned for modern consumption.

"We can only suppose that the special nature of radio, which is often heard in fragments, or in parts disconnected from the whole, has led to this misunderstanding."

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