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Lenten Guideposts

They Knelt, Prayed In The Depot

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Thousands of people criss-crossed back and forth through Washington's Union Station that morning back in 1941.

The high-ceilinged central waiting room was alive with a tense excitement that was reflected on the faces and in the quick footsteps of the wartime commuters.

There was a sense of expectancy in the air. For weeks, months, one word had been in people's minds. It hung in the air, almost touchable, just out of reach: Invasion.

I stood there on this morning of June 8, 1941, waiting for a friend and scanning the faces of the commuters as they poured out of their trains and into the station.

There was no announcement on the loudspeaker, no extras were shouted, there was no visible source of the news; but suddenly the scurrying and the criss-crossing stopped, the loud hum of a thousand conversations ceased, the news passed from friend to friend, from stranger to stranger.

"What is it? What's happened?"

"THE INVASION'S begun... they're landing in Normandy."

A hush fell over the waiting room. I was aware of the little things—the soft tread of the few people still walking, the stream of sunlight that fell into the waiting room as it does in a cathedral.

While I stood watching, it began.

First it was a woman who, right then in the station, dropped to her knees and folded her hands; near her, a man knelt down. Then another, and another, until all around me people knelt in prayer before the hard wooden benches of Union Station.



Buyers Jam Motor Club, Back Up Outside In Last Minute Rush For 1959 Auto Tags

River Pushes Wobbly Dike

WEST TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—A sandbag dike at West Terre Haute and ice jams near Delphi stood in tenuous uncertainty today in rain and unusually warm weather along the flooded Wabash River.

It was anybody's guess whether the dike, breached once and quickly patched early today, would keep flowing Wabash backwaters out of West Terre Haute, where 150 families had already fled.

The Weather Bureau said the rains should end tonight, but there might be some heavy thundershowers before then. More rains were forecast for Monday.

Light rain helped raise the Wabash to 24.6 feet by daybreak, in flood of the expected 24.5.

Tag Buyers Line Up We Just Won't Learn, Will We?

A throng of people rimed the Carolina Motor Club on S. Tryon St. this morning in a next-to-the-last-minute rush to buy their 1959 North Carolina license plates.

"This I suppose is about the biggest jam we've had in four or five years," Dick Pitts, civic affairs director for the Carolina Motor Club here, said.

The line snaked out the front door of the offices, along S. Tryon St., and down E. Hill St. to S. College. An estimated 100 people stood in the line in murky weather.

"It's been that way all morning," Pitts said.

Motor Club personnel were working frantically to pass out the tags and take in the money but late buyers were spending about an hour waiting to get up to the tellers.

Dulles Has Cancer, Stay Off Job

Wrecks On Same Road Kill Two

By BOB SLOUGH News Staff Writer Two persons were killed and five injured in two separate wrecks last night on Raleigh Statesville Ave.

A five-year-old boy, Michael Carden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carden, of Rt. 10, Box 355 was killed in a five-vehicle wreck that also injured five people.

Willie Robinson Jr., 26, 319 S. Alexander St., died at 1 a.m. today, three hours after his car swerved into the rear of a tractor-trailer truck stopped for traffic at the Statesville Ave.—Oaklawn Ave. intersection.

The Carden child died in a 7-06 p.m. wreck that was triggered by a tractor-trailer truck driven by Glen Martin Davis, 29, 126 W. Uddell St., Charlotte.

The truck, traveling south on Statesville Rd. at Juniper St., to the rear of a car driven by George Jackson Jr., 26, 2112 Augusta St., Charlotte, William Carden, 3, son of the boy, and a second car driven by Jackson Daniel Kerns, Box 371, Huntersville.

Davis' truck swerved on and hit the rear of a car driven by Clarence Jones, 24, Rt. 10, Box 355, Charlotte.

The truck finally hit a parked car owned by Mrs. Lena McLaughlin of 3001 Statesville Rd. Injuries in the wreck included those of Jackson, body bruises, back and leg abrasions.

Kerns, lacerations and abrasions of forehead, abrasions of left leg and chest injuries.

Jones, lacerations of the head and body, bruises.

Clarence Roger Jones, 3, lacerations of the head and body, bruises.



Mrs. Mary Stone, Apartment Owner, Recovers

Like A Torch' Blaze Traps 20 And 11 Perish

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP)—Fire cut through an old apartment building "like an acetylene torch" early today, leaving 11 dead and one missing. Eight other persons were injured.

Among the victims were six members of the same family, including an expectant mother. She jumped from a window of the second floor, then died after giving birth to a stillborn son.

The fire, called the worst in Ashland's history, broke out at 1:01 a.m. and quickly cut off the only exit, a staircase at the front of the converted theater.

"Almost right away people began jumping out of the windows," said taxi driver Anthony Blackwell, who discovered the blaze.

Blackwell said he saw seven occupants standing at windows in the rear of the building. But they disappeared when a section of the ceiling apparently fell.

"That fire cut just like an acetylene torch," he said.

Delmar Famm, one of the 20 occupants of the stone-front structure, said he was awakened "when the fire flapped the rug at my door like wind."

"I heard a woman scream but I was unable to tell where it was coming from. Then I smelled smoke."

On Leave To Receive Treatment

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles has cancer and will continue on leave from his post while undergoing radiation therapy.

President Eisenhower, after visiting Dulles at Walter Reed Hospital, said he had "expressed the thoughts and prayers of all of us that the results of his operation and the further course of treatment will be successful."

In order to allow time for this purpose the secretary continues on leave of absence.

THE announcement came shortly after Eisenhower had spent 37 minutes at Dulles' bedside.

A medical report issued afterward said that when Dulles was operated on for hernia Friday morning a small "nodule" in cancer tissue was removed from the hernia sac and proved upon examination to be an "adenocarcinoma," a small cancer. The medical announcement also said that the fluid removed at the time the hernia sac was repaired was found under the microscope to contain "free cancer cells."

"No further surgery is contemplated," the announcement said. "In the immediate future, radiation therapy will be used."

The cancer described as adenocarcinoma was the same kind of cancer Dulles was operated on for when a cancerous portion of his lower intestine was removed on Nov. 3, 1956.

Eisenhower's statement was issued by White House Press Assistant Anne Wheaton. State Department press officer Lincoln White gave out the medical report.

TALK WITH DOCTOR The President disclosed that during his visit and that Dulles had talked over the secretary's condition with the doctors.

"While I was with him his doctors discussed with us their findings of the existence of malignancy, not fully determined as to extent, but certain to require further treatment," Eisenhower said.

The President said he and Dulles had had a good talk and he is resting well.

"His immediate response to the hernia operation, as the doctors indicate, has been very satisfactory," Eisenhower said.

The medical report said Dulles had "spent a very comfortable night and is in good spirits."

Evening Prayer Our Father God, increase our faith and help us to express it in our relationship to Thee, to our neighbor, and to ourselves.

In this way we become more like the Master. His name and for His sake we ask it. Amen.

—STATE PAROLE CHIEF DOESN'T LIKE IT— Some Against Habitual Criminal Law

By JOHN KILGO News Staff Writer (Last in a Series) The chairman of the North Carolina Board of Paroles is bitterly opposed to any type of habitual criminal law for North Carolina.

George W. Randall said he thinks the law is an unnecessary evil.

"This is a serious thing, a highly serious thing," he says.

HUMAN LIVES "You're talking about human lives when you talk about such a law," Mr. Randall says.

Mr. Randall says he knows the problems of police and understands why some favor the habitual criminal law.

But he says many policemen don't want it.

"Many men change in prison," Mr. Randall cited the example of a man who killed a policeman.

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Car Dives In River, 6 Die

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Six persons were killed early today when their car veered off U.S. 21 about two miles north of Staunton and plunged into the Pocahontas River.

She Parlayed Meager Pay Into A Fortune

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio (AP)—The big mystery in this city today is how did a 62-year-old spinster parlay her meager earnings as a telephone company clerk into a fortune of 2 1/2 million dollars.

Our Weather

Cloudy and mild with occasional light rain and drizzle this afternoon and tonight. Clearing and colder Sunday.

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