

## A Child Died—And He Can Never Forget

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IT WAS Thursday afternoon. The skies were cloudy and the streets were damp in spots. A Charlotte man on a business call and he was driving along about 30 or 25 miles an hour.

AND THEN — in one sticking, heart-breaking split second — his entire life was changed. It was the sound of a little

boy smacking against his car.

"I seemed to freeze with fear after I hit the boy," the driver said today.

"It took all the strength I had to cut the ignition off and open the door and get out of the car. The child was lying there in the street. He had run out from behind two parked cars.

"He came out of there like a streak. I saw him and hit him at

about the same time.

"I KNEW he was hurt. I didn't know how bad at first but then I saw blood trickle out of the corner of his mouth and his ear.

"Then I knew it was serious. I did all I could to help him before the ambulance got there. His mother came up before the ambulance arrived.

"It happened so fast and yet it was so real. I was hurt, deeply

and sincerely hurt.

"The boy was taken to the hospital and he died there. I was there with his father and mother when he died.

"The parents were wonderful. I've got children myself and I know that it could have just as easily been me and mine.

"The first few days after the accident were almost unbearable.

"FRIENDS would call me on the phone and try to talk with

me and I would break down and cry like a baby.

"My wife and I went to the child's funeral and you know that hurt us.

"This was the kind of thing you say can never happen to you.

"That's what I thought before that day. But it did happen to me.

"I still think about it now.

Sometimes I still break down. "When I see children walking on the side of the road it always reminds me of it."

"NOW WHEN I see a child on the street I almost come to a complete stop and get over on the other side of the road.

"I know it's almost unbearable for a child's parents.

"But sometimes I think it's even harder for the driver of

the car."

The man involved in this wreck was found not negligent in any way by a coroner's jury.

But the heartbreak is still there. The day the story of the accident appeared in the paper, the man slipped out the "Wishing Well" feature that runs daily in The News.

HE PULLED it out yesterday. My feature that day was "Follow the lead of God."

## Court Reform Bill Receives Support From Gov. Hodges

RALEIGH (P)—Gov. Hodges today came out strongly in favor of most of the court reform proposals of the Bell committee aimed at giving North Carolina a unified court system.

### The Lighter Side Sentence Could Have Been More

(From AP Reports)

A judge's roll of the dice sent Tommy Jackson to Miami jail for 30 days.

Jackson appeared before Judge Mitchell Goodman on a charge of gambling. He was found guilty, and it was discovered Jackson had three previous diving convictions — and a pair of dice.

"Do you want to roll for the time?" the judge asked. "No, sir," said Jackson.

"I'll roll for you," said Goodman, and up came an ace and a deuce.

"Thirty days," said the judge.

### It's Confirmed

A scientist has confirmed what every barroom character knows — that the brass rail helps your acting back.

Dr. James Stack, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Northwestern University Medical School in Detroit, says hooking your foot on the rail when you stand at a bar straightens your back and reduces strain.

### Works Perfectly

Shevald Myron director of Ada County, Idaho, decided to test the local roadblock system for trapping wanted criminals.

Gilbert dispatched 22 officers to roadblocks in the area to watch for him, while he theoretically held up a grocery store and stole a getaway car in Boise.

Gilbert eluded the dragnet and made it to Mountain Home, Idaho, a distance of 43 miles, with not even a hitch challenged.

### Bergman Is Given Custody Of Children

ROME — An Italian court today gave film star Ingrid Bergman custody of the three children born of her now-blighted marriage to Italian director Roberto Rossellini.

The court directed that the children should attend an Italian school in Paris. Rossellini had sought custody of the children.

Neither Miss Bergman, nor the wife of Swedish businessman Lars Schmidt, nor Rossellini, attended the hearing.

Both were in Paris — Miss Bergman with her husband and children. The actress already had been granted custody of the children by a Paris court.

### Here's The Bench With Personality

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## Man Killed In Fiery Crash Near Mt. Holly

### Victim Believed To Be Catawba Heights Man

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A man believed to be H. F. Travis of Catawba Heights burned to death today in a fiery crash on the Mount Holly Road, 10 miles from Charlotte.

County police said the car, registered to H. F. Travis, of Catawba Heights, near Belmont, N.C., was involved in the crash.

Mr. Travis is an insurance salesman, police said, and an insurance book was found inside the car.

L. A. Kelly said the left front tire of the car apparently blew out, causing the car to leave the road, strike a tree and overturn on the bank of Long Creek.

### Like, Macmillan To Hold Talks Atop Mountain

WASHINGTON (P)—President Eisenhower and Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan will be at the lodge for at least three days — through March 22. This will be a long weekend — Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said that does not necessarily mean the talks will last only three days.

LONGER STAY?

Hagerty left open the possibility of a longer stay at the rustic lodge, or continuation of the talks in Washington or elsewhere.

In response to a question, Hagerty said Eisenhower is hospitalized at the Secretary of State, still in a hospital for radiation treatment for cancer, will be able to participate in some of the Anglo-American talks.

There was no word whether Dulles, who has been hospitalized since Feb. 10, would be able to travel to the Catawba Mountain lodge. Last weekend Dulles was in the hospital for brief automobile rides in Washington parks.

Eisenhower's lodge is situated about 30 miles north of Washington, is known as Camp David. It was named by the President for both his father and his 10-year-old grandson, David Eisenhower.

The camp was first used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who called it Shangri-la. President Truman spent an occasional weekend there.

### Bill, Graham Signs Removed By Students

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Advertisement for a new meeting Billy Graham will hold at Melbourne University Friday were removed during the night.

Organizers of the American evangelist's local crusade said some of the students are opposed to the meeting.

Graham winds up his crusade in Melbourne Sunday and will take a two-week holiday on the Queensland coast.

### Outbreak Traced

GRIZ, Austria — (P)—U.S. health authorities have traced a paratyphoid outbreak in powdered eggs imported from Communist China. Great residents promptly dubbed the disease the yellow peril.

### Student Charged With Robbery

RALEIGH (AP)—Robert Earl Smith, 23-year-old insurance salesman and part-time college student, who told officers he had taken police was arrested today and charged with the \$17,000 armed robbery of a Raleigh bank March 3.

The announcement of the arrest was made at Charlotte by Roy S. Moore, Charlotte division director of the FBI.

News of the Senate vote reached the islands at mid-afternoon and was greeted with joy. The Hon. Acting Gov. Edward E. Johnson proclaimed a two-day holiday to start the moment the House passes the statehood bill.

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### Evening Prayer

God of our lives, help us to be Christians in word and deed. Help us to share with others the warmth of the love which has been poured into our hearts. In His name we pray Amen.



## Winter Whacks Area From Midwest To New England

Park Benches Go Begging For Occupants As Snow Falls On Philadelphia (AP Photo)

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

With spring only nine days away, winter took a parting wallop at the Northeast today. Snow ranging up to 14 inches was dumped on the region eastward from Indiana to Virginia and Maine.

As morning came, the snow began changing to rain in the southernmost areas — in some areas there was sleet.

Air and highway travel was disrupted. Trains remained pretty much on schedule. Hundreds of schools were closed for the day in several states.

Up to mistmoring, four fatalities were linked to the storm. Heart attacks felled three persons slaving "shov" in Ohio. A car-truck collision killed another at Delaware, Ohio.

Western Maryland and northern West Virginia got the heaviest snowfalls. They ranged up to 14 inches. Northwestern New Jersey had an estimated 10 inches of snow. New England was expected to get eight inches or more.

SECOND OF WEEK

The second such storm of the week glazed roads and made some impassable across the southern two-thirds of Indiana. The southeastern section of the state had five to six inches of snow.

Some parts of Connecticut anticipated more than eight inches.

New York City recorded 5.3 inches before the precipitation changed to rain about 9 a.m. The heaviest snow of the season previously in the metropolis was three inches on Dec. 29. The total for the winter had been only 6.5 inches—much less than usual.

Drifts and hazardous driving conditions snarled car travel in some large cities. Mannheim traffic jams were reported during the morning hours in Cleveland, Ohio, where a continuing snow already had deposited seven inches.

Cleveland's Hopkins Airport was closed at 5:25 a.m. Operations at New York and Boston airports were hampered but not halted. Numerous flights were canceled and some incoming planes diverted elsewhere.

In western Maryland, state police reported 8-12 inches in the mountains with mixed snow and rain across northern counties.

In western central and northwestern Pennsylvania authorities issued warnings of hazardous driving. In all affected areas, sanding crews were out in force attempting to keep highways open.

Snow accumulations during the early morning hours amounted to 8 inches in sections of western Pennsylvania. Some flights were cancelled at the Pittsburgh airport. Flights were reported normal at other airports in the state.

In Ohio, Zanesville had 8 inches; Cincinnati 5; Columbus 2 1/2; and Cleveland 6 inches on the ground and expecting more. Schools in Clark County were declared closed today because of bad conditions, while schools in several other rural areas were not expected to open.

The storm was attributed to a disturbance moving north and east from the upper Ohio valley, and reinforced by an air mass which moved in from the Atlantic Coast.

The snowfall came during the 71st anniversary of the great blizzard of 1888 — which began March 11 and ended March 14.

## Inside The Heart: Read 'The Operation'

"The Operation" a stimulating, suspenseful story of surgery inside the human heart, begins next Monday in The Charlotte News.

Every fascinating detail of operating room procedure is vividly brought to life in layman's language as author Leonard Engel presents the minute-by-minute progress of one of the most startling medical advances of our time—surgery inside the heart.

You will meet Joyce Wilder, the patient, a composite of actual cases the author observed at the University of Minnesota Hospital. She is a pretty, intelligent 12-year-old who has a hole in her heart the size of a quarter.

Her heart operation, performed by Drs. C. Walton Lillehei and Richard L. Varco, who have led the world in development of "open heart surgery," is one described in every detail in these articles.

Remember, the first of 12 gripping stories begins Monday in The Charlotte News.

## Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and rather cool today. Fair and cold with light frost tonight.

Low this morning — 38  
Low tomorrow morning — 30  
High today — 62  
High yesterday — 53  
High tomorrow — 58  
Sunrise today 6:38 a.m.  
Sunset today 6:29 p.m.

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## —VOTE EXPECTED SOON— Hawaii Statehood Imminent

WASHINGTON (P)—The House was granted today to take final congressional action to make Hawaii the 50th state.

The Senate voted 76-15 Wednesday night in favor of statehood for the mid-Pacific islands. The vote came after only one day of debate.

The sponsor of the House bill, Chairman Leo W. O'Brien (D-N.Y.) of the House Territories subcommittee, said he was prepared to amend his measure to conform exactly to the Senate-passed bill which had 66 co-sponsors.

House approval of a confirming measure would send the bill directly to the President. Eisenhower's signature would pave the way for state elections in time to seat two Hawaii senators and one representative in the House in this session of Congress.

Any variance between House and Senate versions of the bill would require Senate-House conferences and subsequent votes of concurrence.

Rep. John R. Snyder (R-Pa.) pressed for an amendment to give representatives under the apportionment formula adopted by Congress in 1941.

ARRIVES BY AIR

Gov. William F. Quinn arrived in Washington by air too late to start the moment the House passed the Senate vote.

At an impromptu celebration in the old Supreme Court chamber of the Capitol, Quinn thanked Senate leaders for their vote of confidence in Hawaii's people.

"Hawaii," he said, "has a destiny in the Pacific and we are anxious to accomplish. We are conscious of that mission and will do our utmost to carry it out."

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