

Traffic Injuries Over Holidays Fatal to 3 Men

Virginian Is Listed As First Accident Victim of New Year

Three men died yesterday of injuries suffered in Washington area traffic accidents during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

Five persons were injured in accidents yesterday and early today.

The first reported 1950 fatality for the area was that of Earle R. Courtney, 22, of Route 5, Lincoln, Va., whose automobile skidded 202 feet into a tree near the Masonic Temple, Alexandria. He died yesterday shortly after midnight.

Samuel A. Mellott, 18, of Scarysville, Md., was the victim of an automobile collision at 1:15 a.m. yesterday on the Sandy Spring road west of Laurel.

Virgil E. Manuel, 41, of Beltsville, a mechanic at Fort Meade, died in Bethesda Naval Hospital of injuries received last Tuesday on the Baltimore boulevard, near Laurel.

Youth in Serious Condition.
Meanwhile, the District's first accident victim of 1950 was in serious condition at Casualty Hospital today.

He is Warren Coleman, 19, colored, of 1424 W. street N.W., who was injured about the face and chest when a car in which he was riding struck a tree at Benning road and Oklahoma avenue N.E. at 12:40 a.m. yesterday.

Police said Mr. Coleman was a passenger in a car driven by William Fann, 19, colored, of 2015 Fifteenth street N.W. Mr. Fann told police the car skidded.

Takoma Park Man Hurt.
In fair condition at Casualty Hospital is Henry Poch, 36, of 6710 Conway avenue, Takoma Park, who was injured yesterday when a car driven by his wife struck two parked cars in the 5700 block of New Hampshire avenue N.W. Police gave Mrs. Poch a ticket for driving at an unreasonable speed.

Most seriously injured in the Maryland crashes is Mrs. Grace Virginia Barre of Laurel, a Government worker here, who was passenger in one of the cars colliding on Sandy Spring road.

In one of the most spectacular of the accidents, William B. Young, 23, of Henagar, Ala., was injured early today when he was thrown from the cab of a tractor-trailer which overturned after striking an automobile on Route 1, a mile north of Fort Belvoir. He was taken to Alexandria Hospital for observation.

Car Overturns.
Alfred McChesney, 21, of 358 Anacostia road S.E., was treated at Casualty Hospital for slight injuries received yesterday when his automobile overturned on Central avenue, near Ritchie, Md.

Maryland State police at Waterloo reported Mr. Mellott was a passenger in the car driven by Leroy Wilkerson, 19, of Burtonsville, Md. They said this automobile was struck from behind when Mr. Wilkerson tried to turn off the highway. The police said the second car was driven by Horace L. Fairall, Jr., of Laurel, a brother of Mrs. Barre. She was in his car.

Mrs. Barre is in Leland Memorial Hospital, Riverdale, Virginia. State police said Mr. Young's tractor-trailer, loaded with linen, sideswiped a stalled car ahead of it, overturned and burned. They said the automobile had no lights and was being pushed by two soldiers from Camp Lee, Va., but they were not hurt.

Linen Blocks Traffic.
The linen was dumped into the highway and blocked two of its four lanes for hours.

Troopers said they arrested the soldiers. Pvt. Robert James Jordan, 21, of Cleveland, was charged with failing to have lights on his car and thereby causing an accident, and with being intoxicated in public, while Corp. Curtis Franklin, 20, of Louisa, Ky., was charged with being intoxicated in public.

The Associated Press reported these other deaths in Virginia: Mrs. Lottie Wallace, 43, of Luray, who died in a Charlottesville hospital of injuries received when she was struck by an automobile December 28 a mile north of Stanley, Page County.

William Jacob Keller, 86, of Tom's Brook, Shenandoah County, who died in a Woodstock hospital of injuries suffered when he was hit by an automobile on Route 11, near his home.

J. W. Oliver, 78, of Toano, a State Highway Department supervisor, who died in Richmond of injuries received December 27 in a collision.

Dr. G. C. Dildine to Speak At Leland Junior High
Dr. Glenn C. Dildine of the staff at the Institute on Child Study at the University of Maryland will discuss "Infancy and Childhood" at 8:15 p.m. Thursday at Leland Junior High School.

The program is arranged by the Institute on Education for Personal and Family Living. At 8:15 p.m. January 19 at Leland, Dr. Ruth Tiedman, also of the University of Maryland, will discuss adolescence and maturity.

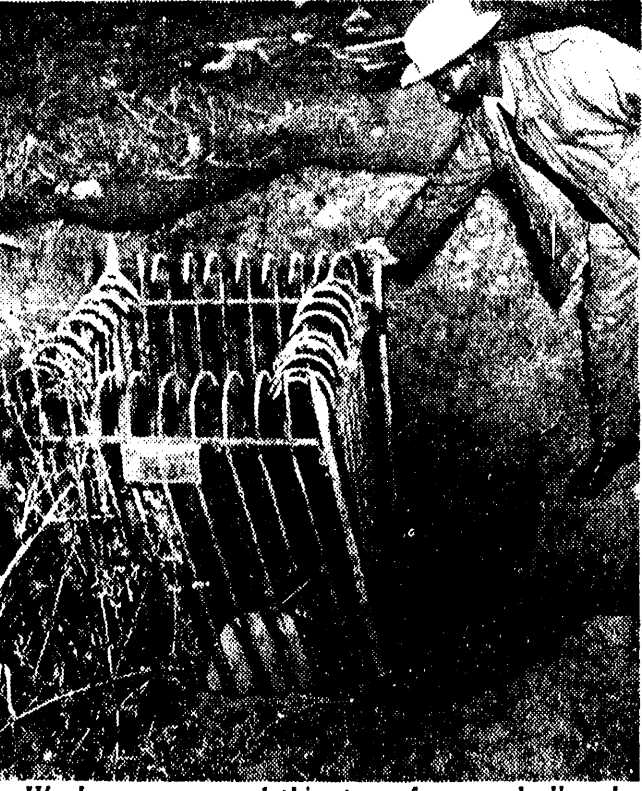
Dimes Campaign Mapped
Final plans for the 1950 March of Dimes campaign in Prince Georges County will be outlined at a meeting of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the County Service Building, Hyattsville. The drive will open January 16.



Milestones on the District's old boundary in Virginia have come on hard times. Park photographer Abbie Rowe examines this one, in woods near Columbia Pike.



American University Park was mostly open country when this was taken, in 1905. The stone still stands at what is now Western avenue and Fessenden street N.W.



Workmen uncovered this stone, fence and all, only 10 days ago on Eastern avenue near Sheriff road. It was accidentally buried last summer.

City Starts Trek To Work After Quiet Holidays

Drunk Arrests and Traffic Accidents Here Subnormal

Washington, which welcomed the New Year with scarcely more than the rustle of a paper hat, looked it square in the eye today and started the first and greatest back-to-work movement of the year.

Congress prepared for resumption of business tomorrow and hotels with the "sorriest December in years" behind them, were filling up fast.

From all directions and by all kinds of transport, our citizens who were elsewhere for the holidays began pouring back into the city. It will be a double crowd—those who left only last Friday and Government workers who sandwiched four days' annual leave with the twin holiday week ends and stretched it into a 10-day vacation.

Sedate Celebration.
Union Station expected whooping crowds, although the mass will be scattered throughout the day and up until early morning.

At least 15 extra sections were scheduled each way between Washington and the North.

The New Year's eve celebration here was about as sedate as they come. Even the police were surprised. They attributed the quiet merry-making to the midnight liquor-sales curfew, which built up more private parties and sent more people to after-hours clubs or to Baltimore, which was wide open till dawn.

Almost everything was under normal except the temperature which went to 49 in an afternoon of sunshine yesterday. A high of 54 is predicted for today with cloudy and occasional light rain rounding out the forecast.

Police booked only 125 persons for drunkenness—a figure even less than a normal week end. Only 30 traffic accidents were reported to the Accident Investigation Unit from 8 a.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. today—another sub-normal figure. Seven persons were treated at hospitals and released and six were hospitalized for traffic injuries. There were 18 false alarms.

Truman Walks to Church.
The city went to church or slept it off yesterday.

The Nation's No. 1 Citizen, President Truman, walked to the First Baptist Church at Sixteenth and C streets N.W., and heard the Rev. Edward Hughes Pruden cite the day as "an ideal time to reconsider our relationship as citizens to the State."

Taking his text from Jonah 3:1—"and the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time," Dr. Pruden stressed the importance of grasping "those opportunities which we may have ignored or neglected in the past but which come to us again today with renewed urgency."

Then the President rode back to Blair House. Mr. Truman's wife and daughter Margaret were out of the city. The Chief Executive planned to spend today putting the finishing touches on his state of the Union message for Congress Wednesday.

Montgomery Democrats Begin 'Dollar Campaign'
Eighty Montgomery County residents have sent \$1 contributions to the county's Democratic State Central Committee to launch a "Dollars for Democrats" campaign.

In a letter accompanying their contributions, the 80 donors said they approved the central committee's efforts "to obtain wider citizen participation in party affairs and to promote registration."

They said a "Dollars for Democrats" campaign would spread financial responsibility for party support. Organization of a formal dollar-campaign is expected at the State Central Committee meeting Wednesday in Rockville.

Prince Georges Red Cross Plans Instructors' Course
A first aid instructors' course will be conducted the week of January 16 in the Red Cross chapter house, 4112 Hamilton street, Hyattsville, it was announced yesterday by the Prince Georges chapter.

Holders of an advanced first aid certificate should register at the chapter office, Fred C. Knauer, chairman of Safety Services, said.

The class will be conducted by William C. Bailey, Jr., field representative for Safety Services for the Eastern Area headquarters of the Red Cross in Alexandria.

Neighborhood Concert Tickets Now Ready for Central High School
Invitations for the next Neighborhood Concert by the National Symphony Orchestra under the sponsorship of The Evening Star, which will be held January 9 at Central High School are now ready for distribution.

They may be had at Central High School, Adams, Bancroft, H. D. Cooke, Petworth, Raymond and Thomson Elementary Schools, Wilson Teachers College, the Recreation Department at Sixteenth and Lamont streets N.W., and the Business Center in the lobby of The Star Building. The invitations are issued without charge by The Star.

Some Forgotten Stones Mark D. C.'s First Outline

By James G. Deane

Forty milestones marked the boundaries of the 40-mile square that was the "Territory of Columbia" in 1800.

Today, 39 of these original stones still are standing.

In Washington this week, park workers will start giving the 26 that still mark the District line their first face-lift in a decade. In Virginia, at the same time, the Daughters of the American Revolution are taking steps toward even more urgent attention to markers remaining there.

It was on the personal order of George Washington, authorized by Congress, that the District's first commissioners saw to erecting of the 40 stones in 1791-2. For the commissioners—Daniel Carroll of Montgomery County, Dr. David Stuart of Alexandria, Thomas Johnson of Frederick, Md.—it was their final official duty.

Mostly in Fields.
When the stones were put in by Maj. Andrew Ellicott, starting with the South Corner Stone on Jones Point, Alexandria, they were mostly outposts in a countryside of fields and woods.

The stones were floated up the river on barges from a quarry at Acquia, Va., and then carried, presumably on mule or horseback, the rest of the way.

One was put in place at approximately every mile. Maj. Ellicott pushed first to the West, as far as West Falls Church, then Northeast to what is now East-West highway near Sixteenth street N.W. On the East side, the line went out across the Potomac to Western and Southern avenues now intersect, then Northward to form a nearly perfect square.

Congress, following the mandate of a few hundred citizens, mutilated the square and created future maintenance problems when it returned the land across the Potomac to Virginia in 1846. Fourteen markers became "dead letters." Each stone originally was a foot square, beveled at the top, about four feet high, with the inscription "Jurisdiction of the United States" on the District side, "Maryland" or "Virginia" on the opposite, and the date (1791 or 1792) and compass variations on the other. The number of miles from the corner stone also was on one side.

One Stone Not Original.
The one stone which is not an original is at Russell road and King street, Alexandria. It is oblong, instead of square, and has no inscription. The original, not at that exact place, was lost before 1900.

Many of the stones now are badly chipped, and some are broken off about half way down, but others are in good condition and legible.

In 1941, members of George Washington's Alexandria Masonic lodge, the Columbia Historical Society, Association of Oldest Inhabitants and public officials re-

dedicated the South Corner Stone on its 150th anniversary.

Despite such occasions, the boundary stones are known to few present-day residents. And those who do know of them, find many a sorry reminder, in their present condition, of the Capital's bold beginning.

Some, indeed, who have had to contend with the wealthy, four-foot markers on their front lawns, frankly wish they were consigned to history books.

150-mile Drive. Set out to see them today and even with modern transportation and an urbanized community, you will have a good 150-mile drive, round and about, with some hiking for extra measure.

It took Fred E. Woodward, an early boundary-stone enthusiast and compiler of the map accom-

panied, the feat of Mr. Woodward and Mr. Baker, Abbie Rowe, a parks photographer, inspected the stones in the line of duty in 1936.

A year ago, however, a 30-year-old Alexandria, Kenneth D. Lawrence, found one of the markers, went to the Library of Congress, read the Woodward-Baker accounts, and decided to strike out for himself. He spent weeks last summer locating every stone.

He found many in bad condition—some with fences missing or overgrown with bushes, one split down the middle, one at Fox's Ferry across from Jones Point—lying submerged in the river. After first spotting one in Fairfax, near Columbia Pike, he returned later to find it apparently displaced by a building project. And another, on Eastern avenue in

square feet of land around each present District stone as a park.

"The purchase proposal never got beyond the Commissioners, however, and as for the Virginia stones, these were left to the DAR chapters. The one on Upton Hill, which Mr. Lawrence reported lost, never was "adopted" by any chapter.

Even in Washington the stones have had little attention.

Other Monuments Cited.
"There are hundreds of other monuments that must be cared for first and, frankly, these just haven't seemed as important," explained Randle B. Truett, chief of the Memorials and Historic Sites Division.

At Mr. Truett's request, however, officials now have ordered repair work started immediately and it is expected to be underway by Wednesday.

Preservation of the stones presents definite headaches.

Some, despite expansion of the city and extension of the boundary roads—Southern, Eastern and Western avenues—still are in relatively inaccessible or hard-to-find spots.

Cutting through and widening adjacent roads threaten the stones with burial or removal, as do building projects—this despite the \$250 fine and/or six months' imprisonment provided in the District for maltreating the stones.

Stone Is Special Problem.
The stone at Fox's Ferry is a special problem. Dredged out and replaced already several times, it now is under water most of the time at a spot readily reached only by boat.

Unsympathetic private property owners are another occasional worry. To DAR consternation, a new land owner tore down the fence he found around a stone in his front yard, built up the lawn to the stone's top and refused to have it raised. It has remained that way for more than 20 years, with only the tip visible.

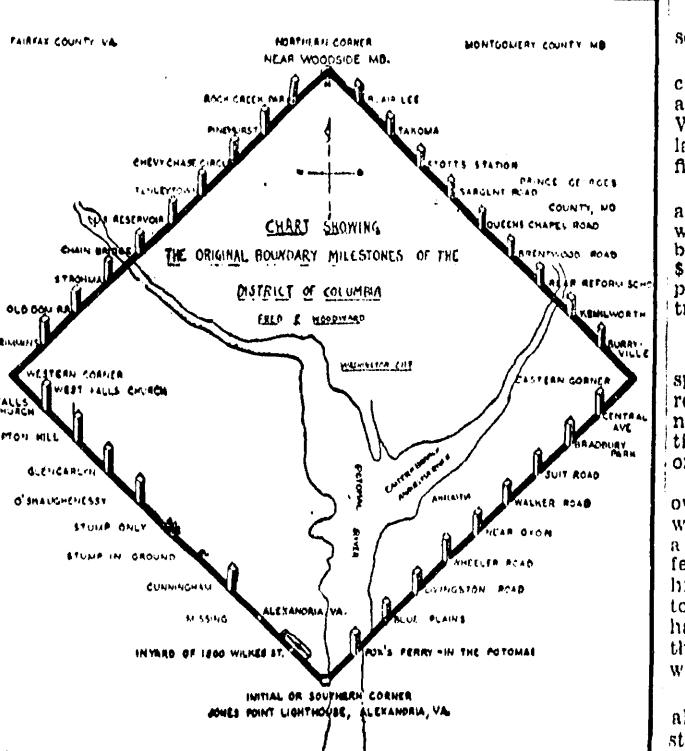
The Government itself hasn't always helped. The first cornerstone, at Jones Point Lighthouse, was covered by a seawall in 1861 and wasn't restored to view for more than 50 years.

The DAR continues to report such problems to authorities.

A Virginia chapter has come to the rescue of the Fairfax stone Mr. Lawrence thought was lost; Alexandria DARs are fighting for repair of the South stone light-house and surroundings, and District Daughters may consider putting up road signs to bring the stones to the attention of passers-by.

As long as the DAR is at work, it's not likely that the park authorities will accede to the suggestion of a citizen that "useless" Virginia stones be transplanted to the Mall. (Officials thought it would make too much lawn-moving trouble, anyway.)

As Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, former chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, put it, quoting the Bible: "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set."



This chart of the 40 milestones was made about 1906 by the late Fred E. Woodward, who spent two summers hiking to all of them.



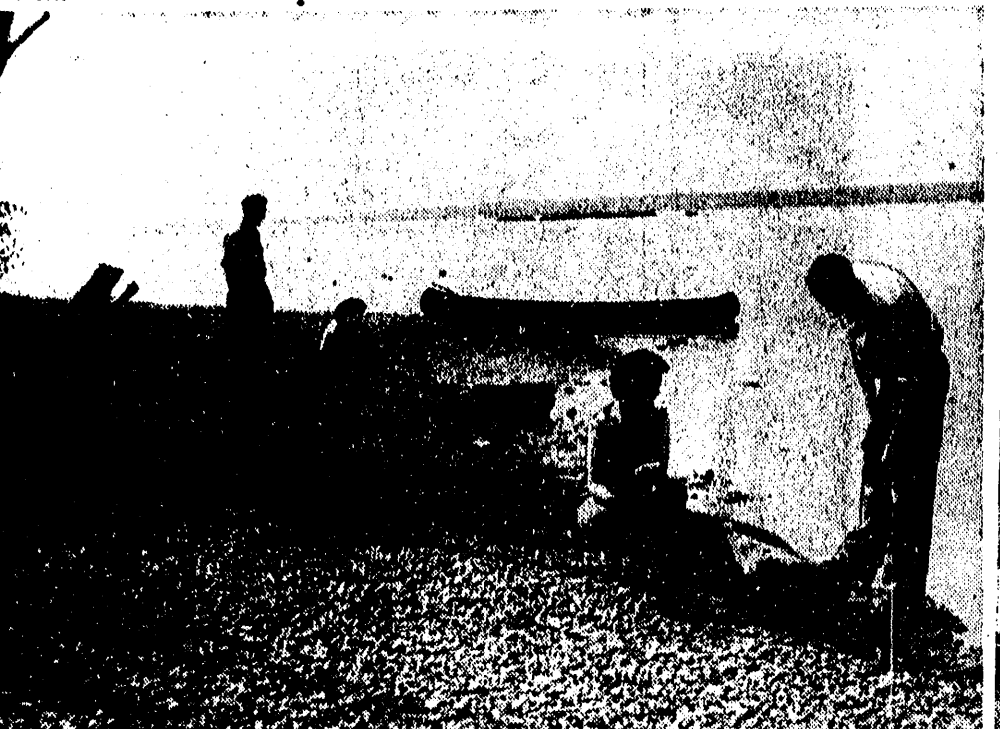
Boundary explorer Kenneth D. Lawrence points to a Fairfax stone he visited last summer.



Young surveyor in her own front yard—Eastern avenue at Thirty-fourth street.



Ancient oak crowds West Corner Stone in yard of Serafin Prieto, Falls Church.



Uprooted by dredging, this marker (right foreground) at the Washington side of the river is completely submerged at high tide. A dislodged Coast and Geodetic marker lies nearby. This is at Fox's Ferry. (Photo by Abbie Rowe.)



Abandoned Jones Point Lighthouse, in Alexandria, where a seawall concealed the South Corner Stone for half a century. The stone, the first erected, now is visible through a protecting fence at waterside (lower right). DAR owns building.



Robert Dunigan, 10, traces the "1792" on the marker near Kenilworth and Eastern avenues.



Front lawn decoration at 4609 Eastern avenue, near Twenty-second street.



Steel against stone at a new Fairfax building project along the Arlington line.