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## 'Buck' Coker, 94, Dies On Monday

Weldon Easley (Buck) Coker, 94, died at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. G. Wilson, at 126 North Royal avenue, Florence.

Born in Cobb, Ga., Mr. Coker lived in Florence for a number of years. He had farmed until ill health prevented and had lived at his daughter's for the past year. He was a member of the Now-on Springs Baptist church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. W. A. Starnell, and Mrs. Vergie Lee Stage; all of Florence; three sons, James C. Coker of Florence, Thomas Dewey Coker of Texas, and John D. Coker of Westminster, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Edith Esslinger of Hartsville; two brothers, Robert S. Coker of Russellville and George Coker of Hohenwald, Tenn.; 25 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Central Baptist church of Florence, with Rev. J. Floyd Cummings, pastor of the church, officiating, assisted by Rev. F. P. Rowden, pastor of the East Florence Free Will Baptist church. Burial followed in the Florence cemetery.

Active bearers were Buford Day, Jesse Huskey, Homer Rickard, Donald Holt, Raymond Muse, and Omar Richardson. Honorary bearers were members of the Men's Bible class of the Central Baptist church. Clyde Davis, Whitten Williams, Weaver Fuqua, Dr. W. R. Moore, and William Hardeman.

Arrangements were by Brown-Service of Florence.

## Philadelphia Hunt For Mysterious Sniper Is Pressed

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Police said today a report two boys had been terrified by an oddly elected prospector may supply the first real lead to the identity of a mysterious sniper who has killed one woman and wounded at least six other persons.

James J. McCann, Jr., 14, and his younger brother, John, told police the stranger, carrying what might have been a rifle, appeared in front of their home last night while they were strung Christmas lights on the porch.

They said the man drove up in a dark-colored late model coupe, climbed out and walked in a crouch



TUSCUMBIA GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY HOUSE—The home of Mrs. Charlie Morris, 800 Cave street, Tuscumbia, was decorated by the Tuscumbia Garden club for its holiday house. Shown above are Mrs. J. W. Rutland, club president from Cherokee, (left), and Mrs. Morris, hostess.—(Staff Photo).

toward the house. Even as they fled to the mother, they added, they glimpsed what the man wore—an unusually long black coat and black gloves—and noticed he was medium size.

The mother, who called the police, said she is a one-pull away from the village a few moments later. The McCann home is about two miles from the residential Oak Lane section in which Mrs. Claire Cohen, mother of two, was shot to death last Saturday night while washing dishes in the kitchen of her parents' home. Funeral services for Mrs. Cohen were held yesterday.

All last night vigilantes, serving without police sanction, patrolled the night streets. Northern section, suggesting a manhunt which has mobilized scores of police vigilantes and a large auxiliary force as well.

## 3 Negro Farmers Make 100 Bushels Of Corn Per Acre

By C. G. LESLIE  
Negro Lauderdale County Agent

Last spring 15 adult farmers and seven 4-H Club members enrolled in the 100 Bushel Corn Contest. Three of the enrollees produced beyond the 100 bushel mark—Robert Hayes, a veteran, a son of Rogersville, 138 bushels per acre; Jesse J. Rhodes, 4-H Club member of Bailey Temple, 117 bushels per acre; and William Bulls of Center Star, 107 bushels per acre.

The other participants and their respective yields were: Willie D. Watkins of Rogersville, 98 bushels; Thomas Barnett, Jr. of Cloverdale, 96 bushels; Thomas Barnett of Cloverdale, 95 bushels; Jones Windborn of Cloverdale, 95 bushels; Fred Fuqua of Rogersville, 81 bushels; Killa Fuqua of Rogersville, 79 bushels; Marty Fuqua of Rogersville, 72 bushels; Ramon Bulls of Center Star, 75 bushels; Collis Fields, 64 Center Star, 74 bushels; Felix Summerhill of Mt. Zion, 82 bushels; J. B. Summerhill of Mt. Zion, 80 bushels; Lester Rhodes of Bailey Temple, 65 bushels; William Thomson of Bailey Temple, 60 bushels; James Thompson of Bailey Temple, 56 bushels; Robert Armstrong of Bailey Temple, 50 bushels; Frank Hardy of Bethel, 45 bushels; Frank Krige of Bethel, 45 bushels; Don E. Summerhill of Bethel, 40 bushels; J. B. Summerhill of Bethel, 38 bushels; and John Thomas Bull of Center Star, 73 bushels.

All participating averaged 73 bushels per acre.

Not only the farmers who took part but also others have advanced their corn yields because of the contest. Increased yields have been obtained through better selection of seed and fertilizer application, good preparation of land, and planting at the correct time.

Farmers who have stepped up their corn production are encouraged to cash in on the advantage through the raising of livestock.

The contestants are entertained and awarded prizes annually by the Florence Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. The participants who produce 100 bushels or above per acre are awarded certificates by Tuskegee Institute.

## Big Christmas Is Planned For Boy, Unaware Tragedy

ALTOONA, PA. (AP)—Tommy Ebbert is going to have a wonderful Christmas before he hears about the greatest tragedy of his life. The plucky 11-year-old is recovering in Mercy hospital from serious burns. He's kept happy by all the visitors, gifts and attention he gets.

Tommy doesn't know his mother, brother, three sisters and grandmother burned to death in the fire that sent him to the hospital.

He thinks they do not visit him because they have no way of getting the 10 miles into town from their house which no longer exists.

Tommy and his father, William Ebbert, 36, are the only survivors of the fire. The father, in another ward of the hospital, said Tommy's not to know about the others until after Christmas.

Letters and telegrams from well wishers and offers of aid are pouring from folks who read Tommy's story in newspapers or heard it on the radio.

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