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## DEATH CLAIMS MISS RICKMAN

### Well Known Trained Nurse Dies of Rheu- matic Fever

### ILL THREE MONTHS Funeral To Be Held at 2:30 O'Clock Friday Afternoon

Miss Leona Dell Rickman, director of the nurses' training school of Angel Brothers' hospital, died at the hospital at 12:45 p. m. Wednesday after an illness of three months with rheumatic fever.

The funeral is to be held at the Franklin Baptist church, of which she was a devoted member, at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. Eugene Eller, pastor of the church, will have charge, assisted by the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor of the Methodist church; the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. N. C. Duncan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church.

#### Burial at Cowee

Burial will be in the Cowee Baptist cemetery with the Order of the Eastern Star, of which Miss Rickman was a member, in charge of the rites.

Pall bearers will be Roy Carpenter, H. L. Bryant, Ben McCollum, L. B. Limer, J. D. Franks and W. T. Moore.

Graduate nurses of Angel Brothers' hospital will act as honorary pall bearers.

#### Held Responsible Position

Miss Rickman was 29 years old. She was the daughter of John E. Rickman, Franklin postmaster, and the late Mrs. Rickman. She was educated in the Franklin public schools and received her nurse's training at Angel Brothers' hospital, where she served first as student nurse and then as graduate nurse for eight years. She became one of the most valued members of the hospital nursing staff. Besides her duties as director of the undergraduate nurses, she also performed responsible duties in the laboratory and the X-ray department.

Miss Rickman's loss will be sorely felt in Franklin and throughout the county. In her capacity as nurse she had many contacts and those who came to know her held her in high esteem as a capable nurse and a woman of fine character and beautiful disposition.

Besides her father she is survived by four sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Roy Gibson and Mr. John Guffey, of the Cowee community; Mrs. Hattie Cabe, of the Green's Creek section in Jackson county; Mrs. Verlon Buchanan, of Gay, Jackson county; Sloan and Fred Rickman, of Franklin; Tom Rickman, of Canton, and J. E. Rickman, of the United States Navy.

## Store Robbed

### \$300 to \$400 Goods Taken From Ritter Store

Merchandise valued at \$300 to \$400 was stolen Wednesday night of last week from the W. M. Ritter Lumber company's camp store on Nantahala river about five miles above the company's mill at Rainbow Springs.

The robbery was reported to the sheriff's office in Franklin the following morning and blood hounds were brought from Asheville. The dogs worked for several hours, following trails, but they were baffled when their scent led them to highway No. 28 near Wallace Gap where the robbers evidently had loaded their loot into an automobile and escaped. The stolen goods consisted mostly of shoes, clothing, guns, watches, cigarettes and other merchandise.

The robbers piled logs and rocks on the tracks of the Ritter company's logging line and cut telephone wires leading to Rainbow Springs to thwart efforts to apprehend them; but these precautions were unnecessary, as the robbery was not discovered until the next morning. Entrance to the store was made by removing glass panes from a window.

Officers have been working on various clues in an effort to trace the robbers, but no arrests have been made.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## The Night Before Christmas

IT WAS the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;  
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.

The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below;  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came,  
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer!  
Now, Prancer! now, Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid!  
On, Donner and Blitzen!"

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!  
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,

## Good Shots

### 15 Macon Hunters Bag 9 Deer in Pisgah

Macon county hunters who went deer hunting on the Pisgah game refuge last week proved themselves good shots, good neighbors and good sports. Fifteen hunters from Franklin, Highlands and Rainbow Springs bagged nine deer and liberally shared the venison with scores of friends. Some of those who failed to bring home a deer passed up opportunities to shoot does and fawns.

Ed Cruise, of Rainbow Springs, killed the largest deer, a buck which weighed 165 pounds. Derril Ashe and Frank Norton, of Franklin, each killed a buck; Tom Porter, Sr., and Police Chief R. F. Henry bagged good sized does. Others in the Franklin party, which left Tuesday of last week and returned

So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.  
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly  
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly,  
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—  
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Friday night, were Sheriff A. B. Slagle, C. Tom Bryson, Dr. Grady Williams and Wade Arvey.

Those from Highlands who went deer hunting on the refuge were Geter Buchanan, Tudor Hall, Jack Hall, E. R. Gilbert, Bense Neely and F. A. Edwards. The first four men were successful in killing a deer and since their return have been distributing venison among their friends.

The editor of The Press wishes to acknowledge with many thanks two fine venison steaks from Chief Henry.

## NEGRO GETS REPRIEVE

Sixty minutes before the hour set for his execution Friday morning, Jake Jones, 19, Raleigh negro, was granted a reprieve until Friday, January 13. Jones was sentenced for murdering J. H. Pool, filling station operator. The delay in execution was made to study Jones' mental condition.

## Young Democrats Urged To Continue Active

A letter was received during the past week by John W. Edwards, president of the Macon county Young People's Democratic club, from President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, through Richard E. Roper, director of the club division of the Democratic National campaign committee, New York City, asking that the club in Macon county keep up its organization and regular meetings. For the next two years the club is asked to assist the President by telling the truth to the people and tell about his ideas and policies.

At a special meeting of officers of the Macon county club, plans were made to comply with Roosevelt's desires. After the first of the year each of the nine clubs in Macon county will meet at least once a month, and a county-wide meeting will be held at Franklin once every three months.

## Unique Contest

### Milk Game Helps Children Increase Weight

The children in the primary grades of the Franklin school have been engaging in an interesting and unusual game. The object of this game is to see which class has the largest number of pupils supplied with milk each day at lunch. It is quite a lively contest and the children get lots of fun out of it. Then, too, the youngsters have been gaining steadily in weight.

The game was started by Miss Maybelle Moody, health teacher. Many of the children bring a pint or a half pint of milk to school as part of their lunches. Others buy a bottle from Gilmer Crawford's milk wagon, but some have neither the milk nor money which to buy it.

In the sixth grade Godwin noticed that the children did not do well in the milk game and those of her classmates not have milk badly need nourishment. She had p. milk at home, so she started ing seven or eight bottles school each day, distributed among those who did not. Now the sixth grade is every test and Catline. Mrs. had the had of the the pou

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### WINSTON BOY WINS \$5,000

Wilson Angel, 19, was on Sunday announced the winner of one of the \$5,000 awards for first place in the annual Atwater Kent radio audition contest. The other first winner was Lydia Summers, New York City.

### U. S. HEALTH IS GOOD

U. S. Surgeon General Hugh S. Cumming reported Saturday that health conditions have been maintained at a high level in the nation despite unfavorable economic conditions, reported a new low death rate in tuberculosis. Typhoid and diphtheria showed slight increases.

### 2,775 IN N. C. PRISON

There were 2,775 inmates of state's prison on December 1, which was 11 below the November 1 population.

### TOBACCO 90 PER CENT SOLD

The crop reporting service finds that 90 per cent of the 1932 crop had been sold by December 1. Season's sales then totalled 244,377,776 pounds at an average of \$12.30 per hundred.

### SOVIETS RECOGNIZE CHINA

Russian Soviet government resumed diplomatic relations with the Chinese Nationalist government, Moscow announces. The move is regarded as a bid for American recognition of Soviets.

### JUDD LOSES APPEAL

The Arizona Supreme court on Friday denied the appeal of Win- Ruth Judd and the woman con- of murdering two woman spanions must be hanged Feb- 17, unless an appeal to the ion's supreme court wins her a w trial.

### COTTON ESTIMATES

The federal crop reporting board estimated a cotton crop of 12,727,000 bales as of December 1, an in- crease of 780,000 bales over the estimate.

### FIRES COST \$359,983

Carolina lost \$359,983 in which burnt over the first six Reports were in counties co- fire prevention.

### WAYS BANK

of Wayne, suc- al bank which last year, was day in Goldsboro, s being made.

### To Be Given At Cowee school

There will be two plays given at the Cowee school house on Friday night, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock. An old fashioned caké walk will also be one of the features of the evening. Refreshments will be served and the proceeds will go for the benefit of the Snow Hill Methodist church. A small admission fee will be charged. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time.

## Courthouse Hallway Gets New Coat of Paint

The hallway of the Macon county courthouse has been repainted by the Edwards Decorating company on an order issued by W. D. Bernard shortly before expiration of his term as chairman of the county commissioners. Done in cream and brown, the hallway, which is used about as much as main street, now looks spic and span. Many individuals observing the pleasing change have commented that it was a shame the county could not have the whole renovated and repainted.