

## W. F. LAWRENCE, SURRY REGISTER OF DEEDS, DIES

### Heart Attack Fatal to Prominent Surry Man

#### SERVING THIRD TERM

#### Funeral Services to Be Held This Afternoon at 1:30 in Mount Airy

#### WAS NATIVE OF STOKES

Funeral services for Willis F. Lawrence, 55, who served Surry county as register of deeds for three terms during the past 14 years, being in his third term at the time of his death, will be held this afternoon at Rockford Street Methodist church, Mount Airy. The final rites will begin at 1:30 and will be in charge of Rev. H. R. Cornelius, of Ruffin, and Rev. H. G. Harding, pastor of the church. Interment will be in White Plains Friends cemetery.

Mr. Lawrence passed away at Martin Memorial hospital, about 11 o'clock Monday night, death having been caused by a heart attack suffered Friday night at his home about two miles south of Mount Airy.

Mr. Lawrence was a native of Stokes county and was the son of the late William and Matilda Christian Lawrence, but he spent the greater part of his life in Surry county where he was for many years a leading business man and farmer. He was actively identified with the political life of the county for a number of years, serving as registrar of deeds two terms between 1924 and 1928 and for a third term which he began in 1936 and was serving at the time of his death.

In 1899, he was married to Miss Sarah Etta Smith, who survives him with the following:

Four sons, Kermit Lawrence, of Mt. Airy; Claude Lawrence, a student at Elon college; Troy Lawrence, of New York city; William Lawrence, of Fort Bragg; two daughters, Misses Virginia and Ruth Lawrence, both of Mt. Airy, three brothers, Luther, Robert and James Lawrence, all of Mt. Airy, route four, and one sister, Mrs. Will Hiatt, of Colfax.

The remains will be carried to Rockford Street Methodist church at 9 o'clock this morning, and the body will lie in state until the time for the final service at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Active pall bearers will be John H. Folger, Joe F. Booker, Samuel Patterson, Will M. McCoy and Otis Wimbish, all of Mt. Airy, and John W. Comer, of Dobson.

## JONESVILLE MAN PASSES FRIDAY

### Reggie Myers, 36, Dies in Hospital Following Complicated Illness

#### FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Reggie Myers, 36, of Jonesville, died Friday afternoon in the local hospital following a critical complicated illness of several days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers of the Swan Creek community and was a member of the Swan Creek Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maggie Haynes Myers and three daughters, Lucille, Grace and Sarah Mae Myers, his parents, four sisters and seven brothers: Lyle Myers, Swan Creek; Mrs. Edgar Swalm, Charlie, Eddie and Miss Addie Myers and Mrs. Thomas Hayes of Cycle; Clay and Roy Myers of Jonesville and J. Myers of Elkin.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning from Swan Creek Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. N. T. Jarvis. Interment was in the church cemetery.

## Over 100 Aided Here Christmas By Organization

More than 100 individuals were aided this year through the local Associated Charities in cooperation with a number of civic and religious organizations. So far as is known no worthy individual was overlooked in the vicinity surrounding Elkin.

Miscellaneous baskets were distributed on Christmas Eve.

## Son Is Named to Fill Father's Job As Register

At a call meeting of the Surry county board of commissioners, held Wednesday morning at Dobson, Kermit W. Lawrence, former deputy register of deeds, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Register of Deeds W. F. Lawrence, who died Monday in a Mount Airy hospital following a heart attack.

Kermit W. Lawrence is a son of W. F. Lawrence, and is considered well qualified to take the place of his late father. The present term will expire on December 1, 1940.

## MAN IS FOUND LYING IN ROAD

### Maurice Myers, Wilkes Man, Claims He Was Hit Over Head; Police Puzzled

#### ASSAILANTS DESCRIBED

Maurice Myers, 51, of the Austin community of Wilkes county, has local and Surry county police in a state of puzzlement with a story of how he had been attacked and knocked unconscious Monday morning by two unidentified men on highway 26, just north of Klondike Farm.

Myers was found unconscious beside his automobile early Monday morning by passersby who telephoned for the local ambulance and had him brought to the Elkin hospital.

According to Myers, who is said to be getting along just fine at the hospital, he had stopped his car at the side of the highway to pump up a tire when he was accosted by two men of good appearance who pulled up alongside and asked the way to the R. J. Reynolds estate on Mitchell's River. He said one of the men, a short fellow with a foreign appearance and accent, asked him to accompany them to the Reynolds estate, offering him sums of money ranging up to \$15.00 if he would do so. Myers said he declined and when he did so, the other man, described as being stout with a broken front tooth, hit him on the back of the head, knocking him unconscious. The men, who were said to have been driving a green car, then apparently drove away.

Officers who were called in to investigate, are without a clue, and doctors at the local hospital have been unable to find any evidence of Myers having received a blow upon the head. No one has seen the green automobile or men answering the description of the alleged attackers, and no such persons have called at the Reynolds estate, they say.

However, Myers is said to stick to his story, retelling it several times on as many different days practically as word for word. That he had stopped to pump up a flat and had laid the pump upon the back seat as the two men drove up was attested by the fact that officers found the pump where he said he had placed it. The key to the automobile was found in the ignition switch.

Police were continuing their investigation Wednesday. Myers remains in the Hugh Chatham hospital.

#### MRS. COY LEDBETTER PASSES MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Lonnie Cockerham Ledbetter, 40, wife of Coy Ledbetter of the Benham community, died at 10 o'clock Monday night, following a serious illness of several days.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cockerham, who survive, together with her husband and seven children. Eight sisters and one brother, Mrs. Harrison Hayes of near Dobson; Mrs. Noah Barker and Mrs. Alonzo Baker of Elkin; William Cockerham of Austin; Mrs. A. J. Barker of Traphill; Mrs. Warren Harrison of Thurmond; Mrs. Robert McCann and Mrs. Morgan Lyons of Traphill and Mrs. Walter Yales of Bel Air, Md., also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from Charity church, near the home. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Forty thousand men in more than 1,500 American industrial laboratories are researching at the rate of \$300,000,000 a year.

A modern stream-lined speed train is being used on the South Manchuria railway between the important and fast developing cities of that country.

Not a passenger lost his life in a train accident on the railroads of the U. S. in the first six months of 1937.

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## F. D. R. ANNOUNCES POSSIBLE BOOST IN NAVY PROGRAM

### Expresses Growing Concern Over Situation

#### 'MUST RECOGNIZE FACTS'

#### Tells Appropriations Chairman Additional Estimates May Be Expected

#### DETAILS ARE NOT GIVEN

Washington, Dec. 28. — President Roosevelt announced a possible increase in the naval building program today because, he said, the facts of the troubled world situation "are facts and the United States must recognize them."

Without referring to the recent sinking of the American gunboat Panay, or any other specific incident, and disclaiming any unfriendly gesture toward any particular nation, he said merely that recent events had caused him "growing concern."

His intentions were announced at a press conference in which he referred correspondents to a letter he had written Chairman Taylor, Democrat, Colorado, of the house appropriations subcommittee, on the navy, advising him that he might expect additional estimates for naval buildings.

At the conference the President answered a barrage of questions which the reporters fired at him.

How many vessels would be added to the present program, he could not say, nor could he tell what types of ship would be constructed. That waited further study.

Nor did he know whether additional authorizing legislation would be needed. That depended on the type of vessel to be built. If it should be decided to build warships falling into the categories authorized by the Vinson act, new legislation would not be needed.

For the present, at least, no increased naval personnel would be necessary.

## SANTA PROVES GENEROUS HERE

### Elkin Manufacturers and Business Firms Present Employees With Gifts

#### CASH, FRUIT IS GIVEN

Santa Claus proved good to hundreds of Elkin people employed in various industries, stores, etc., as many employers gave their employees bonuses in form of cash and other gifts.

Heading the list of those firms paying a cash bonus was the Chatham Manufacturing Co., which each year makes substantial contribution to their employees at Christmas. This year, as last year, each employee was given a full week's extra pay.

Another Elkin firm to remember their employees with Christmas gifts was the Elkin Furniture Co., each employee receiving a cash gift and a gift of fruit.

Gifts of cash, fruit, nuts, etc., were given by many other local businesses in appreciation of the loyalty of their employees during the past year.

Expressing the appreciation of himself, as acting mayor, and that of Elkin citizens, the following telegram was dispatched to Thurmond Chatham, president of the Chatham Manufacturing Co., by H. P. Graham:

"Please accept belated Christmas greetings from myself and sincere thanks from all of Elkin for having contributed so much to the happiness of the community this Christmas through the generosity of the Chatham Manufacturing Co."

#### JR. O. U. A. M. TO HOLD SPECIAL MEET FRIDAY

Elkin Council No. 96, Jr. O. U. A. M. will hold a special meeting Friday evening, December 31. Special entertainment is being planned for the program and side dearies will be given several new members.

Every member of the council is invited to be present for the last meeting of the year.

The degree team will visit Booneville Saturday evening, January 1, and initiate several new members into that council.

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## LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

#### BIG EXPORTS INCREASE SALES

Washington, Dec. 28. — Foreign trade experts of the commerce department said today that "enormous" exports of war materials were keeping American sales abroad at a high level and providing a cushion for declining business at home.

At the same time, they estimated that final figures for 1937 would show that American firms and individuals sold abroad at least \$200,000,000 more in commodities and manufactures than they purchased in other lands.

#### RUNS AMUCK KILLS THREE

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 28. — A Filipino dishwasher, quoted by police as saying he "went crazy" when his wife left him, killed at least 3 countrymen and wounded 10 others today in a savage outburst of shooting and stabbing in the Filipino district.

Two police officers captured the man, booked as Bonifacio Aranda, 28, in headquarters of the Philippine Association of California half an hour after occupants of a three-block area had fled in terror before the assailant.

#### MOTHER DEAD, MAN ENDS OWN LIFE

Fayetteville, Dec. 28. — In one of Cumberland county's grimmest tragedies, Mrs. Nannie Belle Martin Fisher, 49, is dead, apparently at the hand of her own son, and the son, Carl Chestine Weeks, 29, is a suicide.

Weeks pulled both triggers of a double-barrelled shotgun and blew his head off about noon today when officers sought to question him several hours after his mother's home on the Cedar creek road was burned, and her body was found in the ruins, with her skull fractured.

Investigating officers learned during the morning that Weeks had left \$180 with a local garage to be kept for him and that he had given a ring to a girl in Gray's Creek township.

#### JAPS THREATEN FURTHER DRIVE

Shanghai, Dec. 29. — (Wednesday) — General Iwane Matsui, the Japanese commander, threatened today to press Japan's attack 1,000 miles into China's interior.

Americans at Tsingtao, on the north China coast, at the same time, were fleeing from a threatened attack by another arm of the Japanese army striking swiftly across Shantung province.

Unless the Chinese government ends "its anti-Japanese policies," "may find it necessary" to advance to Hankow and Chungking and "may repudiate the national government of China."

## YADKIN LIME ROCK WILL RECEIVE TEST

### Experts Secure Samples for Analysis; Pleased With Appearance

#### MAY BEGIN WORK SOON

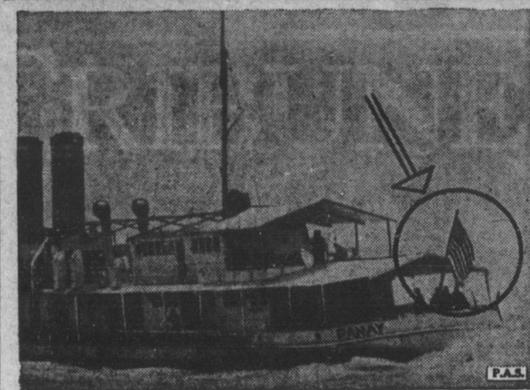
Yadkinville, N. C., Dec. 28. — The lime deposits of Yadkin county are drawing the attention of agriculturists in many sections according to information obtained at the county agents office here this morning, announcing at the same time that lime experts from Kenosha, Wisconsin, had been here investigating lime rocks found in sections of the county.

Mr. S. D. Kerley of the Wisconsin city and a party were in the county Monday and made an inspection of several places where the lime deposits appear, particularly in Fall Creek township and near Enon. Lime rock at each place was carried to Madison, Wis., where they will be analyzed.

If these specimens prove of a high percentage it is expected that a more thorough examination will begin and Mr. Kerley announced while here that if it was justifiable machinery would be set up at some point near the best deposits and stone crushing begin

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## When Is A Mistake Not A Mistake?



This is one of the last pictures taken of the U. S. Gunboat Panay (pro: Pa-night) before she disappeared beneath the waters of the Yangtze bombed and machine-gunned by Japanese planes and land forces. In protesting directly to Nipponese Emperor Hirohito, the State Department stressed the fact that the Panay was flying United States colors (see arrow above) thus disproving earlier Japanese excuses that the attack was a case of "mistaken identity."

## KIWANIANS RAISE \$121 BY AUCTION

### Proceeds To Be Turned Over to Local Associated Charities for 1938 Use

#### TO INSTALL OFFICIALS

A total of \$121.06 was realized from the annual Kiwanis auction held Thursday evening at the weekly meeting at Hotel Elkin. Kiwanian Marion Allen acted as auctioneer.

The proceeds of the auction will be turned over to the Associated Charities to be used in aiding the less fortunate during the year.

The meeting Thursday of this week will be held at 7 o'clock and ladies' night will be observed. The installation of officers will feature the meeting.

Officers for the ensuing year are: president, Wilbur Carter; vice-president, E. W. McDaniel; secretary-treasurer, Julius Hall; Directors: L. S. Weaver, E. C. James, R. B. Harrell, H. F. Laffoon, F. M. Norman and Hugh Royall.

## ALLYN GIBSON PASSES FRIDAY

### Former Greensboro Business Man Had Been Ill For the Past Year

#### FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Allyn McFarling Gibson, 50, passed away in the local hospital early Friday morning, following a serious illness of one year. He had been a patient at the hospital here for about six weeks. Mr. Gibson was a prominent business man of Greensboro and Huntington, West Virginia, before his illness forced him to retire. He was a native of Kentucky.

The body was taken to the home of a brother, Dr. A. P. Gibson in Huntington, West Virginia, for funeral services. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and interment was in Woodmere cemetery in Huntington.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Gibson; one daughter, Miss Pauline Gibson, of the local hospital staff, and two brothers, Dr. A. P. Gibson, Huntington, West Va., and Dr. B. R. Gibson of McAndrews, Kentucky.

More than 16,000 Communist agitators and young radicals have been expelled from CCC camps.

## Christmas Seal Sale Here Nets Sum of \$90.90

A total of \$90.90 was realized from the sale of Christmas seals for the prevention of tuberculosis here, according to Mrs. E. F. McNeer, chairman of the seal sale, which is sponsored annually by the Elkin Woman's Club. One-fourth of the amount, \$22.72, is sent to national headquarters and the remainder is kept here to fight tuberculosis in this vicinity.

Mrs. McNeer and the Woman's Club as a whole extend their sincere thanks to each individual who purchased seals and to the workers who gave unsparingly of their time to this worthy cause.

## ARE TO DEDICATE NEW ADDITION TO HOSPITAL JAN. 6

### Formal Service to Begin at 3:30 P. M.

#### TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

### Prominent Church Officials, Including Bishop Kern, Are To Take Part

#### ARE TO STAGE BANQUET

The recently completed addition to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, which was erected at a cost of \$46,000, will be formally dedicated Thursday, January 6. The dedication service will begin at 3:30 in the afternoon, with Dr. Chas. C. Weaver of Asheville, president of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, in charge of the program. The building will be dedicated by Bishop Paul B. Kern of Greensboro. Other officials of the Methodist church and of the Duke Endowment will also be present for the service.

Following the dedication open house will be held at the hospital for one hour at which time the entire plant will be thrown open for inspection.

At 6:30 the same evening members of the Board of Directors of the Hospital and the Elkin Kiwanis Club will be hosts at dinner in the banquet hall in Hotel Elkin. Special invitations to the dinner will be sent to contributors who have made possible the new addition.

The addition which is now in use, greatly facilitates the usefulness and efficiency of the hospital in that it reduces the crowded condition that has been evident in the hospital since shortly after the first wing of the building was opened in 1931.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the dedication service.

## RONDA WOMAN DIES FRIDAY MORNING

### Lifeless Body of Mrs. Caroline Cockerham Found Resting on Bed

#### FUNERAL HELD TUESDAY

Mrs. Caroline Shew Cockerham, 87, wife of Willie Cockerham of Ronda, was found dead in bed at her home about five o'clock Monday morning. She had apparently been dead several hours when her lifeless body was discovered. Death was attributed to general infirmities attendant upon her advanced age.

The deceased was the last surviving charter member of the Ronda Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon. The rites were in charge of Rev. Grady Burgess, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. George Curry. Interment was in the Ronda cemetery.

Her husband is the only immediate survivor.

## GUERNSEY COWS SOLD TO AVONDALE MILLS

Peterborough, N. H. — Three purebred Guernsey cows Klondike Millicent 478577, Roscoe's Mab 483346 and Kite's Louise 495614 were sold recently by Thurmond Chatham of Elkin, North Carolina to Avondale Mills of Sylacauga, Alabama according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

## JOE GISH



PROGRESS BEGINS WITH GETTING A CLEARER VIEW OF THE OBSTACLES.

## Free Gifts Await First White Baby To Arrive in '38

### The first baby to arrive by Stork Express within a 15-mile radius of Elkin after the stroke of midnight Friday, will receive numerous fine presents to be given by Elkin merchants.

In this issue of The Tribune a full page advertisement lists the many attractive gifts which will greet the first white baby to be born after 1938 pushes 1937 into history. These gifts are offered absolutely free and are governed only by a few rules which require that to be eligible the name, address, doctor's report and birth certificate of the baby born after the first of the year be mailed or brought to the Baby Editor, care of this newspaper.

Turn now to the full page ad and read of the baby contest and Elkin merchants' attractive gifts.

## ELKIN TO MEET ALL-STAR TEAM

### Cagesters Will Play Former School Stars in Game at Gym Saturday

#### HI HAS STRONG TEAM

Elkin high school, with the memory of a 0-0 tie with former football stars of the school still fresh in mind, has scheduled a basketball game for Saturday night which will pit the school basketball team against a team of former high school stars.

The school football team was sure it was going to have little trouble in drubbing its opponent back during the football season, but had to be satisfied with a scoreless deadlock with the ball just yards from their goal line when the final whistle blew. Saturday, perhaps, they will be seeking vengeance for smashed hopes when the present cage team, admittedly strong, goes into action against former stars.

But regardless of who wins, the game should see plenty of fireworks. It will be held at the school gym starting at 8:00 p. m.

Among the players who will see action are: Elkin—George Grier, J. Ratledge, J. Powers, B. Ratledge, Joe Gwyn Bivins, Hugh Gilleland, Bill Sparks, Fred Norman and Ralph Dorset; E. H. S. Alumni—Charles Neaves, Claude McNeil, Edwin Royall, Richard Collins, Russell Burcham, Moir Hall, Rufus Crater, Irvin Wade and Alex Chatham.

## YADKIN FARMERS FORM DISTRICT

Farmers of Yadkin county have taken steps to organize the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation district, according to a statement by J. E. Trevathan, official of the Dobson CCC camp, Wednesday, which will embrace the watersheds of north and south Deep Creek and the Forbush creek, comprising approximately two-thirds of the land area of the county. A referendum was held in the early part of December which gave a vote of 456 to 0 in favor of the organization, with approximately half of the farmers of the area voting.

The project will have to receive the official O. K. of the State Soil Conservation Committee, however, before the organization will be made complete.