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### LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

#### LOCAL

NEWS was received here late Monday afternoon of the sudden death of Mrs. A. K. Harris, of Seaboard, mother of Mrs. Paul Gwyn and Mrs. Dan Eldridge, of this city. Mrs. Harris had been in ill health for several years but her sudden death came as a complete shock to her family and friends.

#### NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 — The National Economy League last night proposed establishment of an advisory planning committee to formulate methods of co-ordinating all segments of the preparedness drive with regular government activities. It emphasized that the national defense commission and the new four-man office for production management are concerned primarily with production and procurement, and said that "the comprehensive defense planning so urgently needed has not yet been provided."

#### INTERNATIONAL

ROME, Dec. 23—Italy yesterday followed up Germany's warning to the United States against committing any "war-like act" with a threat that the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo pact may be converted into armed action if more United States ships are transferred to Great Britain. The warning from the Italian end of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis was delivered by Virginia Gayda, often the spokesman for Premier Benito Mussolini, in yesterday's authoritative *Voce d'Italia*. His warning was based on the same situation as that which brought Germany's strong words Saturday—the suggestion of British Minister of Shipping Ronald Cross that Germany and Italian ships tied up in United States ports be turned over to Britain.

ROME, Dec. 23—Italian reversals in Egypt and Libya were blamed yesterday by Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, in a report to Premier Mussolini, on the lack of armored cars, tanks and other mechanized equipment which prevented the Fascists from taking the offensive before the British got started. The Italians were also outnumbered, he said. These cars and other equipment were to have arrived from Italy early in December when the Italians were poised for the attack which was ordered by Mussolini and which was to have carried them, according to Italian plans, to Suez and the Nile.

ATHENS, Dec. 23 — Three Italian divisions whose normal strength is about 50,000 men, are being slowly locked in a mountain trap, under merciless Greek assaults from three sides, around the Albanian towns of Tepelini and Kilsura, it was reported last night in dispatches from the front. The Italian lines around Khimara on the coast have collapsed and the Italians are fleeing northward in a desperate effort to throw up new defenses south of Valona base, about 20 miles above Khimara. It was stated by Greek quarters last night. Murderous Greek artillery fire and bayonet assaults were said to have driven the Fascists from their mountain positions at Khimara.

### KIWANIS CLUB AUCTION HERE NETS \$143.62

Money Is Raised for Christmas Cheer Fund

AUCTION LOG NETS \$10.02

Next Meeting of Club to Be Held January 2 for Induction of Officers

#### TO LOSE TWO MEMBERS

The annual Kiwanis Christmas auction staged at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening, netted a total of \$143.62, which was turned over to the local Associated Charities Christmas Cheer fund.

Kiwanians, who each year raise a goodly sum by this plan, paid as high as \$1.15 per pack for cigarettes, three cartons bringing a total of \$40.00. Bidding was spirited and when the final check was made, it was disclosed that this year's auction netted more money than any previous auction.

The Kiwanis auction block, a large and exceedingly heavy log, was as usual the last article sold, being bid in by President L. S. Weaver for \$10.02. Next highest bidder for the log was Kiwanian Walter Combs, and had he outbid Mr. Weaver, the latter would have had to deliver the log in a wheelbarrow to Mr. Combs' home, according to long standing custom. Mr. Combs lives at State Road.

During the business session, President Weaver expressed regret at the loss of two club members—Lieutenant Owen Huff, who has been called into army service at Fort Bragg, and W. G. Carter, who will leave the first of the year to make his home in Greensboro. Both members expressed regret at leaving.

### UNITED STATES RITES HELD FOR YADKIN CO. MAN

R. Houston Melton Passes Away at His Home of Paralytic Stroke

#### WAS WELL-KNOWN MAN

Funeral rites were held at Union Cross Friends church Sunday afternoon for R. Houston Melton, 53, who died at his home three miles east of Yadkinville early Saturday morning following a stroke of paralysis. He had been in declining health for some time. The services were in charge of Rev. C. H. Hutchens and Rev. Isaac Willard, and burial was in the church graveyard. He was a member of Union Cross church.

Mr. Melton had spent his life in the Union Cross section. He was unmarried. He was a son of the late W. G. (Bill) Melton and Mrs. Melton, also deceased, and was engaged in farming, and a respected man.

#### FOUR LICENSE ARE ISSUED BY CLERK

Marriage license have been issued to the following couples by the Surry county register of deeds during the past week: Robert Bennett, Pinnacle, to Myrtle M. Adams, Siloam; Ralph W. Beane, State Road, to Nell May Byrd, Elkin; Lonnie Snow to Ada Hodges, both of Dobson; Paul Johnson, Mount Airy, route 4, to Treva Venable, Mount Airy.

### COLLECT GIFTS

Pictured below are Elkin Hi-Y and Girl Reserve groups who have done outstanding work in collecting useful gifts for Christmas baskets, as may be seen in foreground. Committees from both clubs have also rendered fine service in gathering other donations for Associated Charities from individual merchants.



### REPORT IS MADE BY GRAND JURY

Numerous Cases Disposed of in Surry Court by Judge Hubert Olive

#### SESSION ENDS FRIDAY

The Surry county grand jury, making its report to Judge Hubert Olive, presiding over superior court at Dobson last week, gave the various county departments and agencies which come under its supervision, a clean bill of health, recommending Jailer Ernest Gillespie upon the well-kept condition of the jail, and noting with satisfaction that necessary repairs were being made to the court house.

The jury also recommended that the two state highway patrolmen stationed in Surry county go to the various schools and make short talks to the pupils in regard to their going and coming from school.

The body also checked school buses and found them to be in good condition, and commended the county mechanics upon their work in keeping them this way.

While the grand jury was busy with its report, superior court continued to grind away upon trial of cases, Judge Olive handing out numerous fines and sentences prior to adjournment Friday.

Among the more important cases tried were the following:

Gene Poore, violating prohibition law, \$50 and costs, plus suspended sentence of six months.

Tyler Smith, manslaughter, defendant, required to pay all hospital and funeral expense of the deceased, Zeb Hatcher, and also pay costs in the action, plus six months' suspended sentence.

Raymond A. Millis, driving while drunk, three months on the roads.

Elmer Payne, driving while drunk, \$25 and costs.

Paul G. Coon, driving while drunk, \$50 and costs and loss of driver's license for one year.

Lewis A. Martin, assault with deadly weapon, taxed with costs and required to pay to plaintiff sum of \$50, also 6 months' suspended sentence.

Cephus Bennett, assault on a female, taxed with costs.

### Dr. McDonald To Address Elkin Forum

An address by Dr. Ralph McDonald, of the University of North Carolina, will feature the opening session of the Elkin Public Forum, to be held in the elementary school auditorium Friday, January 10, it was announced Monday by Garland Johnson.

The Forum, sponsored by Elkin civic clubs, will also present other outstanding public speakers during the season here, Mr. Johnson said. Among them will be Dr. Hilda Weiss, of Durham, who will be here February 14, and Dean D. D. Carroll, of the University of North Carolina, who will address the Forum March 14. Other speakers and the dates on which they will appear will be announced later.

### 32 SURRY MEN TO BE CALLED

Fifteen Will Go from This Draft Area on Jan. 20, Announcement Says

#### VOLUNTEERS REPORTED

According to an announcement released by North Carolina draft board officials, 32 Surry county men will be called for service in the United States army on January 20, 17 to be taken from Draft Area 1, which includes Mt. Airy, and 15 from Draft Area 2, in which Elkin is included.

Five new volunteers were reported during the past week by the clerks of the two draft boards, Chester Lee Stanley, of Mountain Park; William Monroe Parker, of Siloam, and George Granville Glenn, colored, of Dobson, were from this area.

The Dobson draft board has mailed 300 questionnaires, and of these has about 200 classified. Of this 200, 47 are in first class, of whom two are now in the army. Five have failed physical examinations.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR HERE CHRISTMAS EVE

A children's choir from the Episcopal church at Walnut Cove will give a program of Christmas music at the Galloway Memorial church here Tuesday afternoon, December 24, at 5 o'clock. The church extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

### YOUTH BADLY HURT SUNDAY

Condition of Willard Coltrane, Wreck Victim, Described As Critical

#### OTHER DRIVER JAILED

The condition of Willard Coltrane, 21, who was injured in an automobile accident here Sunday, was described as critical by attaches at Hugh Chatham hospital Monday afternoon.

Coltrane, who is an employee of Bryan's Double Eagle Service Co., is suffering a severe fracture of the skull, in addition to other injuries. He was unconscious when carried to the hospital after the accident and was reported as still being unconscious Monday.

Harvey Money, driver of the machine which crashed into that of the injured man, is being held in jail here awaiting the outcome of Coltrane's injuries.

According to witnesses, the cars of both Coltrane and Money were racing along Main street just prior to the accident, and that Money's car struck Coltrane's as he attempted a U turn on West Main street at the end of Big Elkin Creek bridge.

Charlie Morrison, a passenger in Coltrane's car, suffered minor injuries. Occupants of Money's car, Gilmer Evridge and "Buddy" Martin, escaped injury.

The injured youth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Coltrane, of Ferguson.

### Greek Aid Fund Now Stands At Sum of \$123.61

Contributions to the fund to aid the civilian population of Greece continue to come in, with the total now reaching \$123.61. Reports from over the county show a substantial sum for this worthy cause. Contributions locally will be received both at The Tribune office and at The Bank of Elkin. All contributions are acknowledged in The Tribune.

Previously reported	\$113.00
C. S. Foster	5.00
Grade 3A—Ele. school	1.20
Grade 5B—Ele. school	1.31
Grade 6A—Ele. school	1.51
Grade 4A—Ele. school	1.27
Others—Ele. school	1.27
H. P. Graham	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$123.61</b>

## Chatham Employees Receive Christmas Bonus and Holidays

### Tribune to Be Closed Two and One-Half Days

This issue of The Tribune is appearing two days earlier than is usual, due to the fact that Christmas day falls upon the regular publication day.

In order that Tribune employees may enjoy a brief holiday, the Tribune office will close at noon Tuesday and will not reopen until Friday morning.

Sincere thanks are expressed to the advertisers in this issue for their fine cooperation in releasing copy early.

Merry Christmas!

## BIGGEST BONUS IN HISTORY OF FIRM IS PAID

Totals Well Over Hundred Thousand Dollars

#### CO. SHARES WITH MEN

Plant Will Stand Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to Give Force Rest

#### UNDAUNTED BY EVENTS

A Christmas bonus, amounting to well over a hundred thousand dollars, was paid by the Chatham Manufacturing Company to its employees last Friday and Saturday as workers received their regular weekly checks.

Although the exact amount of the bonus was not learned, it is understood payment to employees amounted to approximately \$125,000, not including the office staff and officials.

The bonus was figured for each employee on the number of years he has been with the company, plus an additional week's pay as a base. Numerous employees received well over a hundred dollars.

With each bonus check went a letter from Thurmond Chatham, president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company. Mr. Chatham's letter was as follows:

"To My Fellow-Workers: This check is a Christmas bonus, shared with you by all of us in the Company. It comes with the best wishes of the Company for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"I declare to you that I don't believe there has ever been another Company quite like ours. We have fires and floods and wars and all kinds of troubles, but we keep growing and moving ahead. If you want to know what I think, I'll say that we succeed because we work hard together, have fun in our work and feel each of us is responsible for our Company's success. Never forget that we make money by producing goods that please our customers, The American People. Our money comes by making better goods, selling more of them and taking a small profit on each thing we make.

"This has been the hardest year I have ever been through and I know that you and I have worked harder than ever before. I don't know what's ahead, but whatever it is, we'll face it together and win or lose together.

"This Christmas check is based upon your regular weekly pay, plus an extra amount for each year you have been with the Company. Long service deserves reward—we are more valuable with more experience.

"I wish for each of you and your family a Very Merry Christmas.

THURMOND CHATHAM."

In order to accommodate merchants and employees of the company, The Bank of Elkin remained open all Friday afternoon to cash bonus checks.

Chatham employees are being given three days off for Christmas, the plant to be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### Shugart Home Again Razed By Flames

Made homeless by fire which destroyed their large dwelling in Jonesville only a short while ago, Mr. and Mrs. Will Shugart were again forced to flee their home in Jonesville early Sunday morning when flames completely destroyed it.

Following their first fire, the Shugarts moved into a frame dwelling owned by Gurney Wagener. Furniture saved from the first fire was almost all lost in the blaze Sunday morning.

The fire originated from a faulty flue and made rapid headway. Homes on either side of the burning structure were seriously threatened, but were saved.

### TRUCKER DIES IN ACCIDENT

"Dead Man Curve" Claims Another Victim Thursday Afternoon

#### DRIVER IS UNDER BOND

(Photo on Page Two)

C. W. Shirley, a helper employed by the Joseph M. Larosa Sons trucking line, of Indianapolis, Ind., was almost instantly killed on "Dead Man's curve," three miles south of Brooks Cross Roads, Thursday afternoon when the truck he was riding in "jack-knifed" on the curve. George Patterson, the driver, was charged with manslaughter after a coroner's jury found probable cause that he was driving recklessly at the time of the accident. He was released Friday under a \$1,000 bond to appear at the February term of court in Yadkinville.

Patterson testified that the truck "jack-knifed" on the curve when another car forced him to apply the brakes too quickly when they met on the curve. His truck, a semi-trailer outfit, was loaded with fifteen tons of oranges. Tire marks showed that the truck traveled 255 feet after brakes were applied.

Immediately after the accident, the motor of the truck caught fire, but was extinguished by the help of another passing truck. Shirley was pinned in the wreck and workers spent a half-hour freeing him.

Both men were from Walden, Ind., and were on their way to the plant in the morning. Shirley had been in the plant for some time. He was buried in the morning.