



**Seen Along ...**

... Girl in green from City Cafe helping old man across street.

... Everyone buzzing about the murder, and everyone telling a different version of the story.

... Bob Isbell calling City Hall to clear up a point on a story and forgetting what he wanted to ask between the time he picked up the phone and received his number.

... Daphne Fletcher, at lunch, busily reading latest copy of the Farm Bureau News.

... Crowd of curious people standing around in the mud at the scene where murdered man was found.

... Numerous people using steps of postoffice as ideal spot to stop and pass the time of day.

... Frustrated look on face of news photographer upon discovering he had failed to pull dark slide from camera before snapping shutter.

... Willie Bell looking very unhappy over the fact that so much excitement had occurred in Elkin Sunday without him getting wind of it.

... Abe Harris telling Bill Cox to date the next electric light bulb he puts into use for an accurate estimate of how long such a bulb will give service.

... Transposed line in want ad making it sound like Ed Snyder's was selling electric refrigerators of thousands of feet capacity.

... "Aloa, the Alligator Boy," in town for an exhibition, contacting Dixie Graham at City Hall as to permit and etc.

... Pleased look on Ted Griffin's face when he found the last copy of Sister Rosetta Tharpe's recording of "Silent Night" had been sold.

... Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Home Demonstration Agent, getting congratulatory letter from Senator Clyde Hoey for her recent honor.



**ALLEGED KILLER AND MURDER VICTIM** — Tragic aftermath of an investigation which began at 4:00 a. m. Saturday and ended Sunday p. m. about 6:00 o'clock when police obtained a confession from John Worth Gamble, 18, of Winston-Salem, that he had shot and killed Clary L. Brown, 32, also of Winston-Salem, is shown in the two photographs above. Top photo shows Gamble as he was taken from the Elkin police station following 20 hours of grilling which ended in a confession which designated the place where the body had been hidden. With Gamble is State Bureau of Investigation Agent John Edwards, of Elkin. Chief of Elkin Police Corbett Wall is shown at rear. Bottom photo shows the murdered man as he was found sprawled in the woods about 75 feet off highway 268 near Elkin western city limit. (TRIBUNE PHOTO)

## Boy Confesses He Shot, Killed C. L. Brown Here

### Continuous Search Made By Officers

A tense atmosphere settled with the bleakness of the week-end over Elkin's Town Hall as officers worked furiously and deftly over the case of Clary L. Brown, driver of a pie truck, who had been missing from his Winston-Salem home since Friday.

Inside, John Worth Gamble, 18, underwent intense questioning by officers of the law. Outside, a curious throng crowded the window and waited with equal tenseness for a confession to break through.

Until the confession came late yesterday afternoon, the case had progressed to this point:

1—Clary L. Brown had failed to return home following a routine trip from Winston-Salem to Mount Airy, Elkin and Wilkes County.

2—Unofficial search had been begun by a representative of Brown's firm, the Piedmont Pie Company of Greensboro.

3—It was known that John Worth Gamble, 18, was the last person seen with Brown. He had left Winston-Salem with him as he had on other occasions. Wilkes County restaurant operators and store operators had seen the two together on the morning of the day Brown went missing.

4—Brown's truck had been sitting by a parking meter almost in front of the Town Hall since sometime within an hour of 2:20 p. m. Friday. It was at this time that

### Gamble's Father Helped Obtain Confession

Police Chief Corbett Wall said today that the father of John Worth Gamble was responsible for the confession of his son.

"He helped us immeasurably," the chief said, declaring that the confession might have been much longer in coming had the officers not secured the father's help.

As reports go in the excitement of things, Wall pointed out, it was interpreted by some that Mr. Gamble did not cooperate in helping obtain the confession. "This is absolutely false," he declared. "Without Mr. Gamble we would have been handicapped."

## 20 Hours Of Grilling Ends At 6:30 Last Night

John Worth Gamble, 18, of Winston-Salem, last night signed a confession that he shot and killed Clary L. Brown, 32, Friday afternoon by the side of Highway 268 on the outskirts of Elkin.

Gamble yielded the confession after nearly 20 hours of grilling by law officers, including State patrolmen, Elkin police and Surry County officers. He also admitted rifling the dead man's pockets of less than \$200.

Sgt. H. C. Johnson of the highway patrol, said that Gamble was arrested at his girl friend's house near Hays, Wilkes County after Elkin police began investigation when a member of Brown's firm—the Piedmont Pie Company of Greensboro—came to Elkin in search of the driver. Elkin police immediately began a search from scene of the truck which had been overparked on Market Street since 2:30 p. m. Friday, when Robert Thompson, patrolman, had placed a ticket on it.

Gamble had ridden with Brown on occasions and Brown had been trying to secure employment for the youth. They left Winston-Salem Friday morning and drove to Mount Airy, Elkin, into Wilkes County and back to Surry where Gamble said he shot the driver. Gamble said that Brown complained of being sleepy as the truck neared the city limits. He stopped the truck at a graded area near a clump of woods where Gamble said he shot and dragged the victim to a spot about 75 feet from the road.

Dr. Seth Beale, acting coroner, said today that the bullet entered Brown's body on the right side of his chest and emerged near the spine. The bullet was found in the backrest of the driver's seat.

The official search which began following the discovery of the abandoned truck Saturday grew to great proportions when officers of a wide area joined in. Questions were asked over the route which Brown usually took and store and restaurant operators in the Wilkes area reported visits Friday of the pair on their rounds.

Following the confession, officers went immediately to the approximate spot where Gamble said he shot and left the driver. He was found lying beneath a tree in a brushy area, his clothes nearly torn from him by the brush over which he had been dragged.

Officers report that Gamble has been charged with murder and is being held without bond.

### BOOKMOBILE'S ROUTE LISTED

**Schedule For County Visits For December Released By Librarian**

**WEEK'S SLATE LISTED**

A schedule for Surry County's Bookmobile has been released for the month of December. Mrs. Lillian P. Freeman, librarian, reported today.

The Bookmobile will not make its schedule runs if there is rain, snow or sleet or other adverse weather during this time, she said. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday—Level Cross (Harbour's Store) 10 a. m.; Ring's Store, 10:30 a. m.; Tucker's Service Station, 11 a. m.; Campbell's Service Station, 11:30 a. m.; Pilot Mountain (Community Center), 12 noon; (Pilot Inn), 1 p. m.; Cook's School, 1:30 p. m.; Pilot View (Needham's Store), 2 p. m.; and Simmons' Store, 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Low Gap Run, Wesley Branche's Store, 10 a. m.; Sparger's Store, 10:30 a. m.; Skull Camp Store, 10:45 a. m.; Lowe's Store (beyond Low Gap), 11:15 a. m.; Low Gap (Club House Restaurant), 11:45 a. m.; Snow's Service Station, 1 p. m.; Holder's Grocery, 1:30 p. m.; Toast (Odell's Grocery), 2 p. m.; and Williamson's Pilling Station, 2:30 p. m.

Thursday—Rockford run, McHaffey's Store, 10 a. m.; Tommie White's Store, 10:15 a. m.; Fairview (Gillespie's Store), 10:30 a. m.; Crutchfield (Chaney's Cafe), 10:45 a. m.; (Stanley's Store), 11 a. m.; Venable's Store, 11:30 a. m.; Cecil Ring's Store at Copeland, 12 noon; Stony Knoll (Early Stanley's Store), 1 p. m.; and Rockford, Rob Clark's Store, 1:30 p. m.

### BAND CONCERT HEARD BY CLUB

**Kiwanians Also Hear Interesting Accounts Of 4-H Club Congress**

**ARE TO HOLD AUCTION**

Brief talks by Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Surry home demonstration agent; Miss Anna Jean Holbrook, Surry 4-H Club member, and a concert by the Elkin High school band featuring last Thursday's meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Brown, who was honored at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and Miss Holbrook, who won the right to attend the meeting due to an outstanding record, both gave an account of their trip, pointing out the various interesting highlights.

The school band, under the direction of Joe Austell, played a number of band selections. The program also included a trombone solo by Jerry James and trumpet solo by David Myers. Each was accompanied at the piano by Miss Margaret Cole.

The school band, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis club, made a decidedly good impression upon club members, and the announcement was made that proceeds of the Kiwanis Christmas Auction, which will be held Thursday evening of this week, will go to the band.

Kiwanian Hubert Willis introduced Mrs. Brown and Miss Holbrook. Mr. Austell, in presenting the band, gave a brief history of its organization.

President C. H. Leary presided during the meeting.

### LEAF MARKET NEARS CLOSE

**Only Four Markets Operate In Old Belt Section For Past Week**

**LOW QUALITY PREVAILS**

The marketing season on the Old Belt flue-cured tobacco markets was almost completed last week. The United States, North Carolina and Virginia Departments of Agriculture report that lower quality marketings and a large percentage of damaged and unsound tobacco pulled the weekly average \$3.30 per hundred under the previous low average of \$40.34 the week before.

The thirteenth week began with only four markets operating. Reidsville, North Carolina held final sales Friday, December 9. Danville, and South Boston, Virginia and Winston-Salem, North Carolina are scheduled to close their season next Friday, December 16.

Gross sales during the week amounted to only 4,264,434 pounds at an average of \$37.04 per hundred. Season sales were raised to 241,167,129 pounds averaging \$45.74.

Although several average prices

### JURORS NAMES ARE RELEASED

**Jurors For Coming Terms Of Surry Superior Court Are Listed**

**80 PERSONS ASSIGNED**

Names of jurors for the coming term of the Surry Superior Court beginning January 9, 1950, were released last week.

They were as follows: Mrs. J. W. Beasley, Clinton Snow, Ralph Creed, W. F. Beamler, D. C. Cockerham, Elsevan Atkins, J. C. Snow, Merlin Atkins, Bert Finchum, E. S. Combs, Ernest Hanes, J. W. Cook, Herman G. Simpson, Charlie Gentry, Robah George, Cecil Stone, A. R.

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### Three Charged After Automobile Overturns

Three negroes of War, W. Va., were arrested here Friday after the automobile in which they were traveling turned over several miles north of Elkin on Highway 21.

Sylvester Ferguson, 32, the driver, Charles Thompson, 39, and A. F. Ferguson, 22, were charged with possessing illegal whiskey. The driver was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Cpl. R. I. Barr, highway patrolman who investigated the accident, said that the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle. The car was badly damaged.

All three were taken by ambulance to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital where attendants released them after finding no appreciable injuries.

The trio will be tried at the next term of Elkin Recorder's Court.

### JAYCEE AWARD POINTS GIVEN

**Nominations For Distinguished Service Award Coming In Slowly**

**PROCEDURE IS OUTLINED**

Nominations for the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award are coming in slowly, Joe Gwyn Bivins, chairman of the awards committee, reported today.

"We are urging, however, that every possible nomination be placed before the judges by Christmas," Mr. Bivins explained.

The procedure is simple, he declared, listing these points for those wishing to submit a candidate for the award.

1—The person submitted for consideration for the award must be between the ages of 21-35, but need not be a member of the Jaycees.

2—The name of the person by letter or in person, submitted to Mr. Bivins is sufficient.

3—The name of the person submitting the nomination is optional. It is desirable but not necessary.

4—List, if desired, whatever reason you wish for submitting the nomination, but this too is not necessary.

The Distinguished Service Award is an annual project of the Elkin chapter of Jaycees. Similar projects are conducted by many other Jaycee groups over North Carolina and the nation.

## Charity Drive Shows \$238 On \$1,000 Goal

The goal of \$1,000 still seems far off in the Community Christian Charity fund drive.

Less than two weeks are remaining until Christmas and only \$238 have been turned in at the receiving station at The Tribune office up to now. The amount showed an encouraging rise of \$107 last week, however.

The Rev. George Farah, chairman of the fund, hopes for a responsive answer to the drive Sunday when offerings will be collected at the various churches in the community for the drive.

Members of the Elkin Ministerial Association agreed to set aside this coming Sunday, December 18, for the special offering.

This fund is in operation throughout the year. The Rev. Mr. Farah reminded today, and helps those families in need to get "over the hump." Contributions of food, clothing, or money are welcomed. A room has been provided by

### County Seal Sale Reaches \$2,835.30

Total receipts from Christmas Seal sales in Surry County had climbed to \$2,835.30 through Saturday, it was reported today by Miss Louise G. Bailey, chairman of the drive.

The campaign goal is \$6,000.

Canned apricots are delicious served with rice pudding.

### 4-H WINNERS ARE RELEASED

**Evelyn Waugh, Anna Jean Holbrook Take Most Achievement Awards**

### 4 ELKIN GIRLS HONORED

Evelyn Waugh of White Plains and Anna Jean Holbrook of Elkin took top honors in the 4-H achievement awards made at the county courthouse in Dobson this morning.

Miss Waugh was presented medals for first place in clothing achievement and was awarded another medal for general achievement. She placed second in the

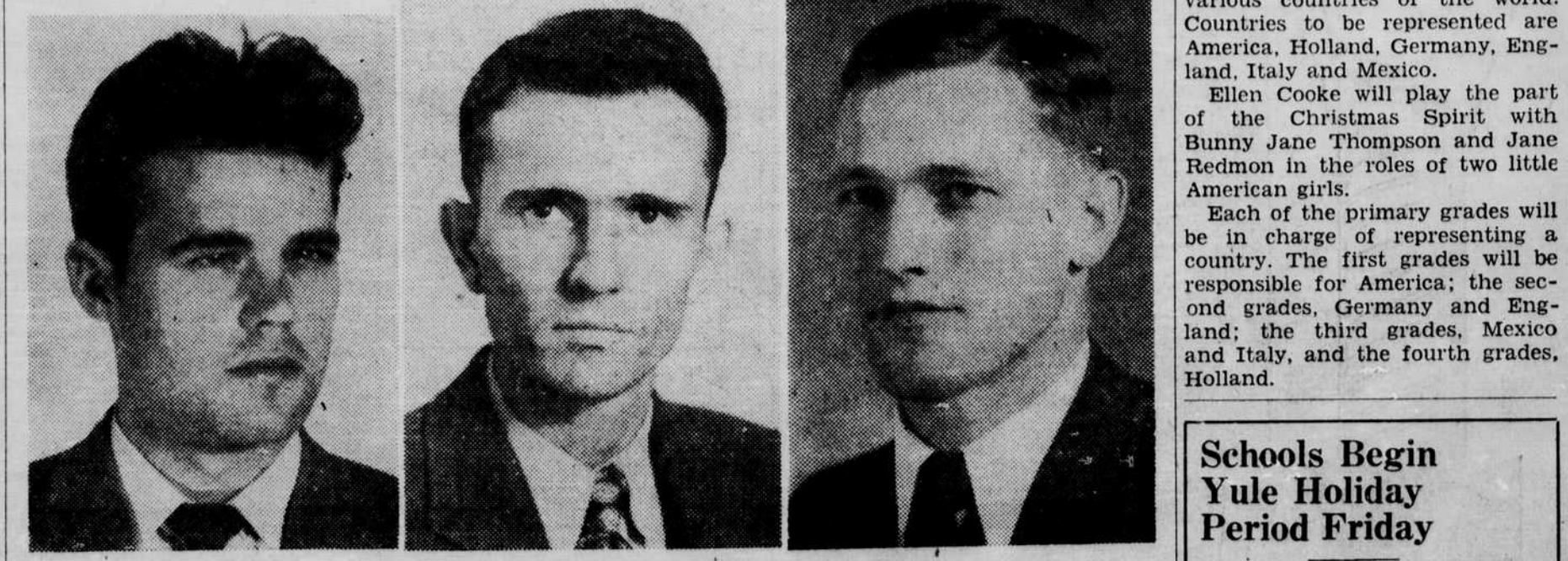
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### Hi Yo, Silver! The Lone Ranger Now Semi-Weekly

Beginning with this issue, the Lone Ranger serial, which has been running in The Tribune Monday only with six days of releases, will be carried in both Monday and Thursday issues, with three strips each date.

This will enable the subscriber to enjoy a more continuous story, and will appear at more frequent intervals.

The Tribune's readers have shown much interest in the strip, and we urge those who do not already follow it, to do so each Monday and Thursday.



**ADDED TO VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TEACHER STAFF** — The three young men pictured above have been added to the vocational agricultural teacher staff of Surry county. They are, left to right: William H. Cochrane, Jr., a native of Macon county. Twenty-two years old and unmarried, he attended the University of California and graduated from N. C. State College with a degree in agriculture; James M. Wilburn, of Person county, a graduate of N. C. State College. He is married and has one child. Teaching experience includes six months in Davie county and six years in Person county. He served three months in the armed service; Clarence L. Warren, a native of Sampson county. Mr. Warren attended Wake Forest College three years and N. C. State two years. A veteran of the Marine Corps, he served two of four years in the South Pacific. Last year he taught at Green Hope school in Wake county.

### PUPIL'S PLAY TO BE GIVEN

**Elementary P.-T. A. To Present "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight"**

**THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.**

"Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight," a Christmas play, will be presented by the Primary grades of the Elkin Elementary School, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The production, staged for the benefit of the Elkin Elementary Parent-Teachers Association, depicts the Christmas customs of various countries of the world. Countries to be represented are America, Holland, Germany, England, Italy and Mexico.

Ellen Cooke will play the part of the Christmas Spirit with Bunny Jane Thompson and Jane Redmon in the roles of two little American girls.

Each of the primary grades will be in charge of representing a country. The first grades will be responsible for America; the second grades, Germany and England; the third grades, Mexico and Italy, and the fourth grades, Holland.

### Schools Begin Yule Holiday Period Friday

Elkin City Schools will close for the Christmas holidays Friday, re-opening January 2, it has been announced by N. H. Carpenter, superintendent.

The long holiday, Mr. Carpenter explained, will enable out-of-town teachers to go to their homes for the holiday period.