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## LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

**Killed At Crossing**  
Weldon, Dec. 27.—Three persons were killed instantly last night at 8 o'clock when Coast train, number 72, struck an automobile at a crossing in the town of Ea. Id.

**PWA Aids 7,000,000**  
Washington, Dec. 30.—The public works administration reported in its year-end review today it had created more than 3,000,000 hours of employment benefiting 7,000,000 persons.

**Killed in Auto Wreck**  
Williamston, Dec. 27.—Mary, four-year-old daughter of F. J. Allen, of Rocky Mount, was killed and her mother and sister were badly hurt in an automobile collision on highway 94 near here today.

**Mechanic Is Suicide**  
Raleigh, Dec. 27.—J. J. Jackson, 72-year-old mechanic, fatally shot himself through the head at his home at Wake Forest today, Coroner L. M. Waring, of Wake county, said after an investigation of the death.

**Continue Tobacco Control**  
College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Voluntary adjustment contracts, signed by North Carolina tobacco growers last winter, will be continued through 1935. E. Y. Floyd, of State college, announced today.

**Christmas Liquor Explodes**  
Elizabeth City, Dec. 27.—Unconsumed Christmas cheer—probably 25 jugs of it—exploded and burst its glass containers as an alleged bootlegger's car burned after turning over here Christmas night.

**Firecracker Fatality**  
Martinsville, Dec. 27.—Lloyd Gilbert, 10-year-old youth, residing near Mountain Valley, died early today in a local hospital from burns received Christmas day as the result of the explosion of a miniature bomb.

**Granted a Reprieve**  
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—George Whitfield, Guilford negro who was scheduled to be electrocuted Friday for a criminal assault on a white woman, today was granted a reprieve of one day which automatically set his death date for January 18.

**Political Trouble Brews**  
Washington, Dec. 30.—Some senate Republican independents indicated today they would part company with the Roosevelt administration should the Democrats continue efforts to unseat Senator Bronson M. Cutting, of New Mexico.

**Want Old Age Pensions**  
Washington, Dec. 28.—A demand for immediate enactment of old-age pension legislation echoed today from the administration's announcement that the job of caring for old and unemployable persons would be returned to the state by the federal government.

**Kernersville Homes Looted**  
Kernersville, Dec. 30.—Five homes were entered here last night and \$140 in cash, a bicycle and other articles were stolen. The bicycle, abandoned, was found in Winston-Salem today, officers were working on a theory that one man robbed at the houses, evidently using the bicycle to make the trip.

**Wreck Kills Child**  
Goldsboro, Dec. 30.—L. C. King, Jr., six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. King, of near Faison, was fatally injured when he was run over by a truck near his home at 5:15 o'clock Friday afternoon. He died in the Goldsboro hospital at 7:40 o'clock Saturday morning. The driver of a truck, a man named Pentel, was not held.

**Church Attendance Record**  
Siler City, Dec. 28.—A record of church attendance which will probably stand unbroken for some time has been made by Mrs. Herbert Jones and her five children, who have attended the Sunday school at Loves Creek Baptist church for the past five years without missing a single Sunday. The children are, Hazel, 17; Beatrice, 15; Ruth, 13; Herbert, Jr., 11; and Doris, 8.

## FAREWELL TO 1934 AND HAIL THE NEW YEAR



## Ray Richardson Dies From Gunshot Wound; Wayne Caudill Is Arrested

### Alumni of U.N.C. In Meeting Here

Twenty-Seven Present For Banquet Meeting; Felix Grisette is Speaker

Alumni of the University of North Carolina gathered at Hotel Wilkes on Christmas eve to enjoy a banquet meeting and to hear Felix Grisette, of Valdese, tell about the alma mater. The meeting was presided over by Pat Williams, president of the local alumni association. Twenty-seven were present, representing the University as far back as the class of 1904 and up to the freshman class of 1934-35.

Mr. Grisette, who is secretary of the alumni loyalty fund, told something of the financial condition at Carolina. He used a graph showing how the enrollment had climbed since 1929 and how the appropriation from the state had shrunk 60 per cent. He stated that the appropriation from the state was a fixed sum to care for the budget and that the alma mater must depend on its alumni to care for the many things that frequently arise.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moser, of Lewisville, N. C., were Christmas guests of Mrs. Moser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Duncan.

## Kiwanians Ask For Less Congestion Of Traffic On Streets; Program Given

### Orphanage Paper's Editor Is Stricken

Archibald Johnson, 75, Passes At Thomasville Following An Extended Illness

Thomasville, Dec. 27.—Archibald Johnson, 75, for nearly 40 years editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Mills Home Baptist orphanage here, died early today after several years of declining health. He had long been prominent in southern religious circles as well as in the journalistic field and until his health failed he was usually a leading figure at Baptist gatherings in the state. He is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters.

The son is Gerald W. Johnson, associate editor of the Baltimore Evening Sun, who is a former associate editor of the Greensboro Daily News and at one time head of the department of journalism at the University of North Carolina.

### 1934 Auto Death Toll One Person Each 15 Minutes

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 27.—At least 36,000 persons in the United States were killed in automobile accidents in 1934, year-end statistics of the Travelers' Insurance company showed today.

The death and injury list for the year, the insurance company report said, marked the high point in destruction on streets and highways. The record showed a person killed every 15 minutes; and one injured every 31 seconds in automobile mishaps.

While the death rate showed an increase of 16 per cent over 1933, the statistics showed a decrease in the frequency of accidents.

Every section of the country reflected the increase in automobile deaths. The middle Atlantic states, comprising New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, showed the slightest increase, however—a gain of less than one per cent.

Included in toll by states are: East south central (Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi): nearly 2,600 killed; an increase of 34 per cent.

South Atlantic (Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and the District of Columbia): 4,900 killed; an increase of 21 per cent.

### Abshers Youth Shot in Abdomen

Altercation Took Place December 23 at Home of Philo Caudill

Ray Richardson, resident of Abshers, died in the hospital here Thursday night at 11:40 from a gunshot wound alleged to have been inflicted by Wayne Caudill at the Caudill home in the Newlife community Sunday, December 23.

Details of the tragedy were hard to obtain and the cause of the shooting could not be learned. It was reported, however, that the two young men had been together for several hours and that they had been drinking.

Richardson was shot in the abdomen, the bullet lodging in his hip bone. After he was fatally wounded he walked a half mile to the home of Arthur Caudill. He was later brought to the hospital here but no hope was held for his recovery.

Wayne Caudill is 24 years of age, a son of Philo Caudill, of Newlife. He is reported to have fled from the scene of the killing shortly after it happened.

Richardson was 23 years of age, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Richardson. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Fitzhugh and Macon Richardson, of Abshers; Clay Richardson, of West Virginia; Stella, Grace, Octavia and Ruby Lee Richardson, of Abshers.

Funeral and burial services were held at Walnut Grove Church in Walnut Grove township Sunday at noon.

### Air Passengers Found

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Dean Smith, veteran mail pilot who found the missing American airlines plane and its four occupants, said when he returned to the airport after the discovery that all four of the men who went down with the Curtis Condor in a snow storm last Friday night were safe. Smith located the plane west of Canada lake, about 12 miles northeast of Little Falls.

### Explosion Kills 16

Powellton, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Sixteen men were killed and 43 injured, four perhaps fatally, by an explosion today of a locomotive hauling a train in which 300 miners were riding to work.

### Prisoners Given Christmas Dinner

Forty prisoners behind the bars in the Wilkes jail at Wilkesboro must have known by the size and quality of their dinner on December 25 that that day was Christmas.

Sheriff W. B. Somers and Jailor J. B. Sheets fed the prisoners chicken with accessories, and treat them with cigarettes, tobacco, oranges, candy and raisins, while their coffee was dosed with an ample supply of sugar and cream.

On Christmas Day the jail housed 81 white men, 4 women and 5 negroes, all of whom were given the dinner and treat.

### Postoffice Here Sets New Record For Holiday Mail

During the week of December 17 to December 24 the North Wilkesboro postoffice canceled stamps on over 30,000 parcels of mail, according to information gained from Postmaster J. C. Reins, and the postoffice has enjoyed the biggest month since its establishment.

Notwithstanding the extraordinarily heavy holiday mail the regular force at the postoffice was able to handle the vast volume with the help of two substitute workers, no outside help being used.

Meanwhile work on the North Wilkesboro postoffice is going forward steadily and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by early summer, at which time Uncle Sam will have better accommodations here for his many patrons of the mails.

### Directors Kiwanis Club Will Meet On Thursday

A joint meeting of the old and new Kiwanis Club directors will be held at Hotel Wilkes Thursday evening at seven o'clock, according to an announcement by Secretary T. E. Story. All committee chairmen are urged to have written reports of the year's work ready at the meeting.

### Killed While Hunting

Elkin, Dec. 30.—Clarke Shore, 17-year-old son of Arnie V. Shore, of Booneville, died last night in the hospital here from an injury sustained yesterday during a hunt with his cousin, James Fleming, when a gun carried by Fleming accidentally discharged, sending the entire load into his shoulder. He lived only a short while after reaching the hospital.

Mr. Ralph Laxton, of Sanford, spent the Christmas holidays in the home of his sister, Mrs. Paul J. Vestal.

## Christmas Cheer Committee Plays Santa Claus to 364 Children Here

### California Earthquake

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Two separate earthquakes, one moderately strong at the Gulf of California, and the other very sharp at San Jose, just south of San Francisco, shook widely separated parts of California almost simultaneously today but damage was apparently confined to about \$500 in broken glass.

### City Schools to Open Wednesday

Buildings to Present Neat Appearance to Children Returning After Holidays

North Wilkesboro city schools will open on Wednesday morning, January 2, at the usual time—8:40 a. m., according to an announcement by W. D. Halfacre, superintendent. The city schools closed for the holidays on January 21. All teachers and pupils are requested to be on time for the opening Wednesday.

During the holidays the buildings have been thoroughly cleaned, the windows have been washed and the floors have been oiled. The buildings will present a neat appearance to the teachers and pupils on their return to the schoolrooms following the holidays.

Mid-term examination will be given to the high school students about the middle of January.

## R. T. McNeill Is Named Mayor Of North Wilkesboro

### \$1,000 Christmas



Philadelphia . . . Walter Cox, 8, (above), afflicted with infantile paralysis, profited most in the \$1,000 cash award made Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as "the outstanding American Woman of 1934." The wife of the President immediately handed over the check to Walter Cox so he might go to Warm Springs, Ga. for treatment.

### Jr. O. U. A. M. Will Hold Conference

Secretaries of Five Districts to Gather in Newton Wednesday, January 9

On Wednesday night, January 9, recording and financial secretaries of all the Jr. O. U. A. M. councils in districts four, five, six, seven and eleven will meet in Newton for a dinner conference, according to an announcement made by C. W. Snyder, field secretary.

The meeting will be held in the American Legion clubhouse and a dinner will be served promptly at seven o'clock, followed immediately by the conference. Representatives of the national and state councils will be present and a general discussion of the work of the order, and especially of the duties of the secretaries, will be entered into.

District number four is composed of Burke, Caldwell and McDowell counties and has ten councils with 1,070 members. District number five with D. F. Millwood, of Caroleen, as district secretary.

### 273 Couples Get Licenses to Wed

Number For Year in Wilkes Represents Increase of 56 Over 1933

Fifteen marriages during the holiday season swelled the total of marriage licenses issued in 1934 from the office of Register of Deeds O. F. Eller for Wilkes County to 273.

This number for 1934 exceeds by 56 the number issued at the Wilkes office for 1933, there being 217 issued during that year. More lax marriage laws and a generally brighter outlook for prospective home builders is considered the cause for this increase.

Marriage licenses were issued during the latter ten days of December to the following: Ed Marley and Cora Edminston; Author Johnson, High Point, and Ella Mae Darnell, Reddies River; Clyde McCann and Carline Lowe, both of Roaring River; F. L. Hodge and Lilly Hawkins, both of Darby; Willie Minton and Angeline Hawkins, both of Darby; Vern Stone, Knottville, and Prudie Blackburn, North Wilkesboro route 2; Bryn Hamby and Dollie Mae Taylor, both of Wilbar; Hyram C. Douthit, Ga., and Hattie Johnson, Roaring River route 2; Edwin Whittington, Reddies River, and Thelma Miller, Wilbar; Rufus Brown, Halls Mills, and Emma Wagoner, Sheets; George Church, Deep Gap, and Bibbaca Shumaker, Harley; Paul Waddle and Ruth Sheets, both of Laurel Springs; Jack Mahaffey and I. Belle Carpenter, both of North Wilkesboro; Blum Hawkins, Darby, and Cora Hadrut, Shoy Fork; David Winger, Rays, and Zilpha Pike, McGrady.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gambill, of Asheville, were holiday guests of Prof. and Mrs. T. E. Story. Mrs. Story and Mrs. Gambill are returning.