SOLICITOR HUFFMAN **MAKES STATEMENT**

His Duty To Investigate Killing,-That's All He Is Doing-Did Not Make Many of Statements Attributed To Him In Press.

The Lincoln County News:-

Statements have been attributed to me through the press concerning the Baxter case that I am not responsible for, and if the good people of Lincoln County deem a denial in order this is my denial of many of them. except I did state to representatives of the press, and now reiterate such statements, the substance of which are that information came to me that a citizen of North Carolina had been shot in the back of the head and killed while traveling one of the highways of the state, and that possibly Mr. Baxter and his possemen had shot at the car in which deceased was riding, and upon such information there was only one thing for me to do under my oath and the law of the land, and that was to have the party accused arrested and have a full, open and free investigation, and that is all the State and the Allison family want. If after such investigation a judicial officer finds that Mr. Baxter is and was within the law and is released, then the State and the Allison family are satjury should pass upon the facts then investigated by a jury of twelve good generalissimo of senate clerks. men and all the facts with respect to the matter presented. I don't know to find out something about the facts Respectfully yours,

R. L. Huffman, Solicitor. ONE WOMAN DEAD AND

Wounds Accidently Inflicted During Celebration; North Carolina Man

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1 .- One wovent of the New Year.

let when she put her head out of a con was offered by Hunt Parker, of Harding, at the request of Solicitor hours later.

Richard Gregory stray bullets while walking near tance speech. their home.

Oliver Pollard is suffering from NORTH CAROLINA WINS a wound in the hand ,also inflicted by a stray bullet. Julian Blunt, of Reidsville, N. C. had a wound in the hand and Harry Greenbery, one in the shoulder. Both were self-inflicted, Blunt, while handling a shotexamining an automatic pistol.

The condition of none of the injured is serious.

home. The bullet came through the be around \$800,000. room from the outside directly above where Mr. Wood sat reading and courts opinion. thorities believe his life was saved Coast Line, Norfolk Southern and not made any authorized statements by a piece of plastering deflecting the Atlantic and Yadkin were the and Solicitor Huffman said that what its course.

FATHER RUNS OVER

this afternoon.

KICKED WOMEN CUSTOMERS

Chicago, Dec. 28.-Within a week and anumber of other attorneys James Horn ,a butcher, has been fined opposing the injunction plea of the twice for kicking women customers carriers. who "kicked" on weight.

"All these women think I am cheating them in weight," said Horn, who was fined \$20 and costs.

spend from 5 to 6 days each year. crops."

DAWSON NAMED AS SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Miss Rosa Mund Gets House Clerk Job Over Mr. Shell of Harnett-New Speaker Too Sick to Attend The Initial Caucus.

Raleigh, Jan. 2.-While Speaker John G. Dawson lay ill tonight in the Yarborough hotel, his conferrees in the lower house_unanimously chose his presiding officer of the 1923 body and Grand Old Man Rufe Doughton, who fought his way to the speak ship through six thrilling ballots, read the speech of acceptance which Mr. Dawson was too sick to make.

It took a good portion of the general assembly to hold the young man to his couch. Few times in state history has the dominant party thought so highly of any man that somebody else in the 100 counties did not rise up to seek this greatest of honors in the general assembly. It took persusasion to pull from Speaker Dawson a dictated speech which would embody what he seeks as leader of the house. The message wasn't radical, but it holds to what the state has and adds what a growing commonwealth will

The first caucus presented only one fight which had any unusual interest in it. The senate Democrats ended their battle last night when Major Cecil Broughton concluded that Judge Phil Cocke, of Asheville, had him faded for senate reading fore T. C. Eskridge, a local magisisfied. If such officer finds that a clerk. Judge Cocke will do the trate and goes to Concord next reading and Mr. Broughton will be

Miss Rosa Mund, of Cabarrus and Otis P. Shell, of Harnett, contested for house engrossing clerk. This was ranks of his own party and today the only thing I am trying to do is Lyon, ex-Congressman H. L. Godwin, claring that while he may reach Alf M. McLean and Nat Townsend the age at which superior court put in terrific licks for Mr. Shell. judges may be used as "substitutes," Major Walter Murphy, Ambassador he will not go on the socalled pen-Bill Neal, Lindsay C. Warren, Grand sion list. For twelve years Judge FIVE ARE IN HOSPITALS Old Man Rufe Doughton and, John B. Webb was solicitor in this district Sherrill led the fight for Miss Mund. and was appointed to the bench un-Most of the bitterenders in sufferage der Governor Aycock's administradays were for Miss Mund and many tion to fill out an unexpired term

man is dead and five persons are overwhelming vote of 65 to 29 and now he begins his third and last in hospitals today suffering from Representative Nat Townsend rose bullet wounds accidentally inflicted to make the count unanimous in the during the celebration of the ad- first big cheering of the first ses- WANT BENCH WARRANT sion.

Mrs. Peter Traffereri, wife of a The house causus was called at 8 merchant, was struck by a stray bul- o'clock and the nomination of Dawwindow of her home to witness the Halifax, a youngster who seems to R. L. Huffman, compelling Deputy celebration of a crowd in the street have all sorts of ability, W. N. Ev- Baxter, of Lincoln county, to appear below. She died in a hospital a few erett, of Richmond, was first second before him in a preliminary hearing and Norman Dawnson could not personally speak, murder of Fred Allison, young Char-Jordan were struck in the foot by Governor Doughton read the acceptotte mechanic.

> VICTORY OVER RAILS IN REVALUATION TAX CASE

United States Supreme Court Hands Down Final Desicion.

Washington, Jan. 2.-The sugun and Greenberg's while he was preme court today upheld North Carolina's revaluation tax law, which means that the rate of onetenth of one per cent on the 200 Also, the police are trying to find million dollar value of the railroads and Craig on the charge of transportan explanation for a bullet falling may be imposed for the years 1920 ing liquor by reason of whatever within a few inches of where W. to 1923, inclusive. The state's in- testimony they would make tending R. Wood sat in an upper room of his come from this source thus would to throw light on exactly what hap-

Mr. Justice Brandeis read the

The Southern Seaboard, Atlantic

roads which protested. to paying ad valorem taxes in the prosecution of Baxter, against whom HIS OWN DAUGHTER various counties and cities in which the roads held property, the state, by Lumberton, Jan. 1.-A horrible ac- the revaluation act of 1920, imposed cident occurred at McDonald, these additional franchise levies, ficial actions of Deputy Baxter Robeson county, Sunday afternoon which were attacked on the follow- especially, in his relations with rumwhen Grace Greyard, three-year-old ing grounds: That they violated the daughter of T. S. Greyard, was run equal protection clause, the due proover and killed by a Buick automobile cess clause and the commerce clause afternoon. driven by her father. The child was of the Federal constitution, as well in the front seat of the car with her as the uniformity caluse of the state father. He was backing the car when constitution, and that, in addition, the door came open and the child fell the assessments were illegally made out. The front wheel of the car The roads asked for an injunction passed over her body before it could against A. D. Watts, commissioner be stopped. She only lived a short of revenue for North Crolina, and time. The funeral was conducted when this injunction was denied in the lower court the case was appealed to the supreme court, with Attorney General Manning, Assist-WHO KICKS ON WEIGHT ant Attorney General Frank Nash

Raleigh, Jan. 1 .- "North Carolina holds her high position in the total ed that he did not remember hav- value of field crops for 1922. With ing kicked Mrs. Augusta Wheslan. He a rank of fourth at \$293,094,000 for lar will eventually climb back to par ernoon between the bours of 3 and the value of the 22 most important in the United States .- St. Louis Post- 6 o'clock to meet Governor Morrison. "U. S." Collector Internal Revenue, Beekeeping offers good returns for in rank of all crops valued at \$342,-

crops of the United States and fifth Dispatch. the money. Some owners are getting 637,000, North Carolina, with a cul- With poison pie insurance and governor and his daughter, Miss Anfrom \$600 to \$750 from fifty to sixty tivated area of less than 25 others, overcoat insurance, it is now tolerably gelia, was an informal affair, but one nies in modern hives and only surpasses 42 states in the value of safe to go out to lunch.—Philadeiphia of the most elaborate ever given in Record.



A Christmas holiday Shopping throng in Lincolnton on Dec. 23, 1922, Saturday before East Main street view with court house in the back ground. Showing the importance of Lincolnton as a trade center of this section of western North Carolina,

JUDGE JAMES L. WEBB

Shelby , Jan. 1.—Judge James L. Webb today took the oath of office beginning his last term as as a judge of the superior court beweek to hold his first term beginning his last term. Judge Webb has served in public office for thirty years without opposition within the of the liberals of those unhappy of two years. Since then he was times were Shell partisans. Miss Mund defeated Shell by the each which he has completed and term.

FOR LINCOLN DEPUTY

Charlotte, Jan. 1-A bench warrant will be issued by Judge W. F. and when it became known that Mr. in which he will be charged with the dream that the train was being the evening with a bundle wrapped

Solicitor Huffman announced that warrant issued at his instance Saturday returnable before a Lincoln county magistrate and will be issued as a result of information which Solicitor Huffman secured after reaching Charlotte from Ed Owens and Jim Craig, Allison's companions on the

night of the shooting. Solicitor Huffmon declared that he did not expect to prosecute Owens and Fred Allison were riding stopped by Deputies Baxter and Scott Miller. The two Charlotte men have The roads claimed that in addition to affidavit form for use in the a warrant has already been issued.

There was heard strong whispering reflecting upon conduct of ofrunners, Solicitor Huffman admitted in his hooms at a local hotel this

SON BORN TO MR. AND MRS. G. . W. HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Hill are being congratulated upon the not materially changed. birth of a son in their home, 570 Park Handling liquor is in open and re-Avenue, New York, City, on Sunday December 17., 1922. The child will be christened Percival Smith Hill the land. It is not punished by death ac-2nd, after his grandfather, Mr. Per- cording to technical legal prescripcival S. Hill, President of the American Tobacco Company, of which the death, nevertheless, in just such, comboy's father, Mr. George W. Hill, is plications and confusions as seem to Vice- President.

The American dollar dropped back to par in the Amsterdam Bourse the

TAKES OATH OF OFFICE 24 ARE INJURE MARTIN ARRESTED FOR IN TRAIN WRECK

public official. He was sworn in Woman Dreams of Wreck; Is Dressed railroad officials.

One of the rails was stepped from Kansas City authorities will send sleepers, a dining car, a day coach hank truck at the door of the governall turned on ther sides. The rail ment mint here. was intact in all but one place, near Police found more than \$8,000 hid the locomotive.

been a heavy loss of life, railroad had been employed in a restaurant in officials say.

recked train sat Miss Jane Cassidy, of Shelbyville, Kr., fully dressed robbery, she said. and waiting for the wreck.

o'clock," she told passengers, "a to the police, Ryan came home in ians, Miss Marion Williams of Bush- told her that he got the \$10,000 in ness, Ills., and Miss Mary Samuels, bills it contained from the Denver a bench warrent would supersede the of Boswell, Ind., 'There's going to be a National bank. She continued in her wreck, you had better get up and confession that coming to Denver Dedress.' They told me to go back to cember 22 she and Rhyne went to Chisleep, but I dressed and waited."

The locomotive did not leave the

(Charlotte News 27th)

coln county officers upon his automo- ple in the place and waiting around bile Sunday night may require some cutside," and that "there was a guy time for sufficient unravelling as de- waiting in a car outside for them." He before this is done or before it is ment, that the car had been stelen. necessary that it should be done, it | She told the police that "the gang may be reasonably asserted that those rode in the car for a few blocks and who continue to deal in violation of then entered a smaller car." Miss

running cars are equipped to defy the officers and even to slay them, and when occupants actually fire upon these, guardians of the law, it is inevitable that the officers should return the volley. They would be stupid if they did not, and whether the boy who met his death in an adjoining county under such conditions was actually killed by officers or accidenttally in the exchange of shots from his own companions, the conclusions are

solute definance of the laws of the people of North Carolina and of the tions, but it is a form of inviting have surrounded the slaying of young

Lumberton, Jan. 1 .- Approximateother day for the first time in more ly 500 people, reprsenting all parts of than three years. The majority of the county, called at the home of Mr. Americans are hoping that their dol- and Mrs. A. W. McLean here this aft-The New Year reception given by Mr. and Mrs. McLean in honor of the Lumberton.

KANSAS CITY ROBBERY

Woman Companion's Confession Implicates Him In Dovers' Holdup.

and Waiting in Car When it Occurs Ryan, alias James Martin, arrested charge Deputy Baxter of Lincoln, the charge tomorrow. Macon, Ga., Jan. 2. A broken here Saturday night in company with with firing on the liquor car. Whether brake beam that dropped from one a woman giving the name of Marof the Pullman sleepers, caused the garet Yard, aged 20, today was im- witnesses at the preliminary hearing derailment of the northbound Dixie plicated in the robbery of the at Lincolnton is not stated, and Flyer, fast Jacksonville-Chicago Dovers National bank in Kansas train, at 6:43 o'clock this morning, City on December 12, in a confession causing injury to 24 persons, three made and signed by the woman, acof them seriously, occording to a cording to the Denver police. Ryan statement from Central of Georgia refused to admit the truthfulness of ing in the car containing 50 gallons of the statements in the confession.

the road bed for a distance of a officers for the pair. Police said thousand feet, and lay along the an investigation showed that the 15 foot embankment, in the form of couple had no connection with the a double "S", and on the bottom bandit gang, which on December 18 of the ravine lay seven Pullman obtained \$200,000 in a federal reserve

den in a coat in a trunk belonging But for the fact that the equip- to the couple. According to the girl, ment was of steel there would have who says she had been married, she Ryan about two weeks prior to the

On the day of the robbery, she de-"I awoke from a dream at 5 clared in her confession, according cago.

Rhyne and Miss Yard were arrested at the depot Saturday night as they prepared to leave for San Fran-THE RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH cisco. Miss Yard declared, the police said, that the only comment Rhyne The unfortunate death of the young made concerning the robbery was Charlotte man in a raid made by Lin- that "there was on awful mob of peofinitely to fix the burden of blame, but also told her, according to her state-

the laws of the State are making for Yard collapsed after making her themselves a rendezvous with death. statement. Her collapse was brought We do not believe that a killing is on she declared by threats made by instified because a man happens to e Rhyne that he would kill her if she hauling liquor, but when alleged rum- told the police. She declared Ryne told her that if he could not "get her" some of the robber band would.

Names of the other members of the gang now at large as given by Miss Yard have been sent to Kansas City police, local officials said.

TAX RETURNS

The following must file returns before March 15, 1923;

Every person with net income of \$1000, if single. Every person with net income of \$2000, if married,

Every person with a cross income of \$5000. Every incorporated company, with-

Every partnership, without any ex-Every employer must report all sal-

out exception.

aries of \$1000, or more, and to whom Returns must be filed on time even if "no tax" is due.

chances of a penalty. Address all returns and mail to:

Fill your return now and take no

Gilliam Grissom. Raleigh, North Carolina.

stirs up holy war it will be an ungodly affair.

ALLISON KILLING TO BE INVESTIGATED JAN. 19

Solicitor Huffman will Investigate Charge of Murder Against Baxter -Two Men In Liquor Car With Allison, Make Statement To Solicitor In Charlotte-They Claim They Had No Pistol and Didn't Know Allison Was Armed.

The preliminary, trial of Deputy Baxter, charged with the death of and Baxter at a point near Leatherman's store in North Brook township Christmas eve, has been postponed to January 19th. The hearing will be before D. H. Shields, Justice of the Peace, at Lincolnton.

The witnesses thus far known to the public in this case are five Lincoln men eye witnesses, who were at the Leatherman Store when the liquor car rassed and who appeared at the coroner's inquest held in Lincolnton Christmas Day. The testimony of these five men

their evidence the coroenr's jury re- the driver of an automobile which turned a verdict in substance that Allison came to his death at the hands early yesterday, resulting in the of his companions in the liquor car, death of four men, was arrested towho were then unknown, Since the coroner's inquest the companions of the dead man have made a sult of the accident, and will be disstatement to Solicitor Huffman, on charged from the hospital in time to Denver, Colo., Jan. 1 .- Martin his visit to Charlotte in which they Craig and Owen will be produced as whether they are also to be arrested in connection with the killing of their companion, or are to be charged with violation of the prohibition law by bewhiskey is not known here.

THE TWO CHARLOTTE MEN IN CAR WITH ALLISON TALK

TO SOLICITOR HUFFMAN While Solicitor Huffman was in Charlotte Monday, looking into the killing of Allison, Craig and Owens, ending November 30, last, these figthe two men in the car with the man Allison, made a statement to Solicitor Huffman in regard to the killing. their statement being rather different from the evidence introduced at the coroner's inquest by the five men who were eye witnesses to the shoot-In next to the last car of the prior to meeting Ryan. She met of the prior to meeting Ryan. She met of the prior to meeting Ryan. She met of the prior to meeting Ryan. testified that the men in the car began Itlay dose them with castor oil and the shooting and that a fusilade of shots were exchanged between Deputi- photographs and put them on exhibites Baxter and Miller and the occu- ion. Such "cruel and unusual" penpants of the liquor car, the officers alties make "the punishment fit wrecked, I awoke my two compan- in a newspaper. She declared he shooting following the attack made the crime."-News and Observer. on them by the passing car. The evidence given solicitor Huffman in There was, they said, barely room Charlotte and published in the Obser- for a car to pass between them. ver Tuesday was as follows, the stateand Owens:

Craig and Owens Talk About The Killing to Solicitor.

that was halted by deputy sheriffs ter, he opened fire with a pistol, near Lincolnton Christmas eve night

of the shooting. server when he stated that he con- he had been shot. NOTICE FOR FILING INCOME death than rum running. The in- countered a man in an automobile law without warrants, and the al- Piedmont and Northern railway. leged connivance of law enforcement officers with .um runners, the was taken to prevent them would and mob rule in this state.

Baxter Blocks Road.

colnton, on the Sunday afternoon been a 38 calibre and with a and procured 50 gailons of liquor magazine of empty shells.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Lexington, Jan. 2 .- Mrs. Oliver H. Garrett, aged about 70, was burned to death when fire destroyed her home near Churchland, 10 miles west of here, at 9 o'clock this morning. The body was discovered after the roof had fallen in by neighbors attracted by the flames. The husband was away and Mrs. Garrett is said to have been alone in the home. The fire was discovered shortly after she returned home from calling at a neighbor's Fred Allison of Charlotte, killed in an house. There is no suspicion of foul encounter with Deputy Sheriff Miller play. Mrs. Garrett is said to have been a native of France

> Shelby, Jan. 2.- Not often is a pastor "retired" in the manner and form which fell to the lot of Rev. J. C Gillespie during the holidays. While at one of his rural churches, in a car on which the tires were pretty well worn, the members of his congregation jacked up the wheels and put on a complete set of new tires. After it was "retired" the car was filled with good things to eat.

Maltimore, Md., Jan. 1 .- John has already been published. From Maurer, said by police to have been crashed into a telephone pole here day charged with manslaughter. Maurer was slightly injured as a rebe given a preliminary hearing on

> Raleigh, Jan. 1 .- Community seed improvement work has been major field crop extension project of the past year, according to the annual report of the division of agronomy to B. W. Kilgore, director of the farm extension service, made public tonight.

Washington, Jan 1 .- Possibility of a shift in the international movement of gold resulting sometime this year in the gold exports from the United States exceeding imports is being discussed here on the basis of statistics on gold transfers for the 11 months. ures, made public today, show that gold imports by the United States for the 11 months aggregated only \$249,-000,000, a decrease of \$411,000,000 or 62 per cent from the figures for the corresponding period of 1921

There seems to be little hope for the police of Des Moins take their

Ailison almost stopped the Essex ment being made by the men Craig he was driving, as the glare of lights from one of the stationary cars made driving hazardous. Then the men in Allison's car noticed a The story of the killing of Fred man who resembled Baxter stand-Allison, of Charlotte, was related ing near one of the cars. Allison, to Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of Mor- Craig and Owens, said, was told by gapton, here yesterday by James them to go into second gear in or-Craig and Ed Owens of this city, der to get by the cars. As he did he admitted to the selic to: that so and the Essex passed Baxter, or he, were in the whiskey laden car the man they beleived to be Bax-

Craig and Owens stated that the when Allison was slain in an en were in the front seat of the Essax counter with Deputy Sheriffs Bax- the liquor having been placed on ter and Miller, of Lincoln county, the floor in the rear of the car. Craig and Owens were definitely Craig, Owens said, fell over on his given to understand by the solicitor lap; and Allison drove steadily on that he did not intend to prosecute not saying a word. They both mainthem for rum running or for any tain that about eight shots were other law violation as a result of fired from their rear and left, when the evidence disclosed in their story Allison fell over on the wheel and the car ran off the road into the Mr. Huffman made his attitude mud and came to a stop in a ditch. plain to a representative of The Ob- Allison, the men say, exclaimed the

sidered that there were more serious Craig and Owens got out of the things concerned in the investiga- car and headed across a field away tion he was making of Allison's from the scene. Later they endiscriminate shooting of citizens on who drove them to Gastonia, and public highways by officers of the they returned to Charlotte on the

Did Not Start Fight. Both Craig and Owens stoutly solicitor said, were matters that assert that they did not fire a shot unless prompt and vigorous action from the car, and that they were not armed. Allison, they say they result in anarchy, contempt of law, afterward learned, had a pistol in his pocket, but that they did not know it at the time of the shoot-Craig and Owens, the solicitor ing. They were at a loss to exsaid yesterday, told of how they plain whose pistol the deputy drove up to a point beyond Leath- sheriffs alleged they found under the erman's store, which is situated right running board of the Essex, about 18 miles northwest of Lin- near the front wheels, said to have

which was stored in the car. They Baxter, Craig and Owens told did not buy this liquor they stated Solicitor Huffman, fired at the car the purchase price being made up in which they were riding without by a ring in Charlotte, who sent warning to halt. There were, they them and Allison to bring it to this said, about eight or 10 men " and city. They reached the Leather- boys standing around in front man store on the return trip about Leatherman's store when the car It's a fact, though, that if the Turk 9:30 o'clock at night, and noticed passed, and all appeared to have been two cars in the road, one on each drinking, or celebrating in some side, almost blocking the road, manner.