

Tennyson's "Death Of Old Year"

The Old Year Lies A-Dying. But There Is a New Face at the Door, My Friend.

One of my earliest recollections is my father, reading every December 31st just before midnight Tennyson's beautiful "The Death of the Old Year." He and my mother were married June 22nd, 1875, and they became engaged the previous New Year's eve—and together read this Tennyson's poem. And they kept it up every year until his death in 1918; and their children continued the custom. Alfred Lord Tennyson was born 1809, died in 1892.

The poem is beautiful—pathetic but beautiful. Please read this carefully, and appreciatively.

"Full knee-deep lies the winter snow,
And the winter winds are wearily sighing;
Toll ye the church bell sad and slow,
And tread softly and speak low,
For the old year lies a-dying.

Old year, you must not die;
You came to us so readily,
You lived with us so steadily,
Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still: he doth not move:
He will not see the dawn of day.
He hath no other life above.
He gave me a friend, and a true true-love,
And the New Year will take 'em away.

Old year, you must not go;
So long as you have been with us,
Such joy as you have seen with us,
Old year, you shall not go.

He frothed his bumpers to the brim;
A jollier year we shall not see.
But, though his eyes are waxing dim,
And though his foes speak ill of him,
He was a friend to me.

Old year, you shall not die;
We did so laugh and cry with you,
I've half a mind to die with you,
Old year, if you must die.

He was full of joke and jest,
But all his merry quips are o'er,
To see him die, across the past,
His son and heir doth ride post-haste.
But he'll be dead before.

Every one for his own,
The night is starry and cold, my friend,
And the New-Year, blithe and bold, my friend,
Comes up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! over the snow
I heard just now the crowing cock.
The shadows flicker to and fro:
The cricket chirps: the light burns low:
'Tis nearly twelve o'clock.

Shake hands before you die.
Old-year, we'll dearly rue for you:
What is it we can do for you?
Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin.
Alack! our friend is gone:
Close up his eyes; tie up his chin;
Step from the corpse, and let him in
That standeth there alone,

And waiteth at the door.
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door.

A Very Happy New Year To You All.—ISL.

Otis Lamonds Bound to Court

Otis Lamonds, of Biscoe charged with the murder of his wife, Pauline Parks Lamonds, was bound over to Montgomery County Superior Court without privilege of bond at a hearing Dec. 18 in Troy.

Held in \$5,000 bond as accessory after the fact is Lamonds' mother, Kate Lamonds.

Lamonds' wife was formerly from Richmond County and has relatives living here now. Mrs. Lamonds' brother, an uncle and a friend were held in jail for two days until Lamonds voluntarily confessed to the shooting of his wife.

Lamonds took the stand Tuesday in Troy recorders court and told the story of what led to the shooting of his wife.

On the stand for the state was Sheriff Elwood Long of Montgomery County who related the testimony of one of the Lamonds

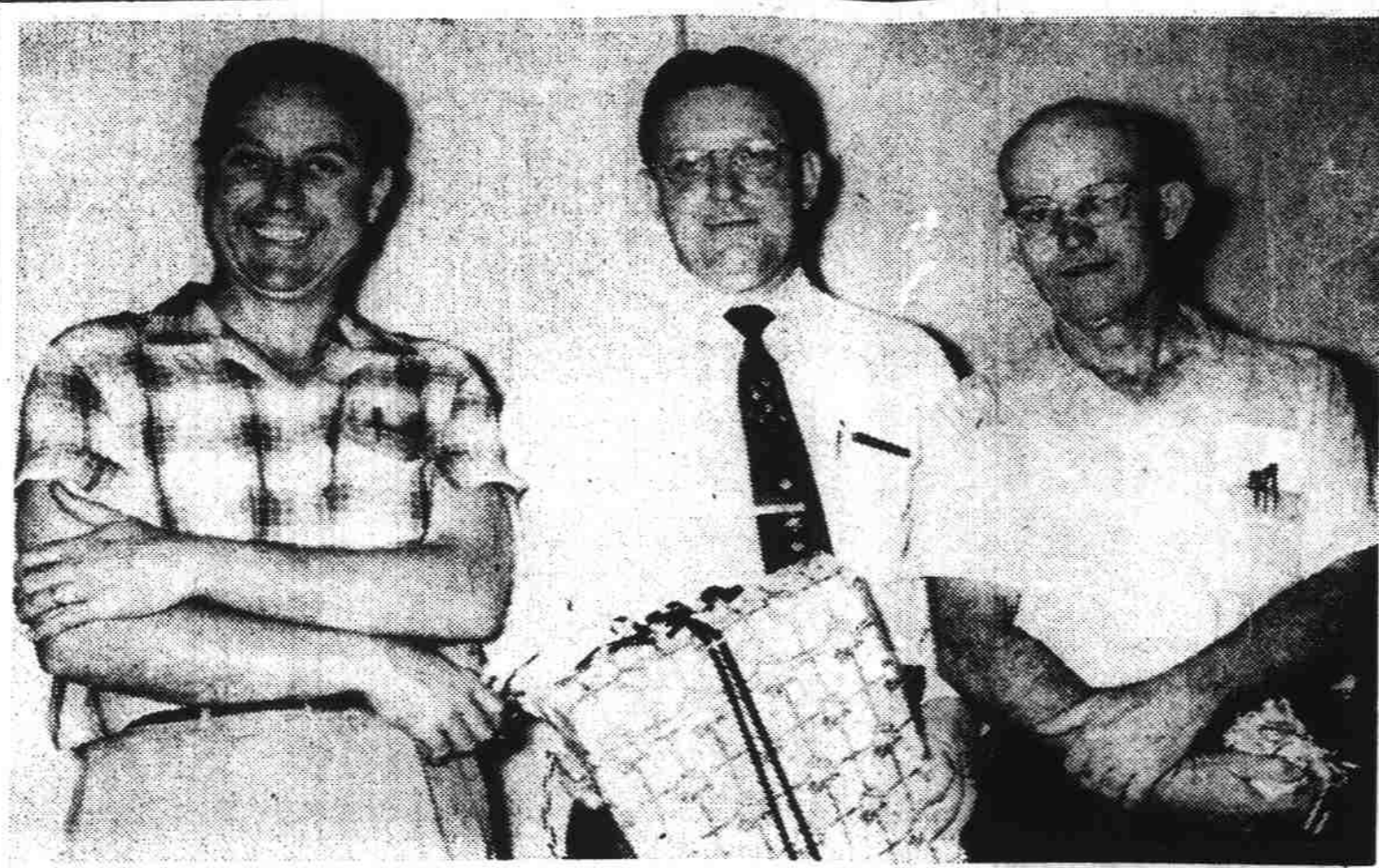
children who witnessed the shooting.

After the shooting, the little girl told Sheriff Long, she was warned by her grandmother not to say a word to anybody about what she had seen, but that if she were questioned to say that the mother shot herself.

Lamonds in his statement said he and his wife had attended a trial in Carthage on the morning of the shooting. They returned home sometime near noon. Shortly after arrival at home a quarrel started over a gun which it was related that Otis was threatening to use on Lester Parks, a brother of the deceased.

Lamonds was quoted as saying that his nerves got the best of him and he pulled the trigger of the gun. The eldest Lamonds child also testified that the grandmother threatened to use the gun on them if they told anybody what happened.

The case was set for trial in the next term of Superior Court in Troy which will begin January 20.



WEAVE ROOM personnel on the second shift at Safie mill presented their bosses with Christmas gifts Friday afternoon at the group's annual Christmas party. Shown above, l. to r. are Archie Flowers, second hand. W. G. Kirby, weave room overseer, and Ben Gore, shift overseer.



A pretty reminder for Tar Heel motorists that it's almost time for new license plates is Warner Bros. actress Virginia Mayo. The state's new yellow-on-black '57 tags go on sale January 2 and must be displayed after February 15.

Highway Projects Finished in County

The State Highway Commission completed 97.56 miles of road improvement in the Eighth Highway Division during the months of October and November, Commissioner Forrest Lockey of Aberdeen said today.

He praised State forces upon the fine road work which was finished.

With Division headquarters in Aberdeen, the Eighth is comprised of Chatham, Randolph, Lee, Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Richmond and Scotland Counties. A veteran engineer, T. G. Poindexter, is Division Engineer. T. C. Johnston, Jr. is Assistant Division Engineer.

In Richmond, State forces placed a sand seal on the following 16 to 18-foot wide county roads and their lengths: County road from US 220 southwest to Mountain Creek south of Covington, 8.10 miles; County road from NC 73 south toward Ellerbe, 1.30 miles; County road from road junction 1.5 miles southeast of Ellerbe to Sandhill Game Management Area, 2.50 miles; County road from US 220 via Covington to NC 73, 8.40 miles; County roads from NC 73 northwest towards Covington, 3.50 miles; County road from US 220 southeast towards Roberdel, 3.60 miles; County road from Exway south of Covington, 2.60 miles; County road from Exway to NC 73, 2.60 miles; County road from NC 73 towards Exway, 1.70 miles; County road from Prison Camp road west one mile, thence north 2.8 miles, thence east 1.5 miles back to Prison Camp road, 5.30 miles; County road from Sandhill Game Management Area west to Ellerbe, thence southeast 2.1 miles towards road junction, 7.10 miles; Street in Hamlet, 1.20 miles; and county road from US 220 north of Ellerbe to NC 73, 1.30 miles. A new bituminous treatment was placed on 18-foot wide streets in Ellerbe for .90. NC 109 from Montgomery County to the Pee Dee River was improved by State forces with a drag retreatment for 3.45 miles. State forces placed a sand seal on the 16-foot wide county road 1.7 miles southwest of Norman west towards Exway for a distance of 2.70 miles.

REFUGEES.

Nearly 100,000 Hungarians have fled into Austria in the last four or five weeks and are scattered throughout that country. Many are being housed in temporary camps. The American Red Cross is aiding in caring for these people who have left their homes in Hungary.

In Memory of Walter Pope

This is written by his mother, Mrs. Florence Pope, in loving memory of Walter T. Pope who died January 18, 1956:

"There is a vacant chair
In our home this year,
Dear son, that can never
Be filled by any but you.

And left us dreaming
How very fair
It needs must be
Since you linger there.

We miss you so much
As we see that vacant
Chair that can
Never be filled,

We miss you at Church
And everywhere:
And in our homes there
Is an empty chair
Remindful of you."

SPINNER AT ALEO GET SETTLEMENT

Some 40 Aleo Mfg. Co. workers received final, out of court, settlement of a suit against the company by these employees, Dec. 20, 1956.

The matter grew out of a 1954 arbitration case at Aleo. At that time warp and filling spinners, through the union, filed a grievance over workload charges.

The arbiters ruled that the warp spinners were to be given over load pay and lightened work loads. Filling spinners were given a decision which allowed them no money and they filed suit as individuals against the company.

A company spokesman said the arbitration decision was ambiguous and not comprehensive to

either company or workers. The company offered a compromise to the workers before they initiated the suit.

After a considerable period of time, attorneys for the mill and for the spinners settled the complicated matter out of court. Total to the workers was \$9,190.

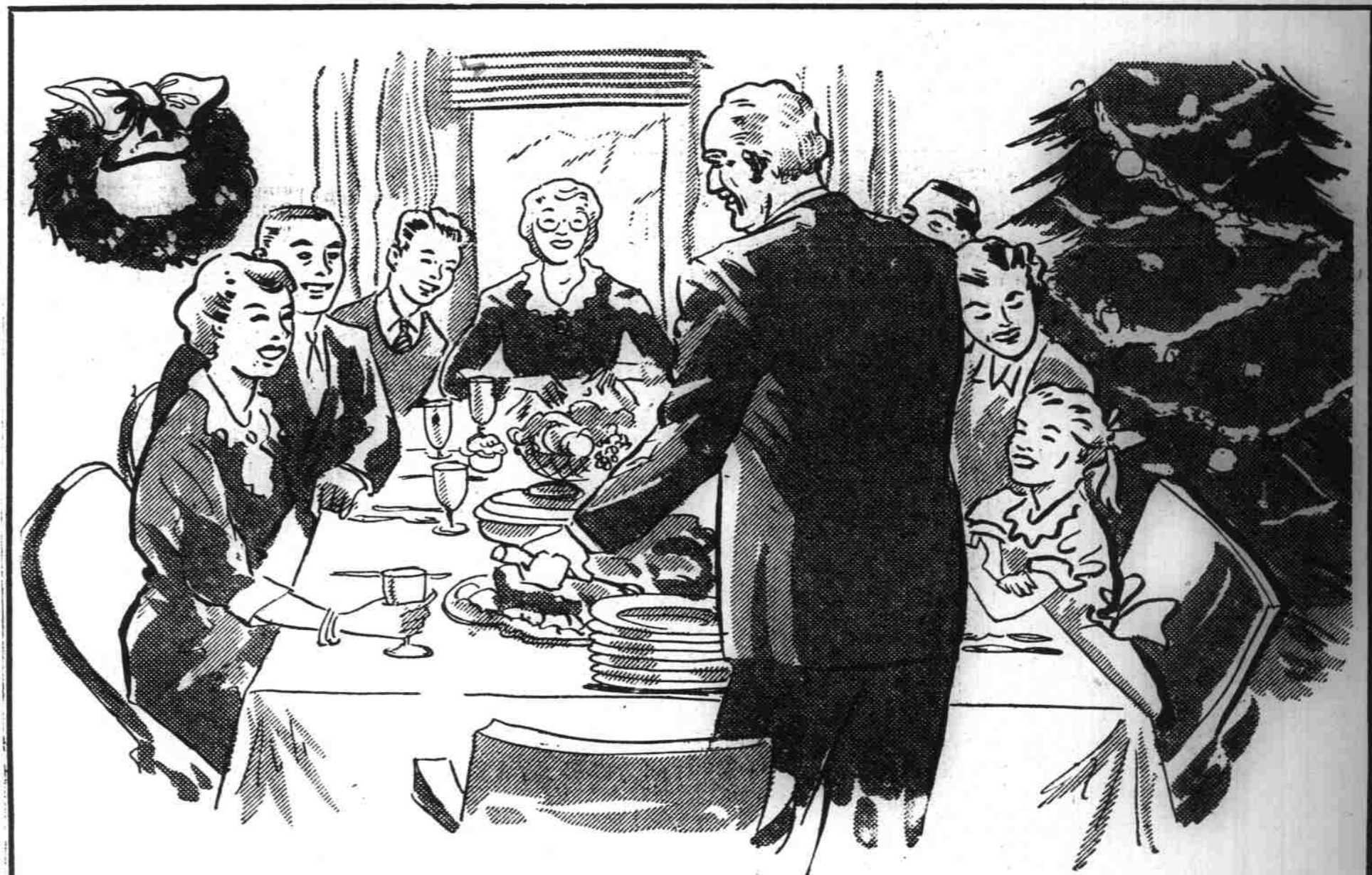
"SKIPPY" HAS PARTY

On Friday evening, "Skippy" Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sims celebrated his birthday Friday, December 21. In the evening he invited a number of his boy friends to his home for a weller roast.

The Sims home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season which made an enjoyable setting for the party.

Those present were Zachery Long, Victor Goodman, Billy Hartgrove, Bill Smith, Carlisle Capps, Eric Sims and the honoree "Skippy".

Town of Rockingham, North Carolina	
Statement of	
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF FUNDS ON	
June 30, 1956	
ASSETS	
TREASURER'S CASH	\$ 58,170.40
UNCOLLECTED TAXES	43,762.01
OTHER RECEIVABLES:	
Water Rents	\$ 3,725.68
Street Assessments and Accrued Interest	4,174.29
Water and Sewer Connections	177.00
Cemetery Lots	589.00
	8,665.97
INVENTORIES AND OTHER ASSETS:	
Water Department Supplies	3,752.96
Other Departments Supplies	54.99
Gas and Oil	108.57
Contra-Due To General Fund from Debt	
Service and Library Funds	234.47
	4,150.99
FIXED ASSETS:	
Real Estate	51,093.86
Plant and Equipment	765,574.37
	816,668.23
TOTAL ASSETS	\$931,417.60
LIABILITIES, ENCUMBRANCES AND SURPLUS	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	
Trade Suppliers	\$ 5,186.88
Prepaid 1956 Taxes	17,165.44
Water Guarantee Deposits	4,016.14
Accrued Salaries and Interest	
	739.23
Bonds Payable	218,000.00
Reserve for Accrued Interest Receivable	1,069.54
ENCUMBERED BALANCES:	
Library and Debt Service Fund-Contra	234.47
Powell Bill Funds	24,436.90
Parking Meter Collections:	3,487.87
	28,159.24
SURPLUS OR (Deficit)	
From Investment In Fixed Assets	598,668.23
General Fund-Operating	(4,951.49)
General Fund-Uncollected Taxes	43,762.01
Water and Sewer Fund	19,602.38
	657,081.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES, ENCUMBRANCES AND SURPLUS	\$931,417.60
Note: There is on deposit in The Hanover Bank, New York, New York the sum of \$586.25 to cover an unredeemed matured bond and unredeemed interest coupons of the same amount and is not reflected in the figures above.	
CERTIFICATE	
In our opinion, based upon our examination, the above consolidated statement of financial condition of the Town of Rockingham, Rockingham, North Carolina, fairly presents its financial position at June 30, 1956 and the results of operations for the year ended that date in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Lundin and Spencer CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS	
November 13, 1956 Rockingham, North Carolina	



Home for the Holidays...

Every Christmas time, we welcome back many Carolinians who have migrated to other areas of the country to seek their fortune. At Christmas, more than at any other time, it means so much to be "home for the holidays." Home... to be with the family for a short while. Home... to visit old friends again. Home... to re-evaluate the home town.

Now is the time for us to re-evaluate also, with a specific aim of keeping the present younger generation in the Carolinas and bringing those who have left... "home" to stay.

We are producing potential good citizens in Carolina schools, colleges and universities. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, architects, engineers

... the business and professional leadership which will mold our future. But, they are going away from the Carolinas to larger incomes... more opportunity.

How can we keep them here? Each person in each community can share the responsibility and the place to start is with a community cooperative effort... adequate municipal facilities... well kept houses... clean streets... churches... schools... parks... good stores and most of all... a progressive spirit... civic pride.

Then we may attract new industry and business which will provide the opportunity our young people are looking for... and bring the others "home" to stay.



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