# Tuesday, December 23, 1941. **Old Records Reveal** Wanderer's Identity Wreck Victim Died In County Home **Back in September** Old Papers Recently Found Throw Some Light On "Elliott" Case On May 29, 1940, S. R. Beloate wandered into town, keeping soul and body together by grinding scissors and repairing sewing machines. Just a few hours later on the evening of May 30, the old gentleman was ac-cidentally struck and injured by a car driven by S. W. Manning, Jr., on East Main Street. He virtually recovered from the accident, but arth-ritis set in and the wanderer was removed to the county home where he, in a helpless condition, kept a silent watch for death during fifteen

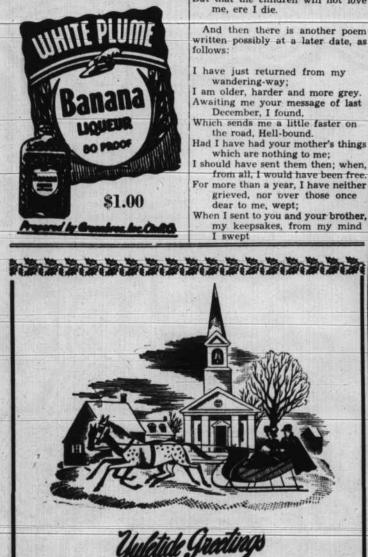
months, the end coming on the even ning of September 29th, this year. Giving his name as Robert Elliott, the old man who was about 76 years of age, advised county authorities that it would be useless to try to get in touch with relatives. It was learn-ed, however, that he was a gradu-

ate or attended the Industrial Uni-versity of Arkansas. Efforts were made to trace his record there, but no 'Robert Elliott' had entered there.

A few days ago his old bicycle was found stored just back of the Cowan boarding house, and a few old records and papers were discovered in a box attached to it. While the papers mention no relatives by name, it was learned from them the aged wan-derer was born S. R. Beloate, near Binley Tenners, man there is there Ripley, Tennessee, on June 6, 1865, that he entered the Arkansas University in the fall of 1883. In 1886 he was admitted to the Clay County, Arkansas, bar. In November, 1897, he was licensed to practice before the State and United States Circuit was licensed to practice before the supreme court of California. Among his papers were testimonials from supreme court justices. How long he remained in Califor-

nia is not known, but in 1936 he was in El Dorado, Arkansas, according to the following letter: "Dear Vi and Charlie: I am well and trust you both are. Have more

money than I had when we parted in Little Rock. Here is my explanation of my failure to go to my kinfolk. I was with you July 15 and felt then and still feel that I wore out tears; my welcome, hence my determina-tion to stay away. However, I wanted to be with Vi on her birthday and it was difficult to do so. When I come in nights dead tired I think and feel, 'What is the use of longer continuing the struggle to delay the inevitable end?' But for the fact that I owe borrowed money I would long since have passed on, but so long as I owe mon-ey I shall not end it all, and possi-



s Identity	The following poem possibly throws more light on the old gentle- man's troubles:	
150 Bowler at 6	A REPLY TO A MISER Your unexpected package and poem received today. Replying to same, I hardly know what to say. There is something, however, that I wish to say to you, Something that is true. You say you have given up your treasures of old, And that you don't give a dam for gold; Then: Why don't you send my Mother her things? What I speak of is her watch and rings.	
At the age of six, "Twinkle" Watts	Why do you say We have rendered these things valueless to you? Is this true? Was it us, or was it you? You had a wife, daughter, son and a happy home, Now you have nothing; all you do is roam.	
is the youngest ever entered in the women's international bowling con- gress at Forest Hills, N. Y. The little Santa Monica, Cal., kegier	To weep and grieve now is about twenty years too late, The tie that once held us together is gone,	A NOT THE OWNER WATCHING TO A DATE

150 and has rolled ne because of what you have done. over 200. Weighing 42 pounds bowls a 10 ½ pound ball. So you should be resigned to your bly I will discard the idea ere I am

out of debt. I leave here tomorrow -to where I do not know. Love to both. Affectionately, Reg.' Have you thought of the years You neglected mother, daughter and The places the old man traveled rom there are not known, but he son? bobbed up in Norfolk where he spent

Surely your eyes should fill with some months before coming here he spent joined a club there, but it is appar-ent that he was experiencing finan-cial difficulties for in his papers was tears When you think of what you have done a note about his room rent.

Had there really been love in your On Thanksgiving day, 1936, he sketched the following: "Thanksgiv-ing, 1936 — They say I should be thankful for life, but I am not. For 71 years and more of life, misspent, all I got function heart And had you been kind and true, Perhaps today we wouldn't be apart, And you wouldn't be alone and blue.

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and he, I shoved.

The last vestige of remembrance or Who is kind, loving and sweet, desire for those I once loved; For a Mother's love can't be beat.

Thank God we had a Mother, And nowhere can you find another

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AMERICA'S BIGGEST NICKEL'S WORTH

horized Bottler: (Name of Local Bottler to be inserted here)

of which, years ago I won. Justly, they leave me here sick of my fate. It is quite apparent that the old gentleman had marital difficulties, that he turned to the open road, pausing now and then to express his thoughts in poetry, as follows:

The first time in twenty years,

Which will not bring back your vanished youth, But may assuage your grief to know

the truth. Twenty years of longing and now

regret, Because of the past I have not and

will never forget. Were I to relive my life, I would not keep you as my wife; My regret is not for you or I, But that the children will not love

And then there is another poem

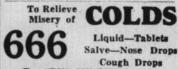
my keepsakes, from my mind

desire for those I once loved; Then, out of my life, thought, love, hope, trust and confidence, you In our hearts there is no spite. We feel we have done only what is right; So all alone you shall continue to go For your deeds caused God and not us to will it so.

oate was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. I. University. He was considered a bright young man, high-toned and honor-able. I was particularly pleased with the firm, manly stand which he when some drunken rowdies, with the active sympathy of a por-tion of the faculty, persecuted in the most indecent manner, a most worthy and exemplary student. Although the

power and influence were on the side of the persecutors, Mr. Beloate Have you ever thought of those you left alone? How you left them without money, food or home? Have you ever thought of those you honorable man. The old gentleman bore his afflic-tion without complaint. He was well tion without complaint. He was well

cared for in the local hospital and later in the county home. Last July, a tear trickling down his face, he said he was doomed to die, but in his face was that determination to trav-el the remainder of the road alone from relatives and old friends.



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ticle-in distinction to commodity controls-came close to home for per-

The old gentleman must have been a promising young man in his college days. And it is recognized that he achieved success in the courts. D. H. Hill, ex-president of the Arkanaa University, writing a testimonial to the request of the Civilian Defense dation and the courts. D. H. Hill, ex-president of the Arkanaa University, writing a testimonial to the fall the courts of the frame university, writing a testimonial to the bigst quotation during the two tatteries or bulbs, higher than the sidered bright and that you acted like a man when those drunken were persecuting a man infinitely bett I do know that you were con-sidered bright and that you acted like a man when those drunken were persecuting a man infinitely better than themselves. I hope that your maly, honest and independent course will be continued throughout life and be crowned with God's bless-ings always." The testimonial, dated Macon, Ga. January 25, 1885, read, as follows: This is to certify that Mr. S. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. S. R. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of the freshman class of 1883-84 in the A. B. Bel-oute was a member of

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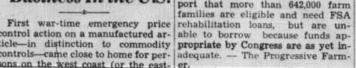
of extending the greetings of the season to our patrons have only served to make more sincere our good wishes for them . . .

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sons on the west coast (or the east- er. ern, too, for that matter). It was at

The tinkling of sleigh bells; white snow blanketing the ground; the green, green trees lit up with a myriad of colors — that's Christ-mas! The laughter of happy chil-dren; the glee of all over exchanged gifts and greetings-that's Christ-mas. And our wish for you is that it be the merriest you have ever enjoyed!

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