

## ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE FOILED BY SON AND DAUGHTER

### Dr. E. F. Hartsell Suffering From Self-Inflicted Cuts

### WOUNDS NOT FATAL

Foiled in an attempt to end his own life by slashing his throat, Dr. E. F. Hartsell, 53, veterinary surgeon of Jonesville, is in Hugh Chatham hospital here where he was carried shortly after noon Tuesday following an effort to kill himself. His wounds are not expected to prove fatal.

The veterinarian, who has at one time served as chief of police of Jonesville, used a lancet from his chest of surgical instruments in his attempt at death. He slashed his throat on both sides, one of the gashes going deep enough to sever a muscle, but not touching the jugular vein. A local physician stated that the knife he used was both rusty and dull, and that this fact was probably instrumental in preventing a deep incision.

His attempt was committed in the yard of his home, his son and daughter reaching him in time to prevent him from accomplishing his purpose.

As the son attempted to wrest the lancet from his father's hand after he had slashed one side of his throat, Hartsell inflicted the second of the wounds, which proved far more serious than the first. That he had gone into the yard with the express purpose of killing himself was evident from the fact that a small case of surgical instruments were found in his clothing.

Confined in his home for several weeks due to poor health, it is said that he had not been mentally normal in several months.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR MRS. W. J. CASTEVENS

### Aged Jonesville Woman Died Monday At Local Hospital

Mrs. Nancy Wagoner Castevens, 71, one of the most beloved women of Jonesville, passed away at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital early Monday morning, following an illness of four weeks from a heart disorder and complications. For the past week her condition had been critical and her death was momentarily expected.

Mrs. Castevens was a native of Yadkin county, and had resided in Jonesville for the past 22 years. She was the widow of the late Willis J. Castevens. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Luther Vestal, of Jonesville; Mrs. W. J. Reeves, of Statesville; Mrs. A. G. Brinegar, of Petersburg, Va.; four sons: Marvin E. Castevens, of Winston-Salem; Glenn and Dewey Castevens, of Traphill and Roby Castevens, of Jonesville. Fourteen grand-children and one great-grand-child also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday from Swaim's Baptist church, of which the deceased had long been a member. The rites were in charge of Rev. James L. Martin, Rev. D. G. Reece and Rev. Isom Vestal. Interment was made in the family plot in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were J. E. Reece, Gurney Wagoner, M. A. Holcomb, D. A. Vestal, James Chappell and Harvey Groce.

Rev. B. H. Vestal, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end here, the guest of friends.

## Rat War Ends Here In Death Of 116 Rodents

One hundred and sixteen prominent members of a local rat colony located in the E. & A. Produce Co. warehouse, met a sudden and violent death here last Wednesday.

The rats, which had been quietly attending to their business of destroying many dollars worth of feed, grain and other produce, were ambushed by Hugh Holcomb and several other local citizens. No quarter was asked or given and one by one the rats gave up their lives in the face of overpowering odds.

Late news dispatches are to the effect that all is now quiet on the rodent front, the enemy having been routed for the time being, at least.

## Perfect Show Girl



A Kansas actress, Dorothy Adams, 19, of Great Bend, defeated one hundred others for the coveted title in a Chicago contest.

## NIGHT SCHOOL HERE WILL OPEN ON 18TH

### Woman's Club Expects Big Enrollment With Special Courses

Plans have been perfected for the opening of the fourth consecutive year of the adult night school, sponsored by the Elkin Woman's club. The school will open on Monday evening, January 18, at 7:30 in the school building. Miss Eva Edgerton will be in charge of the school this year, replacing Miss Maude Worley, who has taught here since the opening of the school. Miss Edgerton comes highly recommended, having had several years experience in this work.

It had previously been announced that the school would open on January 4, but it was postponed on account of the McLendon revival until such time as it would not conflict with these meetings.

Mrs. W. W. Whitaker, vice-chairman of the educational department of the club and supervisor of the night school work, urgently requests that all former pupils of the school and any others desiring to enroll for the term, be present at the opening of the school Monday evening. There will be a special class this year for the men who desire to take an advanced course in arithmetic. This will be a decided advantage to persons desiring to enter business for themselves. A good enrollment is expected.

At the opening of the Elkin school, the date for the opening of the Little Richmond school will be decided upon.

## THEY SAY ONE MUST GET TAGS TOMORROW

### Whether Report Is Authentic Or Not, Is Not Known

Although stories in the daily papers have stated that highway patrolmen are to begin making arrests Friday in cases where motorists have not purchased their 1932 license tags, Corporal W. B. Lentz, stationed here, stated that he was going to wait until he had definite instructions from headquarters before giving motorists court summons.

A story as carried in a daily paper Tuesday morning said that Highway Chairman E. B. Jeffress had warned that today would be the last day of grace for offending motorists and that the crusade would actually begin Friday.

Much confusion has reigned since

## George Gray Post To Meet Tuesday Evening

There will be an important meeting of the George Gray Post of the American Legion on Thursday evening, January 14, at 7:30, in the office of Attorney Marion Allen, on Main street. All members of the legion and all ex-service men are urgently requested to attend.

## GREENWOOD AUTO BUILDING PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Flames of Unknown Origin Sweep Structure Saturday Morning

### LITTLE INSURANCE

A costly blaze of undetermined origin early Saturday morning practically destroyed the major portion of the \$40,000 Greenwood Auto Company building, located near the new Hugh Chatham bridge on East Main street here. Little save the front wall and the large room on the left side of the building, now containing a bowling alley, was saved from the ravaging flames.

The fire had gained great headway before it was discovered, starting, it was thought, a little after midnight Friday night. A passing physician was the first to see the flames, an alarm being turned in immediately.

Although it was raining heavily at the time, the rain did little in checking the blaze. Not until a hard fight by the local fire department, was it brought under control.

It is thought that the blaze originated in the rear of the building where a considerable amount of combustible material was stored.

The loss included several hundred bushels of grain and soy beans stored in the building, approximately \$1,000 worth of lumber, a number of used automobiles, and automobile tires, paints, varnishes oils and other items which amounted to a considerable sum. A large stock of radios and washing machines were removed from the building undamaged.

Insurance carried on the structure was only \$10,000, it was learned, while the loss was estimated to stand at a much larger figure.

## ELKIN TO HAVE NEW OIL BUSINESS SOON

### J. R. Johnson Converting Building Into A Super Station

The Johnson Oil Company building, located on Bridge street, is in the process of being remodeled to house a wholesale and retail gasoline, kerosene and oil business, it was learned Tuesday from J. R. Johnson, formerly of Elkin but now making his home in Statesville.

The structure is to be converted into a modern super-service station, Mr. Johnson said, and should be ready for operation by February 1. All equipment will be of the most up-to-date type, including electric pumps and other features necessary to give unexcelled service.

Although planning to operate this station alone for the present, Mr. Johnson said that it was possible that he might add other stations in the future.

The former Elkin man stated that he personally would not manage the station immediately upon its opening as business interests in Statesville would not permit him to give his time here. However, it is possible that he may make this his home here later and devote his entire time to the oil business, he intimated.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR WILKES PHYSICIAN

### Dr. J. W. White, of Wilkesboro, Died Tuesday Evening After Illness of Several Months

Funeral services for Dr. J. W. White, 70, veteran Wilkes physician and dean of the Wilkes County Medical Society, who passed away Tuesday evening at 7:55 o'clock at his home in Wilkesboro, will take place at the Wilkesboro Methodist church today at 2 o'clock. Interment will follow in the family plot in Mountain Park cemetery. Death followed an illness that had extended over a long period of time.

Dr. White was born in Yadkin county, near Hamptonville. There he spent his early life on the farm. After becoming a physician he located in Wilkesboro, practicing in Wilkes and adjoining counties for 43 years. For 12 years he served as county health officer.

Among those surviving are his wife, and daughter, Mrs. Nellie White Hubbard, who is the wife of Julius C. Hubbard, publisher of The Wilkes Journal and the Ashe County Journal. E. S. Spainhour, of this city, is a nephew of the deceased.

## Will Represent U. S. at Conference



President Hoover has named the five delegates and one alternate to represent the United States at the International Disarmament Conference at Geneva. They are, top row, left to right, Charles G. Dawes, Dr. Mary E. Woolley, Senator Swanson of Virginia; bottom row, Hugh R. Wilson, (alternate) Hugh Gibson and Norman H. Davis.

## Pays \$25 For Fiddle; May Be Stradivarius

About a year ago a stranger stopped at the home of J. R. Strange, near Dobson. All his worldly goods consisted only of the clothes on his back and an old fiddle. Desperately in need of funds, he pawned the instrument to Mr. Strange for \$25, and went on his way.

The first time he played the fiddle, Mr. Strange was struck by its beautiful tone. It didn't play like an ordinary fiddle any more than it sounded like an ordinary fiddle.

One day not so long ago Mr. Strange peered inside. There, printed in Italian, were the words "Antonio Stradivarius, Cremona. Facebat Anno 1665." If that lettering didn't lie his fiddle is a genuine Stradivarius!

And now Mr. Strange is wondering just how much his treasure is worth—if it really is genuine.

## RECEIVER IS NAMED FOR TABLE COMPANY

### Step Taken As Measure Of Protection; Prospects Are Good

Upon a petition filed by the Elkin Furniture Co., J. G. Ray has been appointed temporary receiver for the Elkin Table Co., it was learned Wednesday. The records of this company for the past twelve months show a substantial reduction in obligations and this action was taken only as a measure of protection and to insure the conservation of the assets of the Table Company. It is understood that the Elkin Table Co. has accounts receivable of large amounts, the collection of which have been delayed due to present business conditions.

Mr. Ray, the receiver states that the company has good prospects for future business and he hopes to be able to announce the resumption of operations in the near future. It is understood that this will mean employment for forty or more men.

## LOCAL MAN IS HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

### A. M. Andrews Said To Have Been Passing Wagon When Car Hit Huge Oil Truck

A. M. Andrews, driver of the Klondike Farm dairy truck on the Winston-Salem route, is recovering from painful injuries sustained early last Thursday night when the light car he was driving collided with a truck in North Elkin. His car was practically demolished while the heavy truck, property of an oil company, was damaged only slightly.

It was said that Andrews was attempting to pass a wagon when the accident occurred. Another occupant of his car whose name has not been learned, is said to have fled the scene during the excitement.

Andrews was carried to Hugh Chatham hospital for treatment. The driver of the truck, a Mr. Batop, was uninjured.

## OPTIMISM PREVAILS HERE AS WHEELS OF PLANTS HUM AGAIN

### Business Leaders Express Opinion Bottom Has Been Reached

### TREND IS UPWARD

Although prosperity is "no doubt still lingering "around the corner," a spirit of optimism has been noted among Elkin merchants and business men during the past several days. Several have voiced the thought that business conditions are going to improve during the coming year, and indications of such an improvement, echoing through the hum of busy machinery in local industrial plants, are already apparent, in the opinion of many.

The Chatham Manufacturing company began work the first of the week on normal schedule after standing for a time in idleness. The Elkin Furniture company, with new orders on hand, is facing months of steady industry. In addition, the Carolina Cross Arm company is running full time.

Reports from Mr. Bailey, superintendent of the Elkin Furniture company, who has just returned from the Chicago furniture show, were optimistic. He stated that the local company had 140 patterns on display at the show and that their offerings brought universal approval. He appeared very optimistic over the 1932 outlook.

M. A. Biggs, secretary and treasurer of the plant, who accompanied Mr. Bailey to Chicago, will go to New York next week to attend the New York show. He will be joined by Mr. Bailey.

Although greatly cheered over the economic outlook, local business men appear to have accepted the fact that business conditions will not come back with a bang, but gradually. And indications are that admitting this fact, they are preparing for the future.

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## WANT APPLICATIONS FOR POSTOFFICE JOB

### Examination For Jonesville Vacancy To Be Held Here Soon

Anyone who wishes to take an examination as an applicant for the job as postmaster at Jonesville, must mail in their application in time to reach the United States civil service commission not later than January 22, it has been announced by the civil service commission.

The examination to fill the Jonesville vacancy, caused by the recent death of Ward Swaim, will be held in Elkin, the date to be announced in the admission cards which will be mailed to all applicants after the close of the receipt of applications. The salary of postmaster for Jonesville, which is rated as a fourth class postoffice, was \$899 for the last fiscal year. In order to compete for the position, applicants must have reached their 21st birthday and must not be older than 65. They must also reside within the territory supplied by the Jonesville postoffice.

Application blanks, form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the acting postmaster at the Jonesville office or from the United States civil service commission at Washington, D. C.

## Bury Mrs. Cockerham Saturday In Wilkes

Mrs. Merick Waddell Cockerham 50, wife of John D. Cockerham, of Jonesville, died at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital Thursday night after a brief illness of less than two days. She became critically ill on Tuesday and was rushed to the hospital for an operation for ruptured gall bladder.

Surviving are the husband, John D. Cockerham and the following sons and daughters: Carl, Cyrus, Tyre, Arlie, Denver and Reece Cockerham; Misses Elsie, Annie and Violet Cockerham, all of Jonesville. Her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Waddell and one sister, Mrs. Eulalie Smoot. Two brothers, Tyre and Cleveland Waddell also survive.

The funeral rites were conducted Saturday from the Charity Methodist church in Wilkes county, and interment was in the church cemetery.

## CRAWFORD OUTLINES PLANS FOR COUNTY

### Asks Co-Operation Of Kiwanians; Appoint Committees

J. W. Crawford, newly appointed farm agent for Surry, gave a brief outline of his plans for the county during 1932, Friday night in a brief talk before the Kiwanis club. He was the guest of Kiwanian Ruohs Pyron.

It is his plan, Mr. Crawford stated, to attempt to get the farmers away from the one crop plan and to get them to take up diversified farming. In his opinion, the farmer who quits raising tobacco upon such a large scale and turns to dairy farming and other lines, will be far better off when another season is past.

The new farm agent stated that he fully realized that he had a mammoth task before him and asked the co-operation of the Kiwanis club. H. P. Graham, newly elected president of the organization, officiating for the first time, assured him that the Kiwanians would stand squarely behind him.

During the luncheon, the subject of changing the hour of meeting from night to noon was discussed, the members being about evenly divided in regards to the proposal. Those in favor of it pointed out that by meeting each Friday at noon, many members who are unable to attend in the evening would be present, and that it would afford an opportunity to take guests who are in town for the day on business.

Those against the proposal were of the opinion that many members who attend the evening meetings would be unable to attend at noon for business reasons. The matter is

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## SCARLET FEVER LED DURING PAST MONTH

### County Physician's Report Shows Total of 11 Cases In County

Scarlet fever led all communicable diseases in Surry county during the month ending December 31 with a total of 11 cases, the monthly report of Dr. M. T. Foster, county health officer, shows. Diphtheria and chicken pox came second with four cases each, whooping cough 1, influenza 1, syphilis 2, gonorrhoea 2, and tuberculosis, 1.

The report further shows that 20 pre-school children were given the toxin anti-toxin treatment while 182 children of school age also were given the same treatment. Complete typhoid inoculations numbered 86. One hundred and fifty-four first grade children were vaccinated for smallpox. Other than first grade children numbered 79.

A total of 24 prisoners were examined during the month, the report states. Four people were committed to institutions for lunacy and two post mortem examinations were conducted.