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LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

SAYS NATION IS OUT OF THE RED

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Roper sounded a cheerful Christmas note tonight with a report that "available evidence" indicates the nation's net business losses were "almost completely eliminated" in 1935.

His estimate for the current calendar year, compared with net business losses of \$10,000,000,000 in 1932 and about \$2,500,000,000 in 1933, was included in his annual report for the 1935 fiscal year ending last June 30.

ROOSEVELT TO LAMBAST CRITICS

Washington, Dec. 22.—An attack upon opponents of the new deal sounding the keynote of the Democratic presidential campaign, will be delivered by President Roosevelt at the Jackson day dinner January 8, it was forecast here today.

In that address, with which the President is expected formally to inaugurate his campaign for reelection, he is seen surpassing all previous efforts to combat his political enemies in the fields of finance and industry.

EDEN GIVEN NEW POST

London, Dec. 27.—Great Britain chose young and dashing Anthony Eden for her foreign secretary today and announced a far-reaching army reorganization scheme in the face of louder war talk over Europe.

Italy immediately took the appointment of the 38-year-old Eden as a direct slap. Italians have learned to dislike him intensely because of his forceful leadership, as British minister for league affairs, of Geneva's sanction siege.

BLIND SENATOR DIES OF INJURIES

Washington, Dec. 22. — Thomas D. Schall, blind Minnesota Republican senator, died at 11:31 a. m. today of injuries received in an automobile accident near here Thursday night. He was 58 years old.

Schall was a caustic critic of the Roosevelt administration, attacking its policies both in speeches from the floor and frequent statements.

He was elected to the senate in 1924 as a Republican.

SHOULD BE HAPPY CHRISTMAS

New York, Dec. 22. — This Christmas season in many respects "should be the happiest period in the past six years for the American people," says Henry H. Heilmann, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men in his monthly review of business.

The past 60 days, he says, have witnessed a rise to levels approximating and, according to some barometers, exceeding the inflationary spurt of the mid-summer of 1933.

Change Hours

Office hours for the county health department will be from 10 to 11 A. M., Friday, December 27, instead of Thursday afternoon, according to an announcement by Dr. Ralph J. Sykes, health officer. Beginning January 2 the hours will be on Thursday afternoon as usual.

Pure water has neither taste nor odor, but it does have color.

This Issue of The Tribune Two Days Ahead of Schedule

The Tribune is appearing two days ahead of its regular schedule this week in order that members of its staff may have two days off for Christmas.

Although regularly appearing Thursday of each week, this issue was printed Monday night for distribution through the mail Tuesday morning. The next issue to appear will be published Thursday, January 2.

The Tribune wishes to thank all advertisers whose messages appear in this issue, for their cooperation in getting their ads. in early.

THIRTEEN PERISH AS BUS PLUNGES THROUGH BRIDGE

Sinks to Bottom of Icy River At Hopewell, Virginia

ON WAY TO RALEIGH

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 22.—A passenger bus plunged through an open drawbridge, carrying at least 13 persons to their deaths in the icy waters of the Appomattox river today.

No passenger list was kept. The only means of identifying the victims was through relatives or recovery of the bodies, lying in 25 or 30 feet of water.

The driver, identified as L. G. Alford, of Five Points, Wake county, North Carolina, carried the tickets with him into the river.

The Atlantic Greyhound bus, enroute to Raleigh, N. C., left Richmond with 12 passengers. Whether others boarded it before the disaster was not known.

The drawbridge had been opened to permit passage of a tug and barge. The bridge attendant, Lacy McNair, said he was looking down the river when he heard the bus crash through a guard gate 10 feet from the bridge.

"I jerked my head around to see what in the world was happening," he said. "Just as I turned, I saw the bus start its downward plunge. It was a terrible sight and I will never forget it to my dying day."

"Women and children were screaming and I could see them falling forward as the bus rolled over."

Officials who began an investigation were at a loss to explain the disaster. The bridge is approached by a straight road with no obstruction of the view.

FOUR INJURED AS CAR TURNS OVER

Machine Skids On Snow-Covered Highway Near Elkin

Perhaps bewildered at the antics of their car on a slippery, snow-covered highway, a party from Sanford, Fla., en route to Beckley, W. Va., for a holiday visit with relatives, Sunday morning met with disaster on highway 26, five miles south of Elkin, when their car turned over and wrecked.

Mrs. P. J. Angell, of Sanford, Fla., suffered lacerations about the body and head, as did her two sons, aged 10 and 12.

Mrs. E. C. Bourland, of Madisonville, Ky., mother of Mrs. Angell, sustained a fractured shoulder and other injuries which will detain her in the local hospital.

The accident occurred when their car skidded on a curve.

BASKETS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TUESDAY

Needy Families of Elkin and Jonesville To Be Cared For

Plans are complete here for the annual Christmas Cheer to needy families in the community. Approximately 125 baskets will be delivered late Tuesday afternoon in order that the people may have the food and toys for Christmas Day.

The Kiwanis auction netted a good sum Friday night, as did the white Christmas offering at the First Baptist church Sunday evening and the special show at the Lyric theatre Saturday morning.

Needy families of both Elkin and Jonesville will be provided for.

New Officers Are Named By Order

At a regular communication of the Elkin Lodge A. F. and A. M., new officers were elected as follows: worshipful master, Marion C. Whitener; senior warden, A. L. Griffith; treasurer Edwin Harris; secretary, A. O. Bryan; senior deacon, J. R. Windsor; junior deacon, R. G. Franklin. Other officers will be named by the incoming worshipful master. The newly elected officers will be formally installed at the final meeting of the year on Saturday evening, December 28.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

When all through the house Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse;



KIWANIS AUCTION NETS LARGE SUM

President Brewer Delivers \$5.00 Log In Wheelbarrow

One hundred and eight dollars and forty cents was raised by the Elkin Kiwanis club Friday night at their annual auction sale, proceeds of which always go to bring Christmas Cheer to the less fortunate families of Elkin and Jonesville.

The amount raised was said to be a record.

The sale was conducted by Wm. M. Allen, local attorney, and such articles as 15 cent packages of cigarettes brought 75 cents while a half ton of coal sold for eight dollars. Even the auctioneer's log—and it wasn't even a pedigreed log, either—brought \$5.00 in cash and much more in merriment.

Following the sale of all articles contributed by members of the club at prices above par, someone suggested that the large, 300-pound log which Mr. Allen had been using as an auction block, be sold. No sooner than was this suggestion made than Charlie Brewer, president of the club, jumped to his feet to announce that if the bidding on the log went into dollars he would personally push the log in a wheelbarrow to the home of the purchaser. Immediately following this announcement, several heads went together and it was decided that Kiwanian H. F. Laffoon, whose home is a considerable distance from Hotel Elkin and up hill all the way, should bid in the log with financial assistance from other members (Mr. Brewer is not supposed to know of this frame-up).

The bidding started and immediately went into dollar figures. Mr. Brewer, alarmed at his offer to deliver it in a wheelbarrow, started to bid himself in hopes of buying it and keeping it at the hotel. But no luck and he gave up when his bid of \$4.50 was topped by a bid of \$5.00, which bought the log.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30, with the 300-pound log in a wheelbarrow and escorted by Chief of Police Dixie Graham and trailed by the Hayes & Speas ambulance (in case he should give out, or something), Mr. Brewer delivered the log as promised, holding up traffic on Main street while he stopped to oil his conveyance.

Although not important to the story, Mr. Brewer dumped the huge log directly in the driveway at the Laffoon home, making it necessary that it be moved before the family car could be gotten into the garage.

One inch of rain means over 100 tons of water per acre.

Rev. Pat Boyle Is Speaker At School

Rev. Pat Boyle, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church, was the speaker at Christmas exercises held Friday morning at the local school just before letting out for Christmas holidays.

Miss Dorothy Colhard was in charge of the program. Students contributed gifts during the program which were turned over to the Associated Charities for distribution among the needy of Elkin and Jonesville Christmas Eve.

There are 325,000 employees in the movie industry, 775,000 of these in the producing plants.

SURRY VETERANS RECEIVE CHECKS

Only 17 Old Soldiers Are Now Living In Surry County

Semi-annual pension checks were being distributed to Confederate veterans and widows of veterans throughout Surry county last week. Seventy-three checks were received and all but six had been delivered, it was stated Thursday.

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Delivers Log—and How!



Photo above shows Charlie Brewer, president of the Elkin Kiwanis club, just before starting the "big push" here Saturday afternoon of a huge log from Hotel Elkin to the home of Kiwanian H. F. Laffoon, one mile west on West Main street. Pictured with Mr. Brewer is Chief of Police Dixie Graham, who personally escorted Mr. Brewer during the trip. The log, size of which may be noted in the picture, brought \$5.00 at the Kiwanis auction held Friday night when Mr. Brewer stated he would personally deliver it in a wheelbarrow if it sold in the dollars. Proceeds of the auction, which netted \$108.40, went to the Associated Charities Christmas Cheer fund.

FIVE ARE INJURED IN COLLISION OF AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK

Eva Mae Mathis Is At Point of Death In Hospital Here

DRIVER IS HELD

Eva Mae Mathis, daughter of Mrs. Dora Mathis, of the Swan Creek community, is near death in the Elkin hospital, and four other people of the same community are injured as the result of an automobile accident in West Jonesville Saturday night in which a sedan and heavy oil truck collided.

Harvey Vestal, young married man, sustained serious chest injuries; his mother, Mrs. Harrison Vestal, lost several teeth; Miss Maxine 18, and Mrs. Dora Mathis sustained less serious hurts. All five were occupants of the same car.

The oil truck was being driven by Dewey Myers, who was arrested after the accident by Jonesville officers.

It was stated that a piece of wood from one of the machines was driven completely through the body of the Mathis child. No hope for her recovery is held.

SNOWFALL ASSURES WHITE CHRISTMAS

Storm, However, Has Brought Tragedy and Danger to Roads

Elkin's first white Christmas since the heavy snow fall of five years ago, was assured Sunday when snow began to fall early in the morning, stopping about dusk.

Although only about an inch deep, the snow has made local streets dangerous for traffic and has resulted in several accidents locally and in vicinity. A local taxi was damaged in a collision at the corner of West Main and Church street Sunday afternoon, in addition to more serious accidents noted elsewhere in this issue.

News from the state as a whole up until late Monday afternoon carried tidings of 14 deaths directly attributed to the snow. Motorists here are warned to drive with exceeding care in order to avoid further accidents and possible death.

LOCAL MAN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

H. H. Crane Reported In Charlotte Hospital; Few Details

H. H. Crane, manager of the local Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company store, is in a Charlotte hospital suffering from injuries received in an automobile wreck near Charlotte Sunday night.

Details of the accident and the extent of Mr. Crane's injuries were not available here when The Tribune went to press. He had gone to Charlotte Sunday morning to take Mrs. Crane and their two small children to the home of relatives where they were to spend the holidays, and it is thought the accident occurred while he was on his way back to Elkin.

Long hair for men and short for women was the style in Southwest America some two thousand years ago. The hair of the women was cut off and made into string.

Elkin Firms to Observe Holiday Wednesday

All Elkin stores and firms will be closed Christmas day with the exception of drug stores, cafes and filling stations.

The Bank of Elkin will observe two days, remaining closed Wednesday and Thursday.

Drug stores will be open practically all day, a check-up revealed. Filling stations will also be open a part of the day.

The local postoffice will be closed all day, no mail to be delivered with the exception of first class matter in postoffice boxes.