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FLAMES DESTROY LARGE BUILDING HERE DEC. 24TH

Old McNeer Hardware Co. Structure Burns to Ground

LOSS IS HEAVY

In full blast before discovered, fire here Christmas Eve morning completely destroyed the old McNeer Hardware company building on the corner of Main and Market streets and for a while threatened to wipe out the entire block before being brought under control by local firemen.

Originating in the Dixie Barber Shop on Bridge street, the flames swept southward, quickly converting the entire building into a raging inferno, and then spread to the roof of the Exchange Furniture company building. The blaze also ignited the roof of the Elkin Motors, Inc., building, and for a while it was feared both that building and the Lyric theatre building would fall prey to the blaze.

Handicapped by frozen hydrants, snow, ice and bitter cold, local firemen battled desperately to bring the fire under control. Lines of hose from every hydrant within reach were centered on the roaring mass of flames, and local citizens, not included on the roster of regular firemen, pitched in to aid in the fight.

When at last brought under control the fire had completely destroyed the McNeer building, which housed the Dixie Barber Shop, an office occupied by Carl Chappell, Dallas Martin and W. S. Reich, and

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MERCURY TUMBLES TO 2 BELOW HERE

Snow and Low Temperatures Give Elkin Real Taste of Winter

King Winter made his presence felt here with a vengeance over the holidays, sending two snows on consecutive week-ends and climaxing his performance early Tuesday morning by sending the temperature tumbling down to two below zero.

The first snow fell the Sunday before Christmas, covering the ground to a depth of about one inch, part of which was still in evidence last Saturday night when the first flakes of a six-inch snow began to fall. Temperatures that had remained well below freezing for days had prepared the ground and streets for the snowfall.

Tuesday morning's cold weather, said to be the coldest here in many years, brought varying reports, ranging from two to seven below zero. Two below, however, is thought to be nearest correct.

Following the week-end snowfall, highway forces got busy and cleared streets and highways. Due to the difficulty of driving, few cars were in use and no serious accidents were reported locally.

OAK FURN. CO. BUYS BILTRITE PROPERTY

North Wilkesboro Concern To Operate Local Plant

The plant and grounds of the former Biltrite Furniture company here have been purchased by the Oak Furniture company, of North Wilkesboro, it was learned Tuesday.

Although an official of the company declined to give any information as to plans for the local plant at present, it is understood that it will be used to make furniture which will then be taken to North Wilkesboro for finishing.

The building and grounds were owned jointly by the R. L. Hubbard estate, The Bank of Elkin and Mason Lillard. Operation of the plant is expected to start within the near future.

Schools Open Today

The Elkin school, and all schools in this township are scheduled to open today following the Christmas holidays.

Streets and highways have been practically cleared of snow so that school buses can get through.

LATE NEWS

from the State and Nation

LINDBERGH ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 31.—The Charles A. Lindberghs arrived in England today maintaining the secrecy that had surrounded their entire voyage, but a relative said they were refugees from American crime.

The flier, his wife and three-year-old son, Jon, while Liverpool celebrated the new year, spent the evening in their suite at the Adelphi hotel.

They refused to see anyone from the moment they left the American importer under the cover of a group of detectives and police.

HOPKINS REVIEWS JOB GIVING TASK

Washington, Dec. 31.—Looking back on a busy 12 months, Harry L. Hopkins expressed gratification in a new year's interview today over "the transfer of millions of able-bodied Americans from the dole to self-respect-restoring jobs."

The 45-year-old relief expert was emphatic in expressing "my sincerest hope that this country never will return to the dole on a nation-wide basis."

AMERICA GIVES 1936 ROUSING WELCOME

America greeted 1936 Tuesday night with a rip-roaring welcome perhaps unequalled since the spontaneous celebration that heralded the end of the world war.

From hamlet to city the lid was off—either by official proclamation or ripped from its moorings by enthusiastic celebrants. Everywhere they were calling it: "The biggest night since the armistice."

REPORT RE CROSS UNIT WIPE IT

Addis Ababa, Dec. 31.—A report that a Red Cross unit of 32 persons was wiped out by a bombardment from Italian airplanes was received here today.

Ras Desta Demtu, son-in-law of Emperor Haile Selassie and the Ethiopian commander in the south, said in a wireless message that nine Swedes and 23 Ethiopians were killed in the rain of bombs.

LICENSE TAG BUSINESS RUSHING

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—All-day jam in the revenue department today saw the 1936 licenses shoot way ahead of the sales on the last day of 1934, the gains being 18 per cent in 15 days over the whole month of December for 1934.

MRS. HENRY HODGE PASSES SUDDENLY

Was Sister of Mrs. L. F. Walker, of This City

Mrs. Henry Hodge, 53, died suddenly at her home near Dobson December 23, from a heart ailment. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hicks, of State Road. For the past thirty-eight years she had been a member of the New Hope Baptist church.

Funeral services were held from New Hope church Christmas Day, in charge of the pastor, Rev. Cleat Simmons, assisted by Rev. Mr. Marion. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, five sons and one daughter: Delmar, William, David and Gurney Hodge, and Mrs. Hawkins Moore, all of near Dobson; two brothers, Lonnie F. Hicks, Winston-Salem, and Arthur Hicks, of Oregon, and one half-sister, Mrs. L. F. Walker, of this city.

Chatham Mfg. Co. Plays Santa to Employees

Santa Claus, in form of the Chatham Manufacturing Co., did himself proud Christmas by slipping \$5.00 into the stockings of every employee of the company.

Mason Lillard, official of the company, stated Wednesday afternoon that the five dollar gifts to employees totalled between seven and eight thousand dollars.



MRS. ED CHURCH SUFFERS INJURY

May Lose Sight of One Eye As Result of Flying Glass

Mrs. Ed Church, of Elkin, is in the Baptist hospital, at Winston-Salem, where she was to undergo an operation some time Wednesday afternoon on one of her eyes which was badly cut Tuesday night by a piece of flying glass.

It was believed doubtful that the sight of the eye could be restored due to the serious nature of the gash.

Mrs. Church was said to have received the injury about midnight Tuesday during a New Year's dance at the Rendezvous, operated by her husband, and which is located on the Elkin-Winston-Salem highway about one mile from Elkin. It was said that Fred Hambright, of Elkin, alleged to have been drinking heavily, had been put out of the building and the door locked, and that he, in attempting to reopen the door, struck the glass with his fist, breaking it and causing a fragment to strike Mrs. Church, who was standing near the door inside, in the eye.

Immediately following the injury, Mrs. Church was rushed to the local hospital, and early Wednesday morning was transferred to the Winston-Salem hospital. It was hoped that the gash had not damaged the pupil of the eye, but whether or not the sight will be lost will not be known until after the operation.

Whether or not legal action is contemplated against Hambright could not be learned Wednesday afternoon.

SNOW PREVETTE, 48, DIES MONDAY NIGHT

Ruptured Appendix Is Responsible For Death of Jonesville Man

Snow Prevette, 48, of Jonesville, passed away in the local hospital Monday night from peritonitis which developed from a ruptured appendix.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Allie Wilmoth Prevette and the following children: Mrs. Charlie Day, Elkin; Mrs. J. E. Pardue, Mrs. Odell Harp, Hillary, Farris and Graybeal Prevette; Mrs. Victor Weatherman, Mrs. Truman Jester, Misses Grace and Pauline Prevette, all of Jonesville; one brother, Luther Prevette, also of Jonesville, and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Osborne.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Jonesville, in charge of Rev. D. G. Reece. Interment was in the Jonesville cemetery.

To Hold Jackson Day Dinner At Mt. Airy

A Surry county Jackson Day celebration will be featured Wednesday, January 8, at the Blue Ridge Hotel with a Jackson Day dinner, sponsored by the Surry county Young Democratic club.

A prominent speaker will address the Young Democrats club of the county and several other short talks will be made. One feature of the dinner will be President Roosevelt's speech, to be broadcast by radio.

Thomas B. Ashby, of Mount Airy, president of the Surry Young Democrats club, is acting as chairman of the event, and he urges that every Young Democrat make plans to attend. Tickets may be obtained locally from George E. Royall at Turner Drug Co. Mr. Royall is vice-president of the organization.

Carl Goerch To Be Speaker At Kiwanis Banquet Friday

Carl Goerch, editor of The State, widely read weekly magazine published at Raleigh, will be the speaker at the Kiwanis banquet to be held at Hotel Elkin Friday night. This meeting will feature installation of officers for the present year. It will also be observed as ladies' night.

Mr. Goerch stated Wednesday morning by long distance telephone that he would be here.

L. G. Meed will succeed C. H. Brewer as president, and W. B. Lankford will step into the job of vice-president. Others officials of the club will also be sworn in.

MRS. DAN CARTER PASSES SATURDAY

Pleasant Hill Woman Is Victim of Heart Ailment

Mrs. Sarah Couch Carter, 34, passed away at her home in the Pleasant Hill community Saturday morning from a heart ailment. She is survived by her husband, Dan Carter, and three sons, Grady, Everette and Davis Carter, and the following brothers: Sam Couch, State Road; Houston Couch, Benham; George and Shack Couch, Elkin; Milton Couch, Jonesville and Jessie Couch, Marler.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from Pleasant Hill Baptist church, in charge of Rev. Isom Vestal and Rev. Richard Day, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Record Porkers Are Killed At Traphill

Honors for raising the champion porkers of Wilkes county for the year 1935 are said to go to D. C. Casstevens and J. O. Brewer, of Traphill, with the report that a hog weighing 803 3-4 pounds had been butchered for Mr. Casstevens, and one weighing 740 pounds had been killed for Mr. Brewer. These weights are said to be records for that section.

Bert Cothren, who butchered the hogs, stated that the two men purchased their pigs, big type Berkshires, about the same time and that there had been much speculation about which would dress the most pork.

Masonic Officials Installed Saturday

Officials of the local Masonic Lodge were inducted into office Saturday night by Fred Biddix. J. A. Carpenter acted as marshal.

The following took office: M. C. Whitener, worshipful master; J. H. Markham, senior warden; A. L. Griffith, junior warden; E. F. Harris, treasurer; J. R. Windsor, senior deacon, and R. G. Franklin, junior deacon.

A. O. Bryan, secretary, was not installed due to his absence.

High School Set Enjoys Square Dance Monday Night

About fifteen couples of the high school set, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Foster, enjoyed a square dance at Hotel Elkin Monday night from nine until twelve. Music was furnished by a local string band.

Condors cannot fly until they are six months old. Some birds fly when they are out of the egg but little more than a week.

CHATHAM PURCHASES WINSTON PROPERTY

Expect to Eventually Use Plant to Make Chatham Homespun

The Chatham Manufacturing company, which purchased the Inverness Mills plant in Winston-Salem at auction recently, sale of which was confirmed the latter part of last week, will use the building as a storage for the present, but the purchase was made with the possibility in mind of eventually making it the plant for production of Chatham Homespun, nationally advertised fabric for men's clothing it was stated by officials of the company Saturday.

Chatham officials said that the manufacture of Chatham Homespun had grown tremendously since its modest beginning a few years ago in the Elkin plant, and although it does not run to anywhere near the volume of the blanket manufactures, it has become an item of considerable importance and naturally provision must be made for its continued expansion.

MRS. SUSAN HANKS PASSES TUESDAY

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday At Pleasant Hill Church

Mrs. Susan Baugus Hanks, 78, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Reavis, west of Elkin, following a lingering illness of many months.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters, Mrs. Reavis, with whom she made her home. Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, Elkin; Clifton Hanks, Benham, Emory Hanks, Draper, and Reuben Hanks, Booneville; eleven grandchildren and one brother, Melvin Baugus, of Oklahoma City, Okla., also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Pleasant Hill Baptist church and interment was in the church cemetery. The rites were in charge of Rev. Richard Day.

MRS. ROBT. E. SNOW IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Passes Away Following Operation; Funeral Held Sunday

Mrs. Flossie Smith Snow, 41, passed away Friday from an illness and an operation. The deceased was a resident of Zephyr and the wife of Robert E. Snow. She was the daughter of Mrs. D. C. Smith and the late Mr. Smith, of Rusk. Early in life she joined the Pleasant Ridge Methodist church, where she still held her membership.

She is survived by her husband, two children, Robert Alton and Mabelle Doris, her mother, Mrs. D. C. Smith and the following brothers and sisters: Waighstill Smith, Sterling, Va.; Mrs. Carrie Wilmoth, Chester, Va.; W. C. Smith, Mrs. H. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Steve Jarvis, Mrs. Delbert Wilmoth, all of Dobson; Miss Nancy Smith, E. F., F. C. and M. D. Smith, all of Rusk; Hugh Smith and Mrs. Susie Lawrence of High Point and Mrs. B. A. Jarvis of Mount Airy.

Funeral services and interment were from Pleasant Ridge church Sunday.

TWO ARE KILLED, ONE INJURED IN CHRISTMAS WRECK

Edwin Morrison Only Survivor of Tragic Head-On Collision

RITE HELD FRIDAY

His jaw broken in two places, a leg broken, and suffering from bruises and lacerations, Edwin Morrison, 21, of Elkin, is in Hugh Chatham hospital seriously injured, while Melvin Carter, 19, and his sister, Mrs. Sallie Carter-Thomas, 23, are dead as the result of a head-on collision between the Morrison and Carter cars on the Elkin-Boonville road Christmas day afternoon.

The Carter young man and his sister were the children of Mrs. Percy Carter and the late Webb Carter, of Booneville.

Mrs. Thomas was married April 26, 1929, to Troy Thomas, of Booneville, but had been separated from her husband for some time.

The accident occurred about five miles east of Elkin, and the condition of both machines indicated that they must have been traveling at a fast rate of speed when the crash took place.

Brought to the local hospital, examination disclosed that young Carter sustained a fractured skull, as well as other serious injuries, and that his sister received internal injuries. The young man died about 7 o'clock of the morning following the accident, while his sister died about midnight December 25.

It was at first thought that Morrison's injuries would prove fatal, but his condition is now considered much improved. Surviving the dead boy and girl are five brothers, Miles, John, Claude, Herbert and a younger whose name was not learned.

Funeral services for the two were held Friday at Sugartown, Yadkin county.

W. S. JAMISON DIES TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Interment To Be In Charlottesville, Va. Today

Willard S. Jamison, 39, died in the local hospital late Tuesday afternoon following a brief illness from an intestinal disorder. The deceased was a native of Charlottesville, Va., but had resided here for the past three years where he had been associated with the South East Public Service company. During his residence here he had made many friends. He was a member of the Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Brooks Jamison; two sons, Willard, Jr., and Fulton; his father, J. S. Jamison; one brother, Emmett C. Jamison, and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Gooch, of Charlottesville, and Mrs. B. M. Wooten, of Richmond.

A brief funeral service was held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home on Gwyn Avenue, in charge of Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church. Immediately after the service the remains were conveyed to Charlottesville, where the funeral proper will be held this afternoon at 3:30 from the Charlottesville Methodist church.

108 BASKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED HERE

Families In Elkin and Jonesville Visited Christmas

Christmas baskets were delivered to 108 homes in Elkin and Jonesville Christmas Eve, by the local Associated Charities. Approximately 750 people were recipients of gifts of the association, there being that number in the 108 homes visited.

The following cash contributions were donated to the fund: Kiwanis Club \$101.40; First Baptist church \$31.02; First Methodist church \$24.69; Mrs. T. A. Leeper \$5.00; J. P. Miller \$1.00; making a total of \$143.11.

The following local firms contributed food, toys and clothing: Somers and Co.; McDaniel's Department Store; Sydnor-Spaulhour, M. Q. Snow, J. C. Penney Co., Smith's Department Store. The show at the local theatre sponsored by the

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