

## LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

### ANOTHER ARREST IN DRUG CASE

New York, Dec. 20—Federal agents tonight arrested Benjamin Simon, ex-convict ally of F. Donald Coster, who was associated with him both in recent years and when the McKesson and Robbins president was known in his true identity as Philip Musica, notorious swindler.

Simon, identified by Brian McMahon, assistant U. S. attorney-general, as connected with the poultry racket of 1914 in which Coster also became involved, is the first person so far brought to light—outside the Musica family—who held knowledge of Coster's past when the swindler was in command of the world's third largest drug firm.

### THIRD MAN IS ARRESTED

Welch, W. Va., Dec. 20—A hospital patient recovering from fumes inhaled on a slag dump was identified by federal agents today as Wade Hanford, accused of being one of a band of men who killed two North Carolina police officers in a gun fight.

Walter V. McLaughlin, chief of the federal bureau of investigation unit at Huntington, said Hanford's arrest left at large only Roy Kelly of the group which has been sought for the killing.

Kelly, also accused of shooting State Trooper L. E. Thomas in a gunfight at Stuart, Va., has been sought in a half dozen states.

### MT. AIRY IS HOST TO FARMERS

Mt. Airy, Dec. 20—Celebrating the biggest year in the history of the Mt. Airy tobacco market, this Surry county city played host to more than 5,000 farmers at a festival and dance this afternoon and tonight. During the past season more than 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on local warehouse floors, the record of all time.

Merchants and business people of the city co-operated in extending the glad hand to the largest number of rural visitors Mt. Airy has had in many a day. A large number of handsome prizes, including an automobile, were given away during the day, the culmination of the tobacco marketing season.

### TO RECOMMEND CHANGES

Raleigh, Dec. 20—Governor Hoke disclosed today that he would recommend certain changes in North Carolina's election laws to the 1939 General Assembly.

The Governor's announcement followed a conference this afternoon with W. H. Lucas, of Wilson, chairman of the state board of elections. Members of the state board will meet here tomorrow to draft their report to the legislature.

The exact nature of the Governor's recommendations was not disclosed.

## MRS. J. C. TRIPLETT PASSES THURSDAY

Jonesville Woman Had Been in Ill Health for the Past Two Years

### FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY

Mrs. Margaret Greenwood Triplett, 68, wife of Joel C. Triplett of Jonesville, died at their home Thursday morning at 6:50. Mrs. Triplett had been in ill health for the past two years and her condition had been critical since the Saturday prior to her death.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood of Wilkes county and a woman greatly beloved. She had been a resident of Jonesville for the past 30 years. She was a

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### Led Quiet Life



Miss Nancy Williams, above, who died early last Sunday morning at the age of 82, had never in her life seen a train, a movie or a circus performance. Only once had she ever made a trip away from home, and that was to Salem, now Winston-Salem, when she was a girl.—Photo by Bill Rutledge.

## AGED WOMAN OF YADKIN PASSES

Miss Nancy Williams, 82, Had Never Seen a Train, Movie or Circus

### FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Miss Nancy Williams, who never in the 82 years of her life had seen a train, a movie or a circus performance, died early Sunday morning at her home near Yadkinville, where she resided with her sister.

Miss Williams could remember only one trip away from her home, where she sat spinning at an old loom through the years until her sight failed her, that trip took her to Salem, now Winston-Salem, when she was a small girl.

Her sister, Mrs. Lutie Peddycord, made occasional trips from the antique laden home five miles from Yadkinville into the county seat. Mrs. Peddycord lived away from home for four years, during which time she was married. At the death of her husband she returned to make her home with her sister. Once Mrs. Peddycord made a trip to High Point.

Despite her failing sight Miss Williams never resorted to glasses. When she could no longer see to do the delicate handwork of her laces, counterpanes and quilts she turned her attention to other things to fill the hours.

Miss Williams and Mrs. Peddycord are the last survivors of the eight children of Capt. John Williams, who lost his life in the Civil War.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock from Deep Creek Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. G. Allgood.

## SIX INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Small Child Remains in Serious Condition at Hugh Chatham Hospital

### MACHINE TURNS OVER

Six persons were injured in an automobile wreck about four miles west of Elkin on the Ronda highway Sunday afternoon. Of the six, Virginia Billings, 2, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Billings, remains in a serious condition as the result of a fractured skull. Injuries sustained by the others were not of a serious nature although of the six, three are still confined to the hospital.

Those injured, in addition to Virginia Billings, were Mrs. Ethel Billings, W. M. S. Billings, William Billings, 72, Dwight Billings, 4, and A. M. and Claude Burcham. Mrs. Billings, Dwight, her son, and Claude Burcham, have been dismissed. The others are said to be getting along satisfactorily, with the exception of the baby.

The car was driven by Claude Billings. He told officers he lost control while he was attempting to pass another car and that it overturned, skidding several feet on its top. The machine was badly wrecked.

Occupants of the car are from Roaring River.

## NEW CONGRESS IS TO MAKE SPENDING ISSUE OF SESSION

Evidence of Big Battle Is Developing

### IS READING MESSAGE

Best Available Estimates Are Budget Will Total About Eight Billion

### SEN. GLASS IS OPPOSED

Washington, Dec. 20.—New evidence that President Roosevelt's spending policies will provide the 76th Congress with its most controversial topic piled up rapidly today as the Chief Executive put the final touches to his annual state-of-the-union message.

An early clash between foes and proponents of spending was foreshadowed when leaders of two powerful organizations, the Farmers' Union and the Workers' Alliance, told the President that they are strenuously opposed to proposed cuts in farm benefit or relief appropriations.

Earlier Senator Alva B. Adams (D), Colo., who steered Mr. Roosevelt's huge spend-lead bill through the last session, and Senator Pat Harrison (D), Miss., chairman of the influential Senate finance committee, inferentially warned the White House that the gap between federal revenues and expenditures must be closed, or increased taxation is inevitable.

To their voices was added that of Senator Carter Glass (D), Va., chairman of the Senate appropriations committee and persistent critic of new deal spending. He pointed out that Congress is not bound by budget estimates and could cut appropriations either in committee or on the floor.

He suggested that the most feasible way to achieve a balance of revenues and expenditures is by reducing budget expenses, but added laconically, that he "does not anticipate" such action on the part of administration agencies.

Best available estimates are that the President's budget will total about \$8,000,000,000, perhaps slightly more. His figures have been closely guarded but his annual message may give some indications, especially regarding national defense outlays which are expected to account for more than \$1,000,000,000.

### TO PRESENT CANTATA AT JONESVILLE CHURCH

"The Child Jesus," a cantata by Norman Lighthill, will be presented by the Jonesville Baptist church choir at the church Sunday evening, December 25, at 5:30.

Sixteen members of the choir will take part in the presentation. Soloists are: Soprano, Miss Virginia Lineberry; tenor, Leon Martin; baritone, F. A. Lineberry; bass, Arthur Martin. Other outstanding parts will be taken by Miss Emma Eller, Mrs. C. L. Davis, Mrs. William Freeman, Miss Lorraine Lineberry, Mrs. M. A. Holcomb, Mrs. Odell Holcomb, Miss Evelyn Arnold and D. R. Casstevens.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Ancient Aztec Indians used an oil obtained from black widow spiders as a pain remedy.

### Here's Tip on How to Stamp Christmas Cards

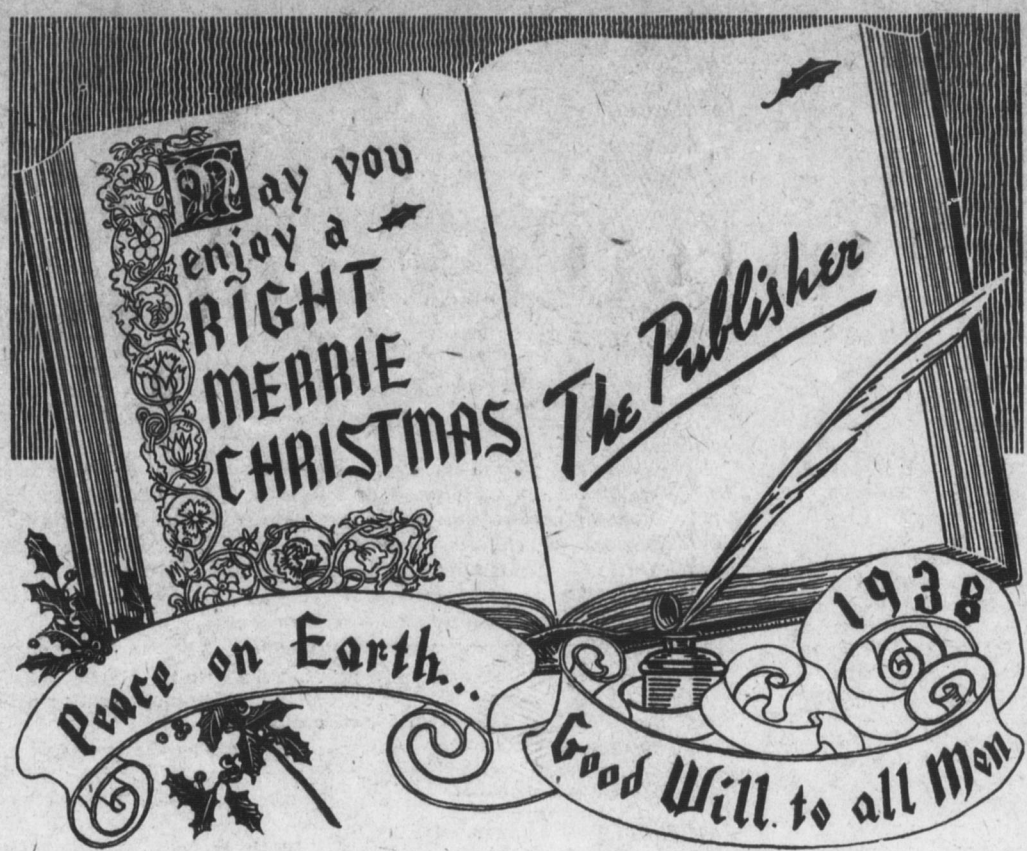
Here's a tip to folks who haven't finished mailing Christmas cards:

If you want your cards to get there on time, or get there at all, observe these simple rules:

Seal all envelope cards bearing local address that have one-cent stamps on them. If you don't, they will be returned to you for an additional one-half cent postage.

Don't seal envelope cards addressed out of town if you expect them to go for a cent and a half.

Maybe it will be a good idea to clip this information and have it handy next time you mail a batch. According to Postmaster F. W. Graham, lots of folks have been all haled up as to their Christmas card postage.



## PLAN NEW SURVEY FOR STREET HERE

Property Owners Object to Construction of Road; Matter Is Held Up

### WOULD MAR PROPERTY

Holding a special meeting Tuesday night in the Elkin tax office, the Elkin board of commissioners discussed the proposed construction of a new street extending from the west end of Market street to join Elk Spur near the intersection of Elk Spur and the Shoe Factory road.

No action was taken and the matter was tabled pending a new survey by the state highway commission. Considerable opposition to the construction of the road has been expressed due to the fact that it is claimed the street would mar several pieces of valuable residential property.

The new survey will seek another route which might prove more acceptable to property owners concerned, it is understood.

With the last link of the Elkin-North Wilkesboro road to be constructed soon, considerable traffic which now goes from Winston-Salem to North Wilkesboro by Yadkinville and the Boone Trail, will travel by way of Elkin. A street from Market straight through to Elk Spur would provide a direct route through Elkin, it is claimed.

In event the new street was constructed, a bridge would have to be built over Big Elkin creek.

## DR. W. A. TRIVETTE PASSES TUESDAY

Was One of Best-Known Physicians of Western North Carolina

### IS SURVIVED BY WIDOW

Dr. W. A. Trivette, 50, one of the best known physicians of Western North Carolina, died at a Statesville hospital Tuesday afternoon, where he had been ill from pneumonia for the past two weeks.

Dr. Trivette served in France with the United States medical corps during the World War. He had operated the Trivette Clinic at his home near Union Grove Iredell county, since his return from the war.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gwendolyn Hartley Trivette, four brothers, Eugene Trivette, of North Wilkesboro; Dr. Parks Trivette, of Mooresville; D. A. Trivette, of Greensboro; Sylvanus Trivette, of Winston-Salem; and four sisters, Mrs. Emma Sale, Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. J. N. Binkley, of Union Grove, and Mrs. Donald Moorefield, of Harmony.

### INSTALLATION OF OIL HEATER NEARLY DONE

Installation will be completed this week of a modern oil heating plant in the First Baptist church in this city. When completed the plant will heat the entire church, both upstairs and down, and will be quite an improvement over the former hot air furnace.

## To Judge Home Lights Here December 23

Judging in the home lighting contest here, which is being sponsored by The Elkin Woman's Club, will be held on Friday night, December 23. Those competing for the prizes are urged to turn on their lights early and burn them as late as possible each night during the Christmas season. The prize money, which totals \$10.00, is being donated equally by the club and Duke Power company.

## MT. AIRY CHILDREN PERISH IN BLAZE

Tragedy struck suddenly in the home of Foy Midkiff, of Mt. Airy, about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, when fire claimed the lives of the three Midkiff children, all under five years of age.

The children were left alone in the home while their mother went to their grandmother's house a short distance away. She returned to find the house a roaring mass of flames with all three children trapped inside.

The bodies were so badly burned it was almost impossible to identify them. One was charred to a crisp.

The flames were thought to have started from an open grate. Names of the children were not available here Wednesday afternoon.

## SCULPTURE TO BE PLACED IN P. O.

Art Work Is to Depict Important Point in Historic Development of Elkin

### CONTRIBUTED BY GOV'T.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20—(WNS)—A sculptured relief in plaster, to be done by a New York artist, will be placed in the lobby of the Elkin postoffice within a few months.

This will be the Federal Government's contribution to art in Elkin.

Anita Weschler, 23 MacDougal Alley, New York City, has been awarded a contract to do the work. Miss Weschler attracted the attention of officials of the section of painting and sculpture of the Treasury Department with her work in the Bronx, New York, postoffice art competition.

She is rated as one of the better young sculptresses of the Metropolitan Area.

The relief will be hard-finished and painted, and will be constructed around a theme involving an important point in the historical development of Elkin.

## KIWANIANS HOSTS TO LOCAL NURSES

Will Stage Annual Christmas Auction Sale at Meeting This Evening

### PROCEEDS TO CHARITY

Nurses of Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital were the guests of the Elkin Kiwanis club at a banquet at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

The nurses were welcomed by Kiwanian W. M. Allen.

Following the banquet, a brief program was staged by a group made up of Gene Hall, Leon Martin, Virginia Lineberry, Magdalene Martin, Byron Bryan, Dorothy Colhard, Lillian Browning and Alan Browning, Jr., featuring as its climax a burlesque operation in which the leg of the patient was sawed off with a meat saw.

At this evening's meeting of the club, the Kiwanians will hold their annual Christmas auction sale, proceeds of which will go to the fund to provide Christmas cheer for less fortunate families. Large sums have been raised in this way each year, and this evening's auction is expected to be a big success. The auction will be open to anyone who wishes to bid on the various articles offered for sale, and thus aid in a worthy cause.

## USE PLANE TO SPOT STILLS

Over 60 Taken in Wilkes in One Week by Government Men in This Way

### FEW MEN CAPTURED

Between 60 and 70 stills have been destroyed in Wilkes county during the past week as the result of airplane scouting trips by alcohol tax unit investigators, it has been learned from unofficial but reliable sources.

However, although the airplane acts as an aid to officers in spotting whisky plants, it also acts as a warning to operators, who make haste in leaving the scene after a plane swoops down near the treetops overhead. Less than half a dozen arrests have been made to date as the result of the raids, it was said.

Brush arbors, erected over the stills in the ravines have failed to thwart the efforts of the raiders, who chart suspicious looking places and return to them on foot.

### CHRISTMAS SETTING ERECTED AT HOSPITAL

Through the courtesy of civic organizations and individuals a beautiful Christmas setting has been arranged at the entrance to Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital. The setting is a life-size figure of "The Shepherd and His Flock," and lighted electrically it presents an impressive scene.

Citizens of the town and community are invited to drive by and view the scene and those desiring to do so are reminded that it is much more impressive after dark when it is lighted.

## BITTER FIGHT ON MEDICINE IMMINENT AFTER INDICTMENT

Action on Anti-Trust Count Gets Quick Response

### ARE TO FIGHT CHARGE

American Medical Association and Others Named by Federal Body

### AGAINST HEALTH UNIT

Washington, Dec. 20—A legal fight fraught with major import for the future history of medical care in the United States began today when a federal grand jury indicted the American Medical Association, three affiliated societies, and 21 leading physicians on a charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

The medical association announced immediately that it would throw all its energies into the battle against the charge. Dr. Morris Fishbein, leader in the association, said at Chicago that its house of delegates had authorized its board of directors to "defend the case to the limit."

The indictment grows out of a fight by organized medicine against Group Health association, incorporated, a co-operative set up in Washington to provide medical care for government workers who pay periodical, risk-sharing fees in advance.

The charge is that the defendants conspired to restrain trade by preventing physicians hired by the co-operative from practicing in Washington hospitals or consulting with other doctors. It is also alleged that one doctor was ousted from the District of Columbia medical society because of his work with the co-operative, and that proceedings were started against another for the same reason.

Thurman Arnold, new assistant attorney general who contends the anti-trust laws have not been rigorously enforced in the past, instituted the action against the medical association and the others named defendants today.

## Small Boy Writes Old Santa Claus For Cowboy Suit

A small boy is lying in bed at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital happily awaiting the visit of Santa Claus Saturday night. For when Santa comes, he is going to bring the youngster a cowboy suit, in addition to apples, oranges, nuts and candy.

Or so the youngster firmly believes, for didn't he write Santa a letter and tell him that is what he wants. Sure he will bring all that was asked for, especially the cowboy suit, for Santa is good to good little boys.

And Billy has been a good little boy. Good while hospital surgeons have performed over a dozen operations on his little body in order to make him strong again. Uncomplaining as, week after week has slipped by with but slight change in his condition.

Yes sir, Billy knows that Santa is going to bring that cowboy suit. But what he doesn't know is that his parents, both of Elkin, are hard pressed, what with hospital bills to pay, and can give Santa but little aid.

And that's where you may come in. Anyone wishing to contribute small amounts to go toward helping Santa bring Billy the cowboy suit may do so by leaving the money at The Tribune office. All donations will be promptly turned over to Miss Abrams, of the hospital nursing staff, who will take the matter up at once with the jolly old fellow. But hurry.

## Tribune Office To Be Closed Saturday, Monday

The Tribune office will be closed Saturday and Monday in observance of Christmas in order that employees may enjoy a few days of rest during the holidays.

Although to be closed Monday, next week's issue of the paper will appear at its regular time.