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SURRY COUNTY TO GET AUTO CHECK STATION

One Of 36 Motor Vehicle Inspection Lanes In State DESIGNATED AS LANE 8

To Serve Surry, Wilkes And Alleghany Counties; Vannoy Named Inspector

LANE 9 SERVES YADKIN

Headquarters for one of the 36 mechanical inspection lanes to be opened throughout the state in 1948 for the inspection of motor vehicles will be located in Surry County, according to an announcement by Arthur T. Moore, director of the new program.

William A. Vannoy of Cricket, has been named inspector of the station, which has been designated as Lane Number 8, and which will serve Surry, Wilkes and Alleghany Counties.

It was not known yesterday whether Elkin, Mount Airy, or some other town in the county would be selected as the site of the inspection lane. The Butner-McLeod Motor Company here has offered facilities for setting up the lane on its property.

Lane Number 9 will be set up in Statesville and will serve Yadkin, Davie and Iredell Counties. Hal Walton, Jr., of Morganton has been named inspector in that area.

The opening dates of most lanes has not been set. The department of motor vehicles announced that around 75 applicants for inspectors' posts under the new mechanical inspection program had been notified to report to Chapel Hill on January 5 to attend a two-week training school.

The school will be conducted by the Institute of Government. Another school will begin January 19 to train the remaining 200-odd inspectors who will check around 875,000 North Carolina vehicles in 1948.

Under the mechanical inspection program every motor vehicle must be inspected once next year and twice a year thereafter.

WALLACE WILL BE CANDIDATE

Announces Monday Night That He Is Seeking Presidency On Third Ticket

MAKES RADIO ADDRESS

Probably the most important development in recent U. S. political history was the announcement Monday night of Henry A. Wallace that he would head a third party ticket for President in the 1948 race.

In a radio broadcast from Chicago, the former vice-president and cabinet member told his listeners that he was taking the step because he believed the present course of the United States is leading toward another depression and another war.

Admitting in effect that his chances of election would be slim, Wallace declared nevertheless that the people should have a "chance to vote for peace and prosperity."

Most observers considered the principal effect of Wallace' step would be a substantial weakening of President Truman's chances for being re-elected.

The one-time New Deal favorite of President Franklin Roosevelt asserted that "there is no real fight between a Truman and a Republican. Both stand for a policy which opens the door to war in our lifetime and makes war certain for our children." He said that "when the old parties rot, the people have a right to be heard through a new party."

In 15 months of traveling across the country, Wallace declared that he had talked with half a million people in public meetings and with thousands in private gatherings, and that everywhere he found "confusion, uncertainty and fear." A vote for the new party, he said, would be a vote for old-fashioned Americanism, for freedom of speech and assembly, for the fight against racial discrimination and high prices, for free labor unions, jobs and homes.

Wallace is assured the backing of various "progressive" groups and the Communist Party.

To get his name certified in North Carolina as a candidate, at least 10,000 qualified voters in the state must sign a petition asking the North Carolina Board of Elections to have his name included on the ballot. Some observers feel that Wallace could get the necessary 10,000 votes from Negroes.

VFW Distributes Two Truck Loads Of Xmas Goods

Two truck loads of food, clothing and toys were distributed among a total of 35 children and 14 adults during the Christmas holidays by members of the William J. Jones VFW post.

The contributions were made by merchants of Jonesville and Elkin and included candy, fruit, nuts and other items of Christmas goods.

VFW members in charge of the distribution were Joe Harris, Claude Stuart, Kemp Lewis, Carl Hinson and Bill Harris.

G. D. HINSON DIES SUICIDE

Former Elkin Man Shoots Self With Rifle In Danville Friday

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

George Dewey Hinson, 49, formerly of this city and more recently of Danville, Va., committed suicide Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home. According to relatives here no reason for the self inflicted rifle shot has been determined.

Mr. Hinson moved from Elkin to Danville seven years ago. While living here he was employed at the Chatham Manufacturing Company and farmed at his home in North Elkin. At the time of his death he was employed at a cotton mill in Danville.

He was twice married, first to Miss Archie Lyons of Wilkes County, who preceded him in death 25 years ago. He was married later to Mrs. Maude Hanks Carico who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters by the first marriage, Mrs. Nina Cheek and Mrs. Ina Crouse of near Thurmond; seven children by the second marriage, all of the home in Danville; mother, Mrs. Nancy Hinson of Thurmond; one sister, Mrs. Elmah Rhoads, of Elkin; and four brothers, Worlic Hinson, Thurmond; Claude, Shelly and Guy Hinson, all of Elkin.

Funeral was conducted Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at Charity Methodist Church in Wilkes county. Rev. Grover Tilley was in charge of the rites and interment was made in the church cemetery.

D. CUPID DOES RUSH BUSINESS

Eighteen Marriage License Are Issued During The Christmas Holidays

FROM DECEMBER 22-30

Cupid did a rushing business in Surry County during the Christmas holidays. Records in the office of Mrs. Bertha M. Shinault, Register of Deeds, at Dobson, show a total of 18 marriage licenses issued during the period from December 22 to 30.

Licenses were issued to the following couples:

December 22—Thomas W. Coe, 19, Ararat, and Jane Caudle, 18, Mount Airy; Denton Wilmoth, 21, and Lucille Draughn, 19, both of Dobson; Sherman Bledsoe, 22, and Bessie Jenkins, 18, both of Dobson; Leonard Ray Hayes, 30, Elkin, and Paris Wood, 35, Mountain Park.

December 23—Julius C. Cook, 55, Pinnacle, and Pearl Highfill, 20, Yadkinville; Columbus Wood, 19, Mount Airy, and Ethel Lee Adams, 17, Lowgap; Stanley King, Jr., 22, Lexington, Ky., and Janie Lowry, 18, Mount Airy; Fred Hudson, 28, and Lena Mae Wood, 24, both of Dobson.

December 25—Aldine Wilson, 23, Pilot Mountain, and Lois Venable, 24, Mount Airy; Joseph W. Gwyn, 21, Toast, and Virginia Roberts, 18, Mount Airy; Ray Blackburn, 27, and Zetta Easter, 19, both of Mount Airy; Robert McMillan, 19, Mount Airy, and Retha Billings, 17, Dobson.

December 26—Odell Hutchens, 22, and Betty Key, 20, both of Dobson.

December 29—Pinkney Trotter, 27, and Ruth Stroud, 33, both of Chapel Hill; Robert Lynch, 78, Pilot Mountain, and Hessie Clifton, 67, Mount Airy; David A. Gentry, 16, and Mary Elizabeth Adams, 18, both of State Road; Paul Beasley, 19, and Vernell Joyce, 23, both of Mount Airy.

December 30—Robert Lee Cole, 22, Great Bend, Kansas, and Frances Alice Long, 18, Elkin.



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THE difference between 1947 and 1948 can be measured in the imperceptible tick of a clock, in the clasp of a hand or in a chorus of Auld Lang Syne. It is the sum of the past, gathered in a moment, and perhaps a swift vision of the future.

When the New Year pauses on that pinnacle of time to draw its first breath, the distance which separates our dreams from their fulfillment appears to be but a short step. Yet, in the same instant, we glance back at the past lying across a gulf too wide for crossing. We find ourselves on a pivot of eternity.

The real significance of the New Year lies in the fact that it marks a rebirth of the will to achieve, and of ambition and hope over the world and among the world's peoples.

We dedicate that renewal of strength to all of you, as we, the publishers, wish you a most sincere

HAPPY NEW YEAR

COURT TERM TO BEGIN MONDAY

Eugene Childress Scheduled To Get New Trial For Fatal Shooting Of Wife

DOCKET LISTS 95 CASES

A new trial for Eugene Childress, Mount Airy taxicab driver, is scheduled for the January term of Surry Superior Court, which will convene in Dobson Monday with Judge Allen H. Gwyn presiding.

Childress was convicted of second degree murder for the fatal shooting of his wife and sentenced to prison at a recent session, but was granted a new trial on appeal to the State Supreme Court.

The court docket lists 95 criminal cases, including 27 drunk driving charges.

Marshall Soots, Elkin man, faces a charge of assault on children during the term of court.

Bank, Post Office Observe New Year's

The Bank of Elkin will be closed (Thursday) since January 1 is a legal holiday, officials said yesterday.

The post office will also be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

Regular business hours will be resumed Friday.

Local Man Is Bound Over Under \$300 Bond

Sam Brown of Elkin, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was bound over to the Superior term of court this week at a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall. His bond was set at \$300.

DOBSON MAYOR RESIGNS POST

Frank Freeman Submits Resignation Due To Demands of Law Practice

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31

Attorney Frank Freeman, mayor of Dobson since 1945, has tendered his resignation to the board of commissioners.

In quitting the post, Mr. Freeman stated that the demands of his law practice were such that he could not give the office the time and attention it deserved. His resignation was effective December 31.

Mr. Freeman took office in May, 1945, was re-elected in 1946 and again this year.

The board of commissioners had not named a successor to fill out Mr. Freeman's unexpired term yesterday, but Commissioner F. B. Madison was mentioned as a probable appointee for the office.

CLUB TO INDUCT NEW OFFICIALS

Kiwanis District Governor Eugene J. Coltrane To Have Charge

LADIES' NIGHT MEETING

Eugene J. Coltrane, newly elected Kiwanis District Governor, will install new officials of the Elkin Kiwanis Club this evening (Thursday), at the ladies' night meeting at the Gilvin Roth YMCA. The meeting will begin at 7:00 o'clock.

New officers to be installed are Linville Hendren, president, who will succeed C. C. Poindexter; C. H. Leary, vice-president, who will succeed Mr. Hendren in that capacity, and J. L. Hall, secretary-treasurer, who will succeed himself. New directors are R. W. Harris, C. J. Hyslop, T. C. McKnight, E. S. Spainhour, N. H. Carpenter, Walter Combs, George Royall, and D. G. Smith. Retiring President Poindexter automatically becomes a member of the board.

An entertaining program has been planned by the program committee under the direction of C. N. Myers, D. G. Smith and George Royall.

Let this oil shortage keep up, and the young sprouts will understand why folks took fewer baths in the good old days.

1947 RECEIPTS AT LOCAL P. O. SHOW DECLINE

Business 10 Per Cent Under Last Year

DECEMBER SHOWS GAIN

Christmas Greeting Mailing Heaviest In History; 120,000 Stamps Sold

RUSH PERIOD 15 TO 25

Receipts at the Elkin post office for 1947 were approximately 10 per cent under those of 1946, but the Christmas card business this year was the heaviest in history, according to Assistant Postmaster R. S. Graham.

In the 10-day period from December 15 to 25, approximately 100,000 one and one-half cent stamps and around 20,000 three-cent stamps were sold for the record Christmas greeting mailing, Mr. Graham said.

December, however, was the only month of the year which showed an increase over the corresponding month in 1946. With many thousand stamps sold prior to the final 10-day rush period, December receipts show a gain of seven per cent, although final total receipts have not been calculated.

Trials Are Scheduled In Fatality Cases

Trials of two important cases involving fatal accidents in Yadkin county have been set for trial before Magistrate J. E. Shew.

John Wilson Moore is scheduled for a hearing tomorrow (Friday) Jan. 2, at 10 a. m. on a charge of manslaughter involving the death of Gurney Hutchens in East Bend on September 8th. The case has been continued several times, the last time two weeks ago because of the continued illness of Elise Martin who was with Mr. Hutchens when he was fatally injured.

Mr. Martin was badly injured at the time and was compelled to go back to the hospital and have some bones re-broken and re-set.

Marion Haire, well known citizen of Center, will be given a hearing on January 6th, at 10 o'clock in the morning before Magistrate Shew on a charge of manslaughter in the death of Mrs. C. P. Tice, who was allegedly struck by a car driven by Haire in East Yadkinville when it was said she stepped on to the highway in front of his car.

License Office Here To Be Closed Jan. 1

The local Carolina Motor Club office at Butner-McLeod Motor Company in North Elkin will be closed New Year's Day, Manager Ernest McCrary stated yesterday.

The office will re-open Friday for the sale of 1948 license plates. Motorists have until January 31 to obtain their new tags.

Hold Three In Jail In Death Of Patrolman



T. B. Whatley Dies Monday Of Gun Wound

Three men are being held without bond in connection with the fatal shooting of State Highway Patrolman Thomas B. Whatley Sunday night near Robbinsville, according to Graham County Sheriff Boone Crisp.

Patrolman Whatley, formerly of Elkin, died early Monday morning of gunshot wounds received while assisting Graham County officers in their search for a man wanted on an assault charge.

Boone Carver, 32, of Robbinsville, Claude Jones, 31, and Carter Riddle, 25, are the three men being held for the shooting. Carver and Riddle are in the Swain County jail at Bryson City and Jones is in the Graham County jail at Robbinsville.

Patrolman Whatley had gone with Sheriff Crisp and Rural Policeman George Sawyers to the Jones home to serve a warrant on Carver, it was reported, when a high calibre rifle bullet fired through the door struck Patrolman Whatley near the heart.

The sheriff summoned aid and threw a cordon of about 25 deputized citizens and officers around the house. Riddle came out with his hands over his head after several shots had been fired. Jones fled, but was captured a short time later. Carver was arrested in the house.

Jones had been residing in the house, Sheriff Crisp said. The sheriff said the three men had been drinking.

Patrolman Whatley died at an Andrews hospital about 7:30 Monday morning. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vascoe Whatley of Allendale, S. C., and lived here for several years, where his father was an electrician with Chatham Manufacturing Company. He was graduated from Elkin High School and attended N. C. State College at Raleigh before entering the army air corps. He served three years and was discharged as a staff sergeant. He returned to N. C. State College after the war.

Patrolman Whatley was graduated from the State Highway Patrol School at Chapel Hill Sept. 1. He was then assigned to Murphy for training and was recently transferred to Robbinsville.

Surviving are the parents and two brothers, Billy and Vascoe Whatley, Jr., all of Allendale, South Carolina.

The funeral is scheduled for today (Thursday) in Allendale.

CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL \$309.05

Groceries Distributed Among 11 Needy Families; \$100 Remains In Fund

GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED

Additional contributions to The Tribune Christmas Fund last week brought the total to \$309.05, and other gifts of clothing were added to those already donated and recognized in last week's issue of the paper.

Most of the money was spent for grocery supplies, which were distributed among 11 families on the basis of size and need. A small amount was used to purchase medicine, and approximately \$100 remains in the fund and will be used within the next few weeks as needs arise.

Rev. Joseph Brown, who gave a great amount of his time and effort in the project, made the purchases and directed the preparation of baskets for delivery. He was assisted by Mrs. C. W. Rogers, Mrs. Raymond Harris, Miss Grace Laffoon, Mrs. Carl Boyles, Mrs. T. A. Leeper, Mrs. A. T. Whittington, Dr. Frank Walker, Mrs. Owen Reece, Howard Windsor and Mrs. H. F. Laffoon.

Dale Aldridge and Tommy James, Boy Scouts, assisted Rev. Brown, H. F. Laffoon and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Walker with deliveries of the baskets.

R. G. Smith gave a ton of coal to each of five families in need.

Contributions which came in after The Tribune had gone to press last week were:

Miss Evelyn Howard \$ 5.00
A Friend \$ 5.00
Linville Hendren \$ 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neaves \$ 5.00

Mrs. Raymond Harris' Intermediate Girls Sunday School Class, Methodist Church \$ 2.15

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dixon, bicycle and Clothing
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashby and children Clothing
Mrs. Dixie Byrd Glenn Clothing

S. M. VESTAL PASSES HERE

Yadkin Native Dies Early Wednesday Morning; Seriously Ill Four Days

LIVED NEAR BOONVILLE

Sanford Marion Vestal, 92, died early yesterday (Wednesday) morning at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital where he had been a patient since Sunday night. He had been seriously ill four days.

A native of Yadkin county, Mr. Vestal spent his entire life in the Boonville community where he



CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES — Above are some of the volunteers who helped prepare Christmas baskets for 11 needy families here last week. The supplies were made possible through contributions of citizens in response to The Tribune's appeal for families in need. More than \$300 in money and a large supply of clothing, food and toys were contributed. Miss Grace Laffoon is filling a basket in the foreground in the above picture. From left to right in the background are Mrs. H. F. Laffoon, Mrs. R. W. Harris, Dr. Frank Walker, Mrs. Carl Boyles, Mrs. C. W. Rogers, Rev. Joseph Brown, Mrs. T. A. Leeper, Mrs. A. T. Whittington and Mrs. Owen Reece.

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