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Well, Carolina is in the sugar again.

If a fellow had a million dollars no doubt
 he could please almost everyone on his gift
 list.

Speaking of the weather, can't anyone
 deny that we've had plenty of rain of late,
 but quite generously regulated not to mar
 Thanksgiving Day and the official arrival in
 Elkin of Santa Claus.

We don't fully agree with those who say
 that Christmas is commercialized too much.
 There wouldn't be any fun in a Christmas in
 which we couldn't give gifts, and if the
 stores didn't provide them, where would we
 get them?

Let's Not Forget

At this time of the year as we are all
 excitedly preparing for Christmas and the
 annual visit from Santa Claus, let's not forget
 that all people are not so fortunate as we are,
 and that unless we aid there are families and
 little children to whom Christmas will be
 just another bleak, cheerless day.

Last year a large number of less for-
 tunate families in this and neighboring com-
 munities were aided at Christmas with gifts
 of groceries and fruit, clothing and toys, and
 in some instances, money, through a fund
 made possible by many generous people of
 Elkin, Jonesville and vicinity. This fund was
 headed by Rev. Joseph C. Brown, at that
 time pastor of the Elkin Pilgrim Church,
 who almost single handed investigated the
 needs of a great many families and was the
 driving spirit in organizing the efforts to
 aid them.

The Tribune was glad to have had a part
 in this Christmas Cheer program, and
 through its news and editorial columns, ap-
 pealed to its readers for gifts of money,
 clothing and toys. Thanks to the generosity
 of a great many people, over \$300 in cash
 was received and many items of clothing and
 toys contributed, including fuel, blankets
 and other needed items.

This year a Christian Charity Commit-
 tee has been formed to conduct this impor-
 tant work, headed by Rev. George Farah,
 who recently succeeded Mr. Brown as pastor
 of the Pilgrim Church. Mr. Farah was named
 chairman of the committee by the local
 Ministerial Association, which also appointed
 T. C. McKnight, J. L. Hall and Rev. Ralph
 Ritchie to take part in the work. Mrs. W.
 T. Roth was named secretary-treasurer.

The Tribune will again act this year as a
 receiving station for foods, clothing, toys and
 other items which might be contributed, and
 will acknowledge in its news columns all
 gifts contributed.

It is the sincere hope of everyone con-
 nected with the Christmas Cheer program
 that the citizens of our community will be as
 generous as was the case last year. All of us
 should remember those who, through circum-
 stances beyond their control, cannot have a
 merry Christmas without aid. We mustn't
 forget the children to whom Santa Claus is
 very real, yet who will find their little stock-
 ings empty on Christmas morning if Santa
 doesn't have some assistance.

Christmas is a season of gift giving.
 What greater gift than to those who are
 needy?

False Rumors Can Hurt

Although this department last week
 stressed the great importance of buying
 Christmas Seals because the money so spent
 goes into the never-ending fight against
 tuberculosis, it was not aware at the time
 that there were rumors current locally that
 a majority of the money thus contributed
 went out of Elkin into other communities,
 and that Elkin did not receive its share of
 the benefits of the drive.

Mrs. Daisy Crouse, county health nurse
 in the local health office, who certainly is in
 position to know the falseness of these rum-
 ors, appeared considerably disturbed when
 she requested The Tribune to set the record

straight. Not only has Elkin benefitted
 greatly by the tuberculosis funds expended
 in the past year, she said, but it has received
 more than its share.

It's a pity that in such an important mat-
 ter as this the rumor mongers should step in
 and, in voicing objections that they do not
 know to be facts, hurt not only the people of
 their own community, but others in the coun-
 ty as well. When it comes to fighting one of
 our most dread diseases, it is a time for
 everyone to work together and forget petty
 differences and jealousies. The annual drive
 for funds with which to combat tuberculosis
 is a drive that can mean the difference be-
 tween life and death, and is no matter to be
 bandied around on the tongues of gossips
 and rumor spreaders.

In the two X-ray surveys held in Surry
 county during the past year, a total of 11-
 210 X-ray films were taken. Of this num-
 ber, approximately one-fourth were made in
 Elkin. However, records in black and white
 disclose that Elkin did not contribute one-
 fourth of the money which made this local
 service possible.

These facts, as given by the county
 health department, should certainly spike the
 rumors that Elkin isn't getting value received,
 and should prompt everyone to pitch in
 and pay their own way in this important
 matter. When it comes to a disease like
 tuberculosis, who pays what isn't important.
 It's the gains made in the battle that count.

Efforts are now being made to expand
 the health service in regard to tuberculosis,
 by the purchase of a mobile X-ray unit that
 can be carried to homes in the county, no
 matter how remote. With such a unit the
 present program could be so augmented that
 practically all cases of T. B. could be located
 and treatment begun.

Purchase of Christmas Seals provides the
 opportunity for us all to aid in this great
 cause. Shall we consider the plight of suf-
 fering humanity and be generous with our
 dollars, or shall we sit back and allow idle
 tongues to seriously impair the entire pro-
 gram?

The YMCA Drive

Although we think the Gilvin Roth
 YMCA has such a hold upon the hearts and
 minds of the people of this and neighboring
 communities that it is unlikely the current
 membership drive could be a failure, it might
 be wise that this department refresh the
 minds of those who might possibly have
 overlooked the great work this valuable in-
 stitution is doing.

The "Y" has become a byword in this
 community since its inauguration a number
 of years ago, and it could be that we have
 come to take it so much for granted that we
 could lose sight of the fact that it takes
 money to keep it going, even as it takes
 money to keep any business or home going.
 And as an instrument which serves all the
 people, it is up to all the people to contribute
 through their memberships, to the "Y."

It must be admitted that, considering
 what one receives for his or her membership
 fee, that the "Y" is a great bargain. Not
 only does it have its programs devoted to
 youth of all ages; not only is it a potent foe
 against the causes of juvenile delinquency,
 it is also a community center on a scale
 which few other communities can boast.

Not to be a member of the YMCA; not to
 be entitled to the services it provides, both
 educational and recreational, is to miss some-
 thing very worthwhile in life. And when it
 is taken into consideration that the privi-
 leges and benefits of the "Y" cost only
 three dollars per year for an adult and one
 dollar per year for a child of school age, any-
 one who begrudges the cost of a membership
 cannot recognize a bargain when they see it.

Elkin's Y.M.C.A. is devoted solely to the
 service of the people of Elkin and neighbor-
 ing communities. Staffed by competent,
 trained personnel, its youth program alone is
 worth all it costs. And this year, in addition
 to all its other benefits, a wonderful camp
 high atop the Blue Ridge mountains, has
 been added, complete with electricity, run-
 ning water and a swimming pool. No more
 ideal site than that overlooking Stone Moun-
 tain could have been selected.

When you are asked to renew your mem-
 bership, remember what the YMCA stands
 for and the work it is doing. And remember,
 too, that you should again have a part in this
 work. If you are not now a member, ask
 yourself if you can afford not to invest a
 few dollars in an institution that is so much
 a part of, and plays such an important part
 in, your community.

And remember, too that you can take out
 a sustaining membership that will not only
 give you all rights and privileges, but will
 make it possible for some child to also have
 a membership who otherwise would not have
 this coveted privilege.

Join the "Y" today.

There has been very little in the news
 since the election about Mr. Truman's new
 White House balcony, now that there is no
 possibility of Tom sitting on it.

There is nothing so bleak as gay Christ-
 mas decorations the day after.



YADKIN 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS — Officers of the Yadkin County 4-H Club Council elected during the recent achievement day at Yadkinville are (left to right) Bobby Gray of Jonesville, boys song leader; Jeanette Myers of Jonesville, girls song leader; Lillian Maynard of Courtney, president; Peggy Bell of West Yadkin, secretary and treasurer; Ann Shore of Boonville, pianist; and Billy Gray Hinshaw, reporter, Donald Ean of East Bend, vice-president, was not present when the picture was made.



YADKIN ACHIEVEMENT DAY WINNERS — Two pictures above show winners in the various projects in 4-H Club work in Yadkin County for the current year, as announced at the recent Achievement Day exercises. In the top picture, left to right, are; Carl Bryant, Jonesville, meat animal; Ed Hobson, Boonville, soil conservation; Colleen Reavis, Courtney, clothing achievement; Olivia Martin, Courtney, food preparation; Arlis Nell Steelman, Boonville, dress revue; Nellie Sue Norman, Boonville, home improvement; Nell Jean Moxley, Yadkinville (award not listed), and Barbara Hanes, Jonesville, canning. In the lower picture are: Rodney Oliver, West Yadkin, crop unit; Mary Frances Martin, Courtney, frozen foods; Donald Craver, Courtney, home beautification; Lillian Maynard, Courtney, girls' record in health; Fred Vestal, Boonville, poultry; Betty Brawley, Courtney, forestry; Sue Johnson, West Yadkin, leadership; and Phyllis Ann Fleming, Boonville, dairy production.

Holiday Decorating Contest To Be Held

A holiday home decorating contest will be sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club to encourage the people of Jonesville and Elkin to decorate their homes for the Christmas season.

Six competent judges have been chosen by the club, who on Wednesday night, December 22, will select the most beautiful or outstanding holiday homes. Two prizes will be awarded: one for exterior decoration; the other, for interior decoration, with emphasis on the living room.

All citizens are invited to participate in the contest, in order to make Christmas more festive and delightful.

Persons interested in taking part in the contest are requested to call Mrs. James Harrell, phone 509-M, or Mrs. Claude McNeill, Jr., phone 103-M, before December 22, if they wish to have their homes judged for either interior or exterior decorations, or both.

BIRTHS

Births at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital during the past week were as follows:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Johnson, Rusk, November 24, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fleming, Yadkinville, November 25, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Finnix, State Road, November 26, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenwood, Elkin, November 26, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. George Farah, Elkin, November 27, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swain, Ronda, November 27, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Burson, Boonville, November 28, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brown, East Bend, November 28, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus White, Elkin, November 28, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lawrence, Elkin, November 29, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eads, Siloam, November 29, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Southard, Elkin, November 30, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finney, Jonesville, November 30, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Settle, Elkin, November 30, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pardue, Jonesville, November 30, a daughter.

Custodial Position Open At Post Office

Applications for a position as custodial laborer for the Elkin branch United States Postoffice will be taken until December 10, it was announced this week.

Competition in this examination is restricted by law to persons entitled to veteran preference. Applications from non-veterans will not be accepted, postal representatives said.

The position of chairman will be filled as a result of this examination. The salary range is from \$1.10 to \$1.25 per hour.

Applications should be filed with the local postoffice not later than December 10.

With the Sick

Patients admitted to the local hospital during the past week were as follows:

Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Rusk; Mrs. Ethel Hayes, Boonville; Perry Reece, Elkin; Mrs. Metta Combs, Ronda; Izella Fleming, Yadkinville; Mrs. Louise Eller, Elkin; Mrs. Yvonna Lee Greenwood, Elkin; Mrs. Mae Finix, State Road; Mrs. Erdena Farah, Elkin; Clarence Cheek, State Road; Mrs. Stella Mickle, Cycle; Tommy E. Sloop, Hamptonville; Mrs. Marie Swain, Ronda; Mrs. Susie Patton, Elkin; James P. Martin, State Road; Mrs. Ruth Brown, East Bend; Mrs. Nell Boyd, Roaring River; Von Royall, Miles; Mrs. Kate Burton, Boonville; Mrs. Eva Lawrence, Elkin; Mrs. Jettie White, Elkin; Lester Cheek, Jonesville; Mrs. Ellen L. Swisher, Yadkinville; Mrs. Katherine Stone, Boonville; Mrs. Callie Mae Southard, Elkin; Mrs. Pearl Eads, Siloam; Mrs. Daisy Lee Taylor, East Bend; Leonard Reynolds, Ronda; W. B. Stone, Dobson;

Benny Newman, Elkin; Dolph E. Stonestreet, State Road; Shelby Jean Snow, Dobson; John F. Lanier, Lenoir; Mrs. Rosa Boyd, Ronda; Garvey Gregory, Ronda; Mrs. Alice Calloway, State Road; Mrs. Neta Darnell, Ronda; E. L. Byrd, Elkin; Mrs. Dona Finney, Jonesville; Mrs. Melba Pardue, Jonesville; Mrs. Willie Settle, Elkin; Mrs. Lucy Caudill, Traphill; Mrs. Rosa Cheek, Hamptonville; Mrs. Wilda Vestal, Elkin.

Patients discharged were: Mrs. Fannie Collins, Boonville; Charles C. Cockerham, Elkin; Mrs. Peggy Simmons, Jonesville; Mrs. Margaret Marshall, Elkin; Talma Edge Blackburn, Jonesville; John Clayton Vanhoy, Hamptonville; Mrs. Margie L. Hudspeth, Yadkinville; Oleda Cockerham, Galax, Va.; Janet Rousey, Dobson; Eli Combs, Ronda; John R. Dowell, Hamptonville; Mrs. Annie Pearl Greenwood, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Velma Tilley, Benham; Early Harris, Mountain Park; John McBride, Jonesville; Mrs. Gertrude Carter, Ronda; Mooney Adams, Jonesville; Mrs. Myrtle Gregory, Cycle; Mrs. Lucile Cox, Elkin; June Fred Hicks, Jonesville; Dwight Pardue, Cycle.

John Doe Money, Hamptonville; Jack Marsh, Elkin; Keith Shore, Boonville; Dorothy Pardue, Mountain Park; Hubert Transou, Elkin; Mrs. Lois Myers, Hamptonville; Mrs. Ruby Swain, Jonesville; Mrs. Mary Sizemore, Cycle; Mrs. Dorothy Collins, Boonville; Mrs. Wanda Church, Elkin; James Lovette, Elkin; Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Rusk; Mrs. Ethel Hayes, Boonville; Mrs. Metta Combs, Ronda; Mrs. Izella Fleming, Yadkinville; Clarence Cheek, State Road; Mrs. Stella Mickle, Cycle; Mrs. Susie Patton, Elkin; Mrs. Nell Boyd, Roaring River; Mrs. Katherine Stone, Boonville; Shelba Jean Snow, Dobson; Garvey Gregory, Ronda.

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East Bend

Mr. and Mrs. John Leak and daughters, Sarah and Mary Frances, of Charlotte, were Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. W. G. Leak.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin and son Johnny, of Winston-Salem, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. J. A. Martin.

Wade Hampton Britt of Winston-Salem visited Mrs. J. A. Martin last week.

Cole Hobson, Denny Martin, Kathryn Hobbs and J. L. Poindexter, of the University at Chapel Hill spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heath and daughter Sue of Kinston, and E. M. Vogler of Mt. Airy were weekend guests of Mrs. W. G. Leak.

Miss Nelle Horn of Washington, D. C., spent Thanksgiving with her aunt, Miss Jessie Horn.

Miss Martha Bell Edgeton left for Salina, Ohio, last Wednesday to visit friends.

Miss Mary Moore and Miss Laura Barker, high school teachers here, visited their homes during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reece and son John have returned to their home in Mooresville, Indiana, after several days visit with friends and relatives. Mrs. Reece is the former Myrl Norman.

Among those who attended the North Carolina — Virginia football game Saturday were J. L. Poindexter, Cole Hobson, C. A. Coram and Travis Smitherman.

Miss Olivia Martin has returned to High Point College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin.

Miss Julia Williams of Winston-Salem, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Williams, during the holidays. Misses Cassie Lou and Mary Williams, students at Guilford College, spent the weekend at home.

Mrs. Howard Poindexter has returned to her home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Jamie Perkins of Charlotte. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Perkins and children.

Miss Laura Louise Davis has returned to ASTC, Boone, after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Davis.

Henry Brown Thursday evening and attended the revival meeting. We are sorry to note that Will Johnson is in the hospital in Elkin. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix E. Brown and sons, Billie and Stephen, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown and son, Jimmy, of Blacksburg, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cheek. Mrs. Cheek is the sister of the Messrs. Brown. Dr. Brown is president of V. P. I. at Blacksburg. Also guests in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cheek of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Ruth Gardner and son, Tommy, of Yadkinville.

Charles Pinnix and family of Winston-Salem were visitors of their parents during the past week.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Lillie Groce received a broken leg, Sunday afternoon, when the cow which she was milking kicked her.

A seasonal downward trend in milk production was noted on North Carolina farms in October.

Total number of farm workers in Britain has increased by 12,000 in the past 12 months.

11TH TOBACCO WEEK IS SLOW

Average Prices For Majority Of Grades Continues On Decline

VOLUME RUNS LIGHT

During the eleventh week of sales on the Old Belt flue-cured tobacco markets, which consisted of only three days, average prices for the majority of grades declined from quotations the week before. Volume continued light, but quality of offerings showed improvement.

The United States, North Carolina, and Virginia Departments of Agriculture report the declines were mostly from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred. A few grades however, dropped \$4.00 and \$5.00. Cutters, offered in limited volume, did not follow the downward trend. Most of these grades were steady to slightly higher.

The general quality this week was a little better than last week, although the marketing season is nearly over. There were more good and fine qualities and less common and low. The percentage of leaf declined with a corresponding increase in lugs and smoking leaf.

Volume of sales was light. During the three sales days 5,105,044 pounds were marketed for an average of \$40.88 per hundred. This average was only 5c below last week but established a new low weekly average.

Receipts of the Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation were estimated again at around 42 per cent of sales. Season receipts were raised to 18 per cent.

Sales ended this week on November 24 in order to observe Thanksgiving holidays. Nine of the nineteen markets began auctions again Monday, November 29. Markets that have closed for the season are Brookneal, Chase City, Clarksville Lawrenceville, Martinsville, and Rocky Mount, Virginia; Burlington, Madison, Mebane, and Stoneville, North Carolina.

Orders To Be Taken For Local Cook Book

Persons desiring to give the Junior Woman's Club cook book, "Out of the Kitchen," for Christmas gifts are requested to contact Mrs. Dick Chatham, phone 387-M.

Due to the fact, that the book will not be out before Christmas, the club will send a gift card to the person who is to receive the book as a present.

The book will be off the press sometime after the first of the year.

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Phone 68 Elkin, N. C.

Chatham's Safety Award To Be Given

Chatham Manufacturing Company's Distinguished Service Award, given by the National Safety Council, will be officially awarded in the annual meeting of the plant safety council with Chatham officials, C. J. Hyslop, safety director, said this week.

This is the third consecutive year that the Chatham Company has received the award, becoming the only textile company in the South to receive the award three times. The Forstmann Woolen Mill of New Jersey is the only other textile mill in the United States to receive the award three times.

The accident frequency rate for Chatham, according to Mr. Hyslop, is 1.25, while the latest rate in the textile industry as a whole is 8.33. In 1947, the Chatham rate was 2.51 and in 1946, it was 2.78.

Dramatic Teacher To Present Reading

Professor Samuel Seldon, head of the dramatic department of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and director of the Carolina Playmakers, will read Dicken's "Christmas Carol" in the Elementary School auditorium, Tuesday evening, December 14 at 8 p. m.

Prof. Seldon is coming to Elkin at the invitation of the Junior Woman's Club.

The public is cordially invited to attend. No admission charge will be made.

Farm Head To Speak At N. Elkin Friday

David L. Kelly, organizational director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will speak tomorrow night (Friday) at 7:30 at a North Elkin community meeting at the North Elkin school.

Mr. Kelly will discuss legislation sponsored by the Farm Bureau Federation and activities of the North Carolina branch.

President Frank Miller, of the community organization, will preside. All farmers, especially tobacco growers, are invited to attend. Neill M. Smith, county agent, said yesterday.

Cycle

By MRS. MATTIE B. CHEEK
 The annual revival meeting ended at Oak Grove Sunday with two additions to the church. Rev. Adams did some fine preaching. On Thursday evening a quartet from Bethel Church sang and on Friday evening, Mrs. F. L. Cheek rendered a solo.

N. B. Casstevens, Jr., spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Casstevens. He is a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Vestal of Winston-Salem, John Brown of Statesville visited in the home of

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"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"Adeste Fidelis" — "The First Nowell"

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

WESTMINSTER CHOIR

"Sing We All Noel" — "The Song of Mary"

"Joseph Came Seeking A Resting Place"

"Song of Christmas Presents"

"Carol of the Bells" — "Carillon"

NELSON EDDY

"The First Nowell" — "Good King Wenceslas"

"Silent Night, Holy Night" — "Adeste Fidelis"

HARRY JAMES

"White Christmas"

KATE SMITH