



Seen Along ...
The Elk Trail

... Carolina supporters agreeing among themselves that Art Weiner might make the AP All-America team, but that Choo Choo may be left off. Some disagreeing.

... Ray Collie, ardent Carolina fan, saying that Virginia should have won the game with the Tar Heels Saturday, but he's plenty proud they didn't.

... Max Cooke getting chance to broadcast his wares. He plans to be narrator for a '48 game of Wake Forest-Carolina to be shown to Legionnaires tomorrow night.

... Rival basketball captains Ted Griffin and Bob Isbell vying for the services of Joe Gwyn Bivins. Bob sporting his sixth automobile since finishing school less than a year and a half ago.

... Harry Hensel and Skinny Hyslop arguing over who will write the Elk Trail column for the next issue. Onlooker repeating, "Somebody better get a lawyer, quick."

... Mrs. Tommy Johnson breathlessly looking for a five dollar bill she lost downtown.

... Betty Lineberry rushing away from a game of Rook to get back to studies.

... Kermit Lawrence and J. Pate Fulk joining luncheon of 12:01 Club today. Marveling at merriment at table.

... Sammy Shore postponing hunting excursion he had begun Thanksgiving morning when his little dog fell into a pond. Sammy returning home with his coat wrapped around the pup.

... Butchie Eller, Bobby Lankford and Bud Hall decorating Christmas tree on vacant lot Sunday.

... Mrs. Eugene Motsinger mailing Christmas packages to England.

... Little girl saying she likes new Methodist preacher because he has "springy" in his sermons.

... Jane and Sara Redmon declaring they want a television set from Santa come Christmas.

... Joe Hinshaw and Buddy Welborn admitting that it was "rather cold" on their Sparta hunting trip Saturday. Displaying numb hands.

... H. F. Laffoon and family going "dog shopping" in Winston-Salem, Saturday.

... Man explaining to newcomer to Elkin that there were two David Browns in town.

... Willie Johnson of the Mount Airy News "casing" The Tribune office.

... Small child in local toy department completely ignoring electric train to investigate piece of trash on floor.

... Bill Stevenson cleaning German - make gun containing three barrels—two .16 gauge shotgun barrels and rifle barrel located just underneath.

... Two young women in local furniture store seeking two bedroom suites of identical styling.

... Elkin woman telling friend of her Christmas card procedure. "I keep all the cards I get at Christmas and send cards in return the following year," she said.

... Elkin businessman going to his postoffice box, then to trash can in lobby to throw in two-thirds of the letters and pamphlets received.

... Dog howling at top of its voice as Saturday noon siren wails.

... Santa's arrival Friday prompting bystander to remark, "Don't know who gets the biggest kick out of Santa Claus ... the grown folks or the kids."

... Bobby Browning and his guest, Jonas Bridges, entertaining the Edens family of Dalzell, S. C., with songs they voiced over a wire recorder.

... N. H. Carpenter saying the best weapon he has to keep his little son, Jerry, under control is calling him "Baby."

G. V. ALLEN IS DUKE SPEAKER

Former Secretary Of State To Make Founder's Day Address On Campus

PROGRAM SET DEC. 10

George V. Allen, ambassador to Yugoslavia, former assistant secretary of state, and a Duke alumnus, will be the featured speaker on the Founder's Day Program at Duke University, Saturday, December 10.

Mr. Allen is a brother to Mrs. Robert Tuttle, formerly of Elkin who now resides in Statesville.

The exercises, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Duke endowment, will begin in Page Auditorium at 10:30 a. m. Dr. Hollis Edens, president of the university, will preside.

Willis Smith, Raleigh, chairman of the University Board of Trustees, will introduce the speaker. Since Founder's Day falls on Sunday, December 11, the observance is being moved up one day to Saturday, university officials announced.

Allen, who has risen rapidly in the diplomatic service, is at 46 one of the nation's youngest ambassadors. He was appointed to the Balkan trouble center—"the hottest spot in the cold war"—following the retirement of Ambassador Cavendish Cannon because of ill health.

A native of Durham and an alumnus of the class of 1924 at Duke, he entered the foreign service at the age of 26. After serving as vice-consul at Kingston, Jamaica, his first post, until 1930.

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AMID THE EXCITEMENT — Santa Claus came to town Friday and created a furor of excitement among the little ones. It was the largest turnout the old boy ever drew here as hundreds of young Elkinites cheered his appearance from the time he came into sight at the Church-Market intersection until he raised his hands for silence on the stage at the State Theatre. Thus Christmas shopping was officially opened in Elkin, and the grown folks and kiddies braved chilling winds to make the opening successful.

Escaped Convict Nabbed Visiting Jonesville Girl

An escaped convict was captured visiting his girl friend in Jonesville over the Thanksgiving holidays.

James Litt, serving from 3-5 years at Sparta on a charge of house breaking escaped at 2 p. m. Wednesday, but was nabbed by patrolman D. J. Caudle just 14 hours later, at 4 a. m. Thursday, Thanksgiving morning.

Prior to his escape, Litt was listed as a grade A convict. Patrolman Caudle reported he had no trouble with the man after finding him at his girl friend's house.

CROP OFFICE GETS BOXCAR

First Miniature Car Is Received At State Office In Durham

GREENE COUNTY LEADS

The first miniature boxcar for North Carolina's symbolic CROP Friendship Train has been received at the state CROP office, Durham from Greene County, state CROP Chairman, L. Y. Ballentine, announced today.

"To symbolize the concrete achievements of the people of the state in contributing farm commodities to the North Carolina CROP Friendship Train, we are setting up a toy train here at the Department of Agriculture," Ballentine stated. "Each county CROP chairman will have miniature trains in his own county for display, and as real cars are filled, send a boxcar from the little train to the state CROP office to be added to the tiny state train. We can then see just how we are progressing in this state-wide Christian effort," the state CROP chairman explained.

"Greene County, first to complete its collection this year, will have its miniature car first in line behind the engine of the freight train, followed by cars as they are received from other counties."

"Typical of the spirit in which people throughout the state are giving to the CROP Friendship Train, is the note enclosed in the Greene County, miniature boxcar. The note will go, with the toy state train, to relief workers overseas to be used in showing recipients abroad just how the CROP gifts were collected. The message reads: "The Christian people of Greene County, North Carolina, U. S. A., have collected one car load of corn that was raised on the farms of Greene County for the Christian Rural Overseas Program, CROP, and dedicate it to God to be used to feed the hungry people in Europe and Asia with the hope that this benevolent act on the part of our people might lead to a better understanding and cooperation among the people of the

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YMCA TO OPEN MEMBER DRIVE TUESDAY NIGHT

Constituents' Dinner Meeting Planned At 6:30 P. M.

TO CONTINUE ONE WEEK

J. Wilson Smith, Interstate Secretary of Carolinas' YMCA's To Speak

PARTICIPATION URGED

An annual Gilvin Roth YMCA constituents' dinner meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 p. m. at the Y to launch the 1950 membership campaign.

J. Wilson Smith, interstate secretary of the YMCA's of the Carolinas will be guest speaker.

The drive will continue for one week under E. S. Spainhour, chairman of the membership committee.

Membership cards for the year will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for boys and girls.

The YMCA under General Secretary T. C. McKnight this year launched a new extensive program which includes most of the 24-hour day.

Participation among both workers of Chatham Manufacturing Company and outside is being emphasized in the various programs. Plans for a lunchroom and recreation room for Chatham employees of all three shifts are being completed.

The Y is a good thing, we need it. Let's support it."



WINS ANOTHER—Taking 4-H Club honors is getting to be an old story for Evelyn Waugh of White Plains. Her latest achievement netted her a \$300 college scholarship awarded in Chicago yesterday for taking one of the top 12 spots in the clothing division.

EVELYN WAUGH IS 4-H WINNER

White Plains Girl Gets \$300 Scholarship For Clothing Achievement

HONORED IN CHICAGO

Evelyn Waugh, 17, of White Plains was awarded a \$300 college scholarship in Chicago yesterday as one of the top twelve clothing achievement winners in 4-H work in the United States.

Miss Waugh, the state winner in this division, was one of 34 girls presented scholarships yesterday at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago and the award is good for use at any accredited college in the nation.

Previously, she had won a \$100 scholarship for use at any North Carolina college for taking the FCX state speaking contest.

Miss Waugh, along with the other winners, is scheduled to be honored at a supper tomorrow night to be held at the Sheridan Hotel in Chicago. She will share honors with all of the other 33 winners in the various divisions of awards.

The scholarships and trip expenses were presented by the Spool Cotton Company of Savannah, Ga. Miss Waugh was accompanied by Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, county demonstration agent, on her trip.

BIDS FOR DSA TO BE OPENED BY ELKIN J. C.

Joe Gwyn Bivins Chosen Chairman of Nominations

JUDGES ARE SELECTED

Outstanding Young Man Of Year To Be Named At Jaycee Meeting In January

CLIMAX JAYCEE WEEK

Nominations opened today for the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award to the community's outstanding young man of the year.

Joe Gwyn Bivins, who has been chosen chairman of nominations, this week opened nominations from the public and announced that every young man between the ages of 21 and 35 are eligible to receive the award.

An impartial group of judges has been selected and will review all nominations on the basis of contribution to community, participation in all-around community (or state) activities, evidence of lasting contribution to community (or state) activities, exhibition of leadership ability, evidence of personal or business progress and cooperation with individuals and civic organization.

Mr. Bivins stressed that the person nominated need not be a member of the Jaycees.

Nominations will be accepted by Mr. Bivins either in person or through the mail. January 1 has been set as the deadline for submitting nominations. The award winner will be announced January 21.

Presentation will be made simultaneously with the local chapter's observance of the commemoration of the founding of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce which occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, January 21, 1920.

January 21 will be the date Jaycees over the country will climax Junior Chamber of Commerce Week. It will begin with observance of Church Day, Sunday; Emphasis Upon Leadership, Monday; A Young Man's Place in Government, Tuesday; Membership, Wednesday; Citizenship, Thursday; Sports and Recreation, Friday; Recognition of the Young Man's Contribution to Community Welfare, Saturday.

YULE LIGHTING CONTEST OPENS

Elkin Junior Woman's Club To Sponsor "Town Beautiful" Project Here

SENIOR WOMEN ASSIST

A "Town Beautiful" project for the Christmas season will be sponsored by the Elkin Junior Woman's Club.

Members of the group today requested Elkin citizens to cooperate in decorating their homes both inside and out. Prizes will be awarded the winner of the best outside lighting and for the best decorations in the home.

The outside lighting contest will be in charge of the Junior Woman's Club which will be assisted by the Senior Woman's Club which will be in charge of the inside decorating contest.

The date and time of the judging will be announced through The Tribune as soon as final arrangements are completed.

The contest committee is composed of Mrs. Hugh Salmons and Miss Grace Laffoon of the Junior Woman's Club and Mrs. Clyde Hall and Mrs. Mel McAdams of the Senior Woman's Club.

The value of the Arkansas cotton crop last year was more than 300 million dollars.

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Swan Creek Man Loses Property In Tragic Fire

James Caudle, a town employee, lost all of his property in a fire that destroyed the house in which he lived in the Swan Creek section this morning.

The house, of frame construction, was rented and none of the personal effects of Caudle were insured.

To add to his troubles, one of the children in the family, the youngest, is critically ill.

Mrs. Caudle was found with baby sprawled on the ground in the woods outside the house where she had fainted after getting out of the burning house.

The fire was started from the flue about 8:30 this morning.

VFW TO HELP NEEDY AGAIN

Local Post Plans To Sponsor Drive For Merchandise For Deserving Families

NAME BROWN CHAIRMAN

The Elkin VFW chapter will again sponsor a drive for help for needy families for Christmas in this section.

Last year 35 baskets were gathered through solicitations from local merchants and distributed around town, helping a total of 178 persons, according to post commander Russell Burcham.

David Brown has been named chairman of a committee of five in charge of the project this year and they are already busy making plans for the drive.

Merchandise contributed by the merchants will be picked up by a truck and will be stored in the basement of Commander Burcham. There, the committee will work at night dividing the toys, food, and other gifts, placing them in baskets.

A list of needy families will be compiled by members of the VFW and this will be compared with those to be helped by the Christmas Community Charity drive headed by the Rev. George Parah.

All of the families on this list, which will cover a 10-mile radius area of Elkin, will be helped by the VFW.

The need for such a project was surprisingly great last year and the VFW carried the drive out to a greater degree of success than they first expected.

And they expect to find just as many families in need of help this year, according to committee chairman David Brown.

Committeemen, along with Brown, are Jim Spann, Herbert Shepherd, Ed Bumgarner, and Charles Smith.

WILKES CIVIC LEADER DIES

E. M. Blackburn Is Given Much Credit For Growth Of North Wilkesboro

FORMER TOWN MAYOR

E. M. Blackburn, pioneer Wilkes leader who is given much credit for the growth of the town of North Wilkesboro, died yesterday afternoon in a hospital there. He had been ill for one week prior to his death.

Mr. Blackburn, 86, moved to North Wilkesboro while it was a village and opened a clothing store which he operated for 35 years. Then he went into the real estate business, in which he remained until his death.

He was a former mayor of the city, a former member of the city board of elections, the city school board and served several terms as Wilkes county register of deeds.

He was affiliated with various church and civic groups and took a leading part in activities of the city. He was, for more than 30 years, Sunday School superintendent and a deacon in the First Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held this afternoon at the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, with burial in Mt. Lawn Memorial Park, near North Wilkesboro.

Survivors include a daughter, Miss Ruby M. Blackburn of North Wilkesboro; two sons, Jeter M. Blackburn of North Wilkesboro, and John Blackburn of Waynesboro, Virginia.

No Empty Stocking ... Farah Asks Generous Response To Charity

"We hope that no child in this area will have an unfilled stocking come Christmas morning."

This declaration was made today by the Rev. George Farah who is again leading the Community Christian Charity drive, as he requested generous response to the drive.

Announcement of the campaign's beginning was announced Thursday and already contributions amounting to \$35 and clothing have been received at the receiving station at The Tribune office.

Those making contributions were the Elkin Senior Girl Scouts who gave clothing, The Elkin Tribune, which gave \$25, and an anonymous donor who gave \$10 in the name of "A Friend."

This year's goal has been set at \$1,000 since preliminary surveys by the Community Christian Charity

Committee have been made. Last year a goal of \$600 was reached, but committeemen explained that the need is far greater than last year.

Mr. Farah emphasized today that proceeds from the drive will not be spent for Christmas alone, but will be spread out through the year as has been done the past year. He also declared that the purpose of the drive is to help families "get over the hump."

Those families who are constantly dependent upon charity will be bypassed.

"Christmas is an important time of the year to children in all Christianity," Mr. Farah added. "It is a responsibility to all fair minded persons to see that no child suffers the bitter disappointment of being left out on Christmas morning."

VFW Hut Should Be Ready By Christmas

Work on the VFW hut should be completed by Christmas, contractor Ervie Southard declared this week.

The foundation has already been laid and part of the blocks are now down. Progress was delayed for two or three weeks by failure to get power, but work is now in full swing.

Work on the hut was begun during the first week in November.

Wilkes Liquor Cases Bring Fines, Terms

Prison terms and fines were meted out to a number of federal liquor law offenders in the November term of United States Court held in Wilkesboro last week.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes presided.

Robert Glenn Johnson, who pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of possessing illicit whiskey, gave notice of appeal from a sentence of 18 months in Petersburg, Va., prison and a fine of \$1,000.

Vaughn Blackburn was fined \$3,600 and sentenced to 18 months suspended and placed on probation. Conrad Eller paid a fine of \$2,500 and his sentence of a year and a day was suspended.

OLD BELT LEAF PRICES ARE UP

Quality of Offerings Was Considerably Lower, Department Declares

HOLIDAYS CUT SALES

Average prices for most leaf grades sold on the Old Belt flue-cured tobacco markets during the eleventh week were \$1.00 and \$2.00 per hundred above levels of the previous week. However, the United States, North Carolina and Virginia Departments of Agriculture report the majority of averages in all other groups declined \$1.00 and \$2.00.

Quality of offerings was considerably lower. There were more common and low leaf and nondescript and less good and fine qualities. Principal marketings were common to fair leaf, good smoking leaf, fair lugs and nondescript. Proportion of damaged and unsound tobacco was the largest of any previous week.

This week consisted of only three sale days because of the Thanksgiving holidays. Gross sales amounted to only 6,874,500 pounds for an average of \$42.61 per hundred. Chiefly because of lower quality marketings, the weekly average was \$1.64 below last week's and the lowest of the season. The previous low average was \$43.97 for 33,121,553 pounds set during the week ending October 15. Season sales have reached 230,508,159 pounds averaging \$46.06. Actual resales for the season through October were 9.9 per cent of gross sales.

Deliveries to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program were also greater last week. Approximately 23 per cent of gross sales was turned over to the Corporation — around 6 1/2 per cent above the season high of 17 1/2 last week. Season deliveries were a little over 12 1/2 per cent of sales.

Eight markets held their final sales last week. They were Brook-land, Chase City, Kenbridge, Lawrenceville and Petersburg, Virginia and Madison, Mebane and Stoneville, North Carolina. Only eight Old Belt markets will hold auctions after Thanksgiving holidays.



HIS SUCCESS LEADS HIM TO TEARS — His eyes filled with tears, 4-H Club member Ray Dreher, 15, of Louisiana, is shown in Chicago as he bids a tearful farewell to his pal "Jiggs," a Hereford calf which was awarded top money by cattle dealers during a Chicago livestock exposition. Ray, who had raised the calf to mammoth size from a little dogie, was too good to "Jiggs."

Submit your Elk Trail items to The Tribune, or if you'd like you may be guest columnist. Phone 96 or submit your items in person or by mail.