



SURRY'S NEW BOOKMOBILE ARRIVES — Surry County's Librarian, Mrs. Frank Freeman, and assistant, Mrs. Alonzo Folger, pose with the new bookmobile which will begin trial operations in the county immediately. The bookmobile service will be offered to county residents free as are the privileges of the library proper in the courthouse at Dobson. (TRIBUNE PHOTO)

AVERAGE LEAF PRICES DROP

Most Grades On Old Belt Are Slightly Lower During Twelfth Week

SALES VOLUME LIGHT

Average prices for most grades of Old Belt flue-cured tobacco were steady to slightly lower during the twelfth week of sales when compared with the previous week. According to the United States, North Carolina and Virginia Departments of Agriculture most leaf and medium smoking leaf grades were higher but lugs, primings and nondescript declined. Cutters were mostly unchanged.

The general quality of offering was also a little lower because of an increase in nondescript. Principal marketings were common to fair leaf, fair lugs and nondescript. Volume of sales was light last week on the eight markets that operated. Gross sales amounted to only 6,394,536 pounds at an average of \$40.34 per hundred. This average was \$2.27 under last week's season low of \$42.61.

Receipts of the flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program were not as great. During the week around 20 per cent of gross sales were delivered to the Corporation, a decline of about three per cent from the season high of the previous week. Season receipts were approximately 12 1/2 per cent of sales.

Four of the eight markets operating held final sales last week. They were South Hill and Martinsville, Virginia and Roxboro and Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

Pinebluff Man Is Census Supervisor

Congressman Charles B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District announced Friday that the Census Bureau in Washington had approved W. Lamont Brown of Pinebluff as District Supervisor for the 1950 Census.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of Davidson College and for several years has practiced law in Southern Pines. He has actively participated in religious and civic life in Moore County and currently is head of the Boy Scout movement there.

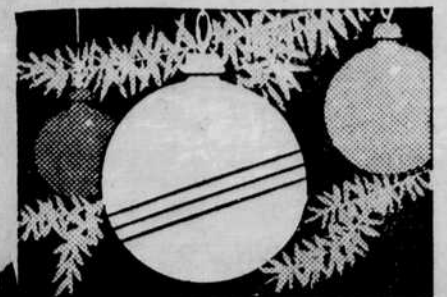
The District office for the Census will be located in Lexington with the actual enumeration beginning around March 1, 1950.

Serving under Mr. Brown as Assistant District Supervisor will be Sam Eanes, of Biscoe and the Chief Administrative Clerk will be Phillip Ross Craver of Lexington.

Surry Seal Proceeds Mount To \$2,162.52

Surry County has contributed \$2,162.52 toward the annual Christmas Seal Sale, it was reported by Miss Louise G. Bailey, chairman of the committee.

The sale will continue until Christmas.



17 Shopping Days till Christmas

Seen Along ...



The Elk Trail

... Man slipping coins in parking meter, one after the other, failing to hit jackpot.

... Little boy telling his grandpa he saw a man buying a little fire engine for his grandson the day before.

... Mason Ray, a wheat grower of Washtucna, Wash., making first visit to Elkin in 30 years, telling friends and relatives that "North Carolina is still a good place to live" and remarking on the improvements made.

... Lady on bus telling companion of the love life of her son and a neighboring girl, much to the folly of those seated around.



MR. WILLIAMS, MR. FOX

... W. B. Williams displaying fox he caught in steel trap near Mountain Park home, remarking that fat carcass was probably furnished by part of his chicken stock.

... Lady shopper, evidently in a hurry, impatiently tapping top of counter with coin to attract attention of clerk.

... Father, with small son as an excuse, operating an electric train in show window of local business establishment.

... Two attractive young ladies from Elkin high school, visiting Tribune office in search of photo of school baseball team of last spring for high school annual.

... Parks Hampton demanding table service at local drug store now that coffee has gone up to five cents for a second cup. "I used to carry it from the counter to the table myself," he said.

... Local furniture dealer, listening to give-away advertising of competitors over radio, audibly wondering what they would do if someone came in and wanted to pay for something.

... Rocky Baker inserting two coins in juke box at Coke's place Sunday noon, the first for "Mule Train," the second for "Silent Night."

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JWC LIGHTING ENTRIES OPEN

Anyone Wishing To Enter Should Contact Mrs. Hugh Salmons 'Soon

TWO CONTESTS PLANNED

Anyone wishing to enter the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club is requested to contact Mrs. Hugh Salmons as soon as possible.

This year's contest is divided into two sections, one for the prettiest interior decorations and one for the prettiest exterior. Persons may enter one or both sections of the contest, but are urged to call or write Mrs. Salmons stating name, address and in which section they wish to compete.

The outside decorating contest will be headed by the Junior Woman's Club assisted by the Senior Woman's Club which will conduct the interior contest.

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

Soil Head Election In Yadkin This Week

Election of a Yadkin County supervisor for the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District for a three-year term begins today and continues through Saturday.

Frank Hobson and James Speer, both of Boonville, have been nominated by petition for the vacancy that exists on the three-man board.

All persons residing within the county who are qualified to vote in a general election are eligible to vote.

Miss Laffoon Named Secretary of Group

Miss Grace Laffoon, a member of The Tribune staff was named secretary of the Midwestern Press Association, at a meeting held at the Community House in Morganton, Saturday evening.

Other officers named were J. D. Fitz of the Morganton News-Herald, as president, and Gordon Tomlinson of the Mocksville Enterprise, as vice-president.

Mr. Fitz succeeds Charles H. Mebane of the Newton Observer as president.

The Midwestern Press Association is comprised of newspapers from 25 counties in this section.

Dr. Royall Performed First Successful Appendectomy In State, Residents Recall

C. A. Cozart, First Patient, Dies Last Week

When Charles A. Cozart, 84, of Winston-Salem, died last Tuesday at Winter Park, Fla., old timers here recalled that he was the man who received the first successful appendicitis operation in North Carolina—a feat performed by Dr. M. A. Royall of Elkin.

It was early Spring, 1895, that Cozart, formerly of Center, Yadkin

MERCHANTS SAY YULE SHOPPING BUSINESS GOOD

Net Proceeds are Below Those Of Last Year This Time

PRICES FOUND LOWER

Managers Expect Business To Boom When Bonus Checks Are Issued Workers

TOYS, NYLON POPULAR

Christmas shopping already means good business for merchants in Elkin, but the gross intake for last week-end at most stores was below that of the same time in 1948.

Not that this means that business is off the pace of last year, but as one manager explained it, items are being bought at a lower cost.

Prices this year, that manager explained, are 10 to 20 per cent lower than they were a year ago while the intake isn't off that much. In one particular store, the drop was noted at 10 per cent of the gross intake of last winter at the same time.

That was the general situation Saturday, although other stores reported that business was "rushing."

Extra help was being added at most of the stores to take care of the Christmas shopping rush. Most of this was for week-ends only for the present, but merchants expressed the belief that business would be very good later in the season.

People in Elkin will always do their shopping late, declared one store manager, because they have to wait until they get their Christmas bonus checks to do their buying.

But at the stores that were reported already busy, certain items that are desirable for gifts have already been sold out. One store reported they had stocked six dozen of one particular item for Christmas, but that the supply was already exhausted and more was on order.

Gifts of toys and other playthings for children were high on the list of articles bought most frequently. At one women's shop, gifts of nylon articles ranked among the most popular.

Added help ranged from about 14 in one store to only one in another. But even more help may be used in many of the stores a little later in the season.

In one department store, a saleslady added, "We don't expect many men Christmas shoppers to come in before Christmas Eve anyway."

In general, the department stores were the ones doing the most early business.

Beef Production School To Be Held

A Beef Cattle Production School will be held in the Rockford Street School Auditorium in Mount Airy next Monday.

Neill M. Smith, county agent, said today that all beef cattle producers, agricultural workers and members of Veteran Farmer classes are urged to attend.

The program will begin at 10 a. m., with a lecture on cattle diseases by Dr. Hal J. Collins, State veterinarian. A carcass cutting demonstration will be conducted by Prof. W. E. Tyler of the State College faculty at 11 a. m. Market beef cattle will be the topic for discussion from 1:30 to 2 p. m. L. I. Case, who is in charge of animal husbandry extension work at State College, will discuss herd management at 2 p. m. A judging demonstration will be conducted from 3 to 4 p. m. at the J. H. Crossingham Farm.

Yadkin County commissioners have authorized the issuance of bonds for the erection of a county hospital at Yadkinville. The issuance of the bonds was made possible by special election which was held December 7, 1948.

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County, underwent the delicate operation at the hands of Dr. Royall on a dining table.

Dr. Royall was called to see Cozart at his home three miles north of Yadkinville. He found the patient suffering intensely and proceeded to relieve the suffering.

Appendicitis had long been a source of suffering and death, but the use of a knife against the ailment was almost unknown.

It was a long way in those days to Baltimore or to a hospital, and the expense was out of the reach of the average patient. Dr. Royall treated his patient for six weeks



CORN CONTEST WINNERS — These are the winners of the Surry County Hybrid Corn Contest sponsored by the Elkin Merchants Association. They were awarded at a banquet sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis Club Thursday night. Top photo shows four of the seven boys, winners in the contest for contestants under 21 years old. They are Paul Lewis of Mountain Park; Jackie Snow of State Road; and Shirley Blackburn and Dickie Southard of Mountain Park. Rodger Maines of State Road, Billy Gentry of Elkin and Millard Blackburn of Mountain Park were not present. Bottom photo shows winners as follows: Standing, left to right, Robby Park, Little Richmond; Ralph Beane, Mountain Park; W. Vernon Holder, Little Richmond; John Park, Elkin; Ovid Hurt, Mountain Park; Howard Swift, Mountain Park. Seated, R. Edd Snow and McCray Southard of Mountain Park and Frank Miller and Kapp Yarborough of Elkin. (TRIBUNE PHOTOS)



HOWARD SWIFT TOPS CONTEST — Howard Swift of State Road was the winner of the 1949 Hybrid Corn Growing Contest for Southern Surry County with an official yield of 149.3 bushels, it was announced Thursday night here. He headed the top list of 100-bushel club members who received merchandise and cash as prizes for the yearly contest. Shirley Blackburn topped the list for members under 21 years old with a 114.1 bushel yield. Leaders among the adults were Frank Miller of Elkin, 123.9; Ovid Hurt, Elkin, 118.3; Junior Southard, Mountain Park, 111; R. E. Snow, Elkin, 110; John Park, Elkin, 108.6; Klondike Farm, 106.9; W. V. Holder, Elkin, 106.2; Ralph Beane, State Road, 104.3; and Bob Park, Elkin, 104.1. Among the participants under 21, Jackie Snow of State Road was second with 110.7; Billy Gentry next with 96.4; Dickie Southard, 95.1; Rodger Maines, 84.15; Millard Blackburn 81; and Paul Lewis, 67.3.

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Stricken Elkin Child Is Sure Santa Is Real

Santa Claus came early to see little David Watkins this year, but his visit gave the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Watkins of Elkin his happiest and perhaps his last Christmas.

Doctors were afraid David, a leukemia victim, couldn't wait for Santa's regular trip on Dec. 25, so good old St. Nick came by Saturday night to fill the youngster's stocking with candies and goodies.

Happy and excited, David sprang up Sunday morning to rush to the living room to find that Santa had been there. A Donald Duck tricycle, cash register, accordion, and countless other gifts were left there for the child, who had been a good boy all year long.

David contracted the dread disease two months ago and physicians hold little hope for him. But there is one thing David will be sure of as long as he lives.

There is a real Santa Claus.

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State Road Man Has Corn Yield of 149.3 To Win Merchants' Top Award

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Senior Woman's Club Sponsors Bake Sale

The Senior Woman's Club will sponsor a bake sale at the Basketball, Friday beginning at 9 a. m. The sale will feature cakes, pies, cookies, candies and other home baked goods.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to finance club projects.

Methodists To Hold Family Night Supper

Family night will be held at the First Methodist Church on Wednesday at 6:30 p. m.

A covered dish supper will be served. Following supper a full length movie, "Reaching From Heaven," will be shown.

TRAFFIC TOLL IN NC REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

Over 2,000 Accidents Reported For Month of October

79 PERSONS ARE KILLED

Figure Shows 56 Per Cent Increase Over Records Of Same Month In 1948

COLLISIONS LEAD LIST

Raleigh — Traffic accidents in North Carolina reached an all-time high of 2,250 during October, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Not since the Department began keeping records in 1927 had the number of accidents for one month passed the 2,000 mark. The October figure represented a 56 per cent increase in accidents as compared with 1,468 accidents recorded for the same month in 1948.

A total of 79 persons were killed, bringing the death toll through October to 679 and representing a four per cent increase over the 76 fatalities reported in October last year. Injuries numbered 980, an increase of 30 per cent over the 685 persons injured in October of 1948. Total injuries through October of this year were listed at 7,908, over 400 more than the 7,490 injured during the entire year of 1948.

One cheerful aspect of the October report was a drop of 32 per cent in pedestrian fatalities. Fifteen pedestrians lost their lives in 120 accidents as compared with 22 last year. The injured totaled 113. Cities reporting a pedestrian fatality each were: Bladenboro, Concord, Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh and Fuquay Springs. The following counties reported pedestrians killed: Guilford, Wake, and Harnett, two each; Bladen, Cabarrus, Durham, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Robeson, Vance and Wilson, one each.

Collision of cars took the lives of 28 persons during October, a 75 per cent increase over the 16 killed in the same month last year in this type of accident. Four persons were killed in auto-train collisions, a 33 per cent increase. Two bicyclists died in accidents, seven persons were killed when the cars in which they were riding overturned in the roadway, and

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CYCLE MAN IS BADLY INJURED

Odean Pinnix, 24, Suffers Broken Neck When Car Overtakes Sunday

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

The condition of Odean Pinnix, 24, of Cycle remained critical today following an automobile accident on the Swan Creek road about 2:30 a. m., Sunday.

He is in Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital suffering a broken neck and further injuries. His condition was described as "unchanged" from yesterday.

Investigating officers are of the opinion that the automobile which he was driving alone, went out of control while he was asleep at the wheel.

The car left the road on the right side and turned over several times. Every door was thrown open and the car was completely demolished.

Charity Drive Total Is At \$71; Donations Needed

Contributions to the annual Community Christian Charity drive totaled \$71 and some clothing today. The amount is far under that expected for this time, as the goal set by Committee Chairman George Farah is \$1,000.

Contributions may be turned in to The Tribune office. Money, clothing and food staples are needed. Mr. Farah has explained to aid the increasing number of needy families in this area. Those contributing this week have been:

\$1 by "A Friend," \$5 by "A Friend," \$10 by Turner Drug Company, \$5 by George E. Royall, \$5 by Mrs. George E. Royall, Clothing by Betsy Ross Ashby and Charles Ashby.