

Seen Along...



The Elk Trail

... Child asking mother, "Why does everybody ask me what Santa Claus is going to bring me?"

... Downtown baseball enthusiasts discussing yesterday's major league player deals.

... Long-necked motorists jamming traffic on North Bridge street where "motorcycle Indian bit the dust."

... Little Ann Lewis, age 3, saying she didn't have time to write a second letter to Santa Claus.

... Gaye Taylor and Bonnie Moore inviting number of friends over to help clean house for the holidays.

... "New stovepipe" smell of diesel engine as it pulled into Elkin depot on maiden run this morning.

... Man in deep study crossing Main street, entirely unaware that he was holding up two lines of traffic.

... Small boy coming into Tribune office to ask if he could see the advance proofs of "The Lone Ranger" comic strips.

... Man in hallway of apartment house asking arriving visitors if they would be interested in buying a Christmas tree.

... Very small baby in arms of its mother puckering up to cry, but changing mind at last moment and giving off with pint-size sneeze.

... Passerby finding folly in reminding Mrs. Jim Dan Hemmings that she picked the only parking space on the street where meter was out of order.

... Out-of-town police official discussing recent killing here with Chief of Police Corbett Wall, Dixie Graham hesitantly nodding his head when visitor asked if it was Elkin's first.

... Feed dealer squinting through a glass door, undecided whether or not to set up bags in front of the store. "Maybe rain, maybe snow, maybe... I don't know."

... Lady motorist on Bridge street impatiently honking horn and muttering to herself as cars ahead failed to jump out of the way the instant traffic light changed to "go."

... Remarks on recent flop in forecasting snow: "Think I'll go out into the beautiful, beautiful snow," and "Just my luck. They said the only sled in town long enough for me."

DIESEL ENGINE BEGINS RUN ON SOUTHERN LINE

Modern Rail Transportation Reaches Into Elkin Today

TO START FREIGHT RUN

\$160,000 Locomotive Replaces Steam On Winston-Salem, N. Wilkesboro Line

VISIT IS UNANNOUNCED

Modern rail transportation reached across the Yadkin Valley into Elkin this morning when a new diesel locomotive stopped on its maiden run from Winston-Salem to North Wilkesboro.

The 1,500-horse power engine, gleaming and smelling of newness, drew a number of spectators in its unannounced appearance. Engineer T. I. Speas poked his head out the door of the cab as the locomotive pulled up to a stop at Bridge Street complaining that he wasn't told of the new run. "I didn't have time to wear my Sunday suit," he said.

Beginning tomorrow the locomotive

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HAYES TO RUN IN HOUSE RACE

Elkin Man Narrowly Missed Victory In Last Democratic Primary

TWO OTHERS ANNOUNCE

Noah Hayes, Elkin hardware dealer, has announced plans to enter the race for the Surry County seat in the State House of Representatives.

A three-way race looms as Howard O. Woltz, Jr., young Mount Airy attorney is expected to oppose Representative George K. Snow, Mount Airy attorney, along with Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Hayes was defeated narrowly by Mr. Snow in the last primary.

It is considered likely that former Senator R. Posey Jones, Mount Airy tobaccoist and insurance man, will run again.

Surry County gets a Senate seat in the General Assembly next term in its traditional alternating arrangement with Stokes.

The two counties comprise one Senate district and the office is switched from one county to the other with each session.

Senator William Marshall of Walnut Cove, Stokes County, represented the district last session. Senator Jones served in the 1947 Legislature.

Surry's last House contest in the 1948 Democratic primary was close, with Mr. Snow defeating Mr. Hayes by 64 votes.

The new contender, Mr. Woltz, is a Mount Airy native, a graduate of the University of Virginia and has practiced law in the Granite City for several years as a member of the firm of Woltz and Barber.

SING PLANNED BY JONESVILLE

About 250 Voices From Jonesville Schools To Present Program

YULE MUSIC FEATURED

A choir composed of approximately 250 voices from the Jonesville High School and Elementary School, will present a program of Christmas music on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Loman Richardson, county supervisor of public school music, and Mrs. Kenneth Dudley.

Two songs, "Away in the Manger" and "The Little Lord Jesus" will be sung by a choir made up of voices from the primary grades.

The sixth and seventh grades will sing four selections, "Shepherds Hurry to Bethlehem," "Christ Is Born" and "The Angels We Have Heard on High." The fourth and fifth grades will form an echo choir for this group of songs.

"Hosanna" is to be sung by the eighth and ninth grades and the high school glee club will sing "A Yuletide Greeting" and "O Holy Night." The final selection on the program will be "Let Our Gladness Know No End."

During the program, the audience will be invited to participate in group singing.



CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR — That Christmas is in the air in Elkin these days, anyone can plainly see. The decoration of the business district with the lights aglow at night is only a symbol of the feeling of joy and good cheer in the hearts of the townsmen as the happy season rolls around again. True, there are ten more nights before good old St. Nick pays his visit, but the children are all ready for him and are anxiously awaiting the coming of Christmas morn.

METHODISTS' PROGRAM SET

Christmas Music To Be Presented Sunday Afternoon At Five

FOUR PARTS PLANNED

The First Methodist Church choir will present its annual Christmas music program Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

The complete program was announced today by Mrs. Dwayne Irwin, director of the choir. The program will be as follows:

Part I, O Holy Night (Adam) by the women's chorus, Joseph Came Seeking a Resting Place (Willoughby), and The First Noel, and O Quit Your Pastures.

Part II, Cherubim Song (Bortniansky), The Angels and the Shepherds, Silent Night (Gruber) and Once in Royal David's City (Gaunlett).

Part III, Infant So Gentle (Gascon), Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella, Masters in This Hall (Whitford), and Nativity Carol (Graf) by the women's chorus.

Part IV, Joy to the World, (Mason), Hallelujah (Handel), and Fourfold Amen.

Soloists will be Mrs. Maurice Bumgarner, Phyllis Johnson.

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Story of David Watkins Comes To Tragic End

The story of little David Watkins who had stolen the hearts of his fellow townsmen of Elkin ended on a tragic note last night.

The six-year-old boy, a victim of leukemia, died in Tampa, Fla., at 6 p. m. after a severe hemorrhage yesterday.

David's story was first made known to the general public through an article in The Tribune Dec. 5, the day after he received an early visit from Santa Claus. Local doctors had said there was little chance of his living until Christmas.

Then a drive was started by radio station WIFM to get the money to send little David to a doctor in Tampa, who said he thought he could help in the case. Almost \$500 was raised for this purpose and David and Mrs. Watkins started their trip to Florida last Friday.

Today, David's father and grandmother were on their way to Tampa also to return with the boy's body and his mother.

Sunday To Be Day Of Offering For Community's Churchgoers

Charity Fund Reaches \$412 Of \$1,000 Goal

Churches of the community will take offerings Sunday for food, clothing and money for the Community Christian Charity fund which today had gained \$412 of its \$1,000 goal. Food and clothing had also mounted substantially.

The Thurmond Chatham Unity club pushed the offering greatly at noon today when they presented \$100 to the Rev. George Farah for the charity fund at a luncheon. They also announced that they would distribute 53 baskets during Christmas to needy families.

Others contributing to the community campaign were as follows:

A friend, \$1.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. L. Benson, \$10.
George K. Snow, Mount Airy, \$5.
A friend, \$25.
Mrs. R. L. Reinhardt's third grade basket of food and box of clothing.
Elkin Intermediate Girl Scout Troop III, toys.
Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Fox, \$25.
Mrs. Henry Dillon, clothing.
Henry Woodruff, \$5.
Mrs. Fred Colhard, \$3.

Oakboro Principal Lauds Elkin School

Elkin High School has been congratulated for its acceptance in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools by J. L. Haynes, district principal of the Oakboro High School.

In a letter to The Tribune this week, Mr. Haynes lauded the School Board and Superintendent N. H. Carpenter. Said he, "Very few schools are able to enter the SACSS. This means that Elkin High School has equipment, teachers' certificates, and other desirable that the average school is short in. When any school reaches this standard, you can be assured that someone has put forth a great amount of labor."

A poll of 105 major college football teams shows that almost half are using the two-platoon system of substitution.



TO HEAD MERCHANTS—M. L. Gaston was announced new president of the Elkin Merchants Association yesterday following an election by directors. He will serve for the 1950 year, succeeding retiring president E. S. Spainhour. Mr. Gaston is manager of the J. C. Penney Company here.

GASTON NAMED M. A. PRESIDENT

Merchants Elect Manager Of J. C. Penney's As Head For Coming Year

TO SUCCEED SPAINHOUR

M. L. Gaston was elected president of the Elkin Merchants Association yesterday for the 1950 year. He succeeds E. S. Spainhour. He is manager of the J. C. Penney Company and has been active in the Merchants Association for several years.

Luther Baker was elected vice-president and Mrs. Hugh Greenwood was re-elected secretary.

Jones Holcomb, C. N. Myers, John Kennedy, A. T. Whittington and H. F. Laffoon were named new directors for the year 1950.

Directors who were elected last year and who will continue through the coming year are E. S. Spainhour, Claude Farrell, George Isenhour, Luther Baker and Abe Harris.

Tour of Needy Homes Reveals Families' Needs

Christmas—a time when good folks think about and do something for their less fortunate neighbors — is approaching. Here in Elkin and Jonesville and outlying sections the needy won't be forgotten this Christmas, thanks to the VFW, the TCU club and the Community Christian Charity fund.

Few realize, however, the thoroughness of the Community Christian Charity committee in its investigations. Few know the real need existing here in their own midst.

A reporter's trip with the committee's leader, George C. Farah, revealed yesterday the honest need of some people and the method of screening such families to make certain that the money, the food and clothing folks are donating to the committee are apportioned fairly and where the need demands it.

Families where little children wore shoes that were worn out and too small were visited. There were places where the head of the house could not work because of illness. And

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BAPTIST CHOIR PRESENTS SING

Annual Christmas Music Program Will Be Given On Sunday Night

SOLOISTS ANNOUNCED

The Baptist Church Choir will present its annual Christmas music program Sunday night at the church beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Howard J. Ford today announced the complete program along with soloists and members of the choir.

In order, the program will be presented as follows:

Christmas Song (Bach), Adeste Fideles, O Come, O Come Immanuel (Elmore), and The Glory of the Lord (Handel), How Beautiful Upon the Mountains (Harker), Pastoral Symphony (Handel), Meditation (Massenet).

Part two: Joseph Came Seeking a Rest Place (Willoughby), As Lately We Watched (Black), Shepherds in the Hush of Night (O'Hara), The Angel's Song (Stickles), Sanctus (Gounod), Gesu Bambino (Yon), O Come Little Children (Schulz).

Part three: No Candle Was There and No Fire (Lehman), Sleep Holy Babe (Ganschow), Shepherds Story (Dickinson), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel), March of the Magi (Dubois).

Soloists will be Mrs. James Eidson, Miss Jacquelyn Brown, Miss Anne Carter, Miss Mildred Freeman, Jack Walker, George Littman and Dr. Vernon Taylor. Members of the choir were listed as follows:

Soprano—Mrs. Rosetta Nichols, Mrs. James Eidson, Mrs. G. H. Tatum, Mrs. J. F. Moseley, Mrs. Lucille Long, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Janet Walker, Lynn Oliver, Wilma

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DAIRYMEN TOLD N. C. MILK NEED IS STILL HIGH

Two Hundred Dairy Producers Meet At Dobson

PRICE DROP EXPLAINED

L. Y. Ballentine, F. R. Farham, Dairy Leaders Speak At Courthouse

BREEDING IS DISCUSSED

Two hundred dairy producers learned last night that the demand for milk in North Carolina is still greater than the supply.

An open meeting which they attended at the Surry County Courthouse in Dobson was planned by Farm Agent Neill M. Smith for the purpose of discussing the outlook for dairy producers during the coming year. Mr. Smith said a surplus or excess of milk last Summer caused prices to drop and kept many dairy farmers in Surry County from expanding their facilities.

At the meeting were Commis-

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LIGHT JUDGING DATE IS GIVEN

Friday, Dec. 23 Is Named For Picking Christmas Contest Winner

JUDGES ANNOUNCED

Judging for the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Elkin Junior Woman's Club will take place on Friday, December 23, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Hugh Salmons, chairman.

In the outside decorating contests, judges will be Mrs. Mason Lillard, Linville Hendren and Mrs. E. C. James. Judges for the interior decorating contest are Mrs. H. H. Hensel, T. A. Redmon and Mrs. R. G. Smith, Sr. If entries in the contests warrant it, additional judging committees will be selected.

The Christmas Lighting contest is being sponsored for the purpose of urging homeowners to help make the town more beautiful for the yuletide season by decorating their homes inside and out.

The contest is divided into two parts. Prizes will be awarded for the best outside decoration and for the best interior decorations. Interested persons may enter one or both divisions of the contest, but are urged to do so immediately. Persons who wish to compete are requested to contact Mrs. Hugh Salmons, giving their name, address and the division of the contest they wish to enter.

The outside decorating contest is in charge of the Junior Woman's Club assisted by the Senior Woman's Club which is conducting the interior decorating contest.

CLUB TO HOLD AUCTION SALE

Kiwanians Will Donate Proceeds of Yearly Event To Elkin School Band

AT YMCA THIS EVENING

The Elkin Kiwanis Club will this evening stage its annual Christmas Auction following the regular dinner meeting at the YMCA beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Proceeds of the auction this year will go to the Elkin High School Band, a project sponsored by the club.

In recent years several hundred dollars have been raised at each auction, and it is hoped that a record-breaking figure may be attained at this evening's meeting.

The auction operates in the following manner: each member of the club brings some article of value to the meeting, and then these articles are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The last article to be sold is always the auction block which, by tradition, must be bid in by the president of the club, or else the president faces the task of pushing the heavy log to the home of the successful bidder. It is not coincidence that the heaviest bidding for the log usually comes from the Kiwanian living the longest way from the YMCA, nor is it coincidence that the president in most cases is always the high bidder.

This evening's meeting will mark the last meeting of the club before Christmas.

8 Shopping Days till Christmas