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... Alan Browning sealing birth-day gift of box of candy with tape bearing name of local hardware store.

... George Littman singing in Christmas concerts at three churches Sunday.

... Man about to cross street, face twisted, appearing ready to cry, eyes bulging. Then, at the approaching curb making cataclysmic change in facial expression, resuming fairly normal, happy countenance ... after exuding great quantity of tobacco juice.

... Local housewife to husband who had set the table and placed silverware wrongly: "You've got the knives on the wrong side of the plate again. Looks like I'm going to have to get you a copy of Wiley Post."

... Elkin merchant commenting on fact he had sold out all electric trains. "The fathers say they are buying them for their children," he said.

... Overheard on Main Street: One citizen telling another he was suffering from his first cold in 25 years.

... T. C. McKnight wearing "cowboy" shirt at Y, getting razzing from employees.

... Man reporting that Frank Miller had bought out Southern Dairies. Winking across the other's shoulder.

... An undefinable look on Harry Hensel's face when Herbert Graham presented him the 12:01 club's official plaque at the group's annual banquet at Hotel Elkin last night.

... The puzzled, uneasy expression of other Coffee Shop customers as the 12:01 club continued its banquet.

... Husband groaning, "What will fate bring me in the way of a neck-tie from my wife again this year?"

... Boy gazing starry-eyed as pert lassie wizzes down Main Street.

... Mrs. Louise Long flashing infectious smile at work again following brief illness.

... M-E-R-R-Y
C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S-I-!



ALL IS BRIGHT — The light in the eyes of a child at Christmas, the ring of his merry voice has been an enhancing value to the Yuletide for centuries. Children of the community this week are aglow with the Spirit of Christmas, spreading their warmth of happiness to their elders. Here a group goes caroling — one of their favorite activities of Christmastide. Left to right are Becky Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman; David Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marshall; Barry Fox, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Fox; Jane Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin; and Tommy Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tat Davis. (PHOTO BY REDMON)

POSTOFFICE SETS RECORD
More Mail Was Handled Monday Than Any Previous Day In History
RECEIPTS ARE GREATER

Elkin's Postoffice broke all records for volume of mail and receipts this week.

Postmaster J. Fuller Moseley reported 28,000 pieces of mail were cancelled Monday for the heaviest single day in the history of the local unit. An average of 20,000 pieces have come through the cancellation mill.

Mr. McKnight expressed regret that the facilities of the Y could not be kept open for this reason, but arrangements have been made to shorten the closing of the game room.

This department will open at noon Thursday, Dec. 29.

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Heating Causes YMCA To Close For Christmas

The Gilvin Roth YMCA will be closed beginning Saturday, Dec. 24, until Jan. 2 for the Christmas holidays. T. C. McKnight, general secretary, announced this week.

The closing is made necessary by the holidays given by the Chatham Manufacturing Co., as the heating of the Y is dependent upon the mill.

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LIQUOR, CAR CONFISCATED
Two Forsyth Negroes Arrested After Chase By Patrolman C. B. Pierce
ELKIN-BOONVILLE ROAD

Two Forsyth county Negroes and their automobile were confiscated, together with six cases of white liquor, at Boonville Monday after a chase by Highway Patrolman C. B. Pierce.

Patrolman Pierce, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Fred Turner, sighted Albert Feaster, driver, and James R. Oglesby, his passenger, in a 1937 Oldsmobile sedan while they were driving on highway 67 between Boonville and Elkin, and gave chase.

The two Negroes, driving east toward Winston-Salem, reached the Boonville business district before they were caught by the two officers after jumping from their automobile and running.

Patrolman Pierce said Feaster, in addition to being charged with transporting and possessing liquor, was also charged with driving after driving licenses were revoked, reckless driving, and passing a school bus stopped on the highway discharging passengers.

The liquor, totaling 36 gallons, was destroyed.

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Telephone Survey Is Underway In Yadkin

By D. D. WILLIAMSON
Yadkin County Farm Agent

A rural telephone survey is now underway in Yadkin County and enough workers have application blanks to give every farmer in Yadkin County an opportunity to sign stating that he is interested in obtaining a telephone. If you have not been contacted, do not feel that you have been slighted, just inquire in your community as to who has the blanks and see them and sign one of the blanks if you are interested in having a telephone.

On November 10, Claude R. Wickard, former Secretary of Agriculture and now National Administrator of R.E.A., in Washington, and Gwyn B. Price, Administrator R.E.A. in North Carolina, said that they are not able to say what the price of the telephones would be at the present time, but assured the group that the price would be low enough that farmers could afford the service of a telephone. They also said that by signing these applications you are not obligating yourself in anyway.

The purpose of this first survey

Jonesville Baptist Yule Programs Set

The annual Sunday School Christmas tree and program at the Jonesville First Baptist Church will be held at 7 p. m., tomorrow. The annual BSU night will be held Sunday night at which Penney Brown will be moderator.

Community Preparing For Merry Christmas

TRAINMAN HURT IN WRECK HERE

Station Wagon, Train Collide Tuesday; Freight Conductor's Leg Broken

CAR BADLY DAMAGED

G. C. Barber of Winston-Salem, conductor on the Winston-Salem-North Wilkesboro branch of Southern Railway, suffered a broken right leg here at noon Tuesday when the shifting train en route to North Wilkesboro collided with a small station wagon.

The collision occurred at a crossing in front of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, the impact knocking the conductor from the train onto the railway tracks.

Joseph Pruitt, son of Raymond Pruitt of Elkin, who was riding in the station wagon with the Mount Airy youth, was treated in Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital for scalp and hand lacerations and was dismissed. The Winston-Salem conductor is a patient at the hospital.

Billy Elder, Mount Airy High School senior and driver of the station wagon, blamed defective brakes. The machine, owned by Clinton Davis of Mount Airy, was practically demolished. Elder was charged with reckless driving.



THE GENTLEMAN HAS A GRAND STYLE — Bowing, David T. Lock gallantly kisses the gloved hand of lovely Nancy Laird Loomis, a member of the Debutante Committee, during Debutante Cotillion and Christmas Ball held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. Surrounded by sparkling yule decorations, 120 of the fairest made their bow to society at the affair. (International)

WILKES CASES ARE UNSOLVED

But Man Is Arrested In Connection With Slaying Of Paul Hemric

INVESTIGATIONS GO ON

Investigation into the Saturday rifle slaying of Paul Hemric, Ronda man who was employed by the Elkin Furniture Company, apparently was ended at least temporarily when Grant (Skinny) Holbrook was arrested and charged with murder.

Holbrook is being held for trial in the March term of Wilkes Superior Court. He waived hearing Monday and no request was made for bond.

Little progress was made up to today in the investigation of two other violent deaths in Wilkes County, however, Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said this morning.

The sheriff and his staff of deputies spent another full day yesterday looking into the brutal slaying of Glenn Farrington on the Blue Ridge Sunday night and the death of Feltz Curtis near North Wilkesboro Friday night.

Guy Scott, of the State Bureau of Investigation, helped Sheriff Poindexter yesterday afternoon as they divided time between the two cases.

Meanwhile, Coroner I. M. Myers

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22 Cases Tried

New Recorders' Court Clerk Takes Position

Twenty-two cases featured Wednesday's Recorder's Court in Elkin, which ushered in a new Clerk of the Court, J. S. Atkinson.

Mr. Atkinson, a tax consultant, was appointed to the position recently to succeed the late L. I. Wade. Formerly, Mr. Atkinson worked with the federal government as a field deputy collector of internal revenue and as chief deputy of the Charlotte division office of Internal Revenue.

Mr. Atkinson's principal hobby has been local history and he has been particularly noted for his work in this field in Elkin.

The following dispositions were made of the cases tried Wednesday:

Shannon Clarence Brown, no operator's license, failed to appear, nisi capias.

Vernon Lyons, public drunkenness, \$50, costs.

Aubrey Lee Sloop, operating vehicle intoxicated. Sentence of four months on road suspended on condition defendant pay \$100, costs, and not drink any intoxicating beverage for period of 12 months.

Albert Burch, public drunkenness, costs.

Roger Dixon, no operator's license, \$25, costs.

A. J. Combs, transporting non-tax paid liquor, sentence suspended on payment of \$300 and condition that defendant be on good

Tribune To Close Friday Noon Until Tuesday

The Tribune will not be issued Monday but will be back on regular schedule Thursday. The office will be closed Friday noon until Tuesday morning, in order to give the personnel a much needed rest as few holidays are observed during the year.

The staff wishes its readers a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Irvin Key Of Ronda Wins Wilkes Contest

Irvin Key of Ronda has been announced winner of the Wilkes County hybrid corn contest, Paul Choplin, county agent, reported today.

Mr. Key harvested 127 bushels of corn per acre to take first place and the \$25 prize awarded by the sponsoring Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Warner Hoots, also of Ronda, a 4-H Club member and a Ronda High School student, placed fifth with 112.9 bushels per acre.

Other winners were: Second, Fred Finley, Jr., North Wilkesboro, 126.4 bushels; Orvil Johnson, North Wilkesboro, 115; and A. X. Wyatt, North Wilkesboro, 113.

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Vacation, Bonus Ready For Workers

Elkin's industrial workers will enjoy bonuses and vacations during Christmas while they and other employees of the community prepare for the most active and prosperous year-end ever.

Payment of Chatham Manufacturing Company's bonus will be made tomorrow at 9 a. m., preceding the annual Christmas party and vacation. The company's employees will begin their vacation tonight at 12 o'clock and will continue to 12 midnight, December 29.

Elkin Furniture Company will close tonight and remain so until Tuesday morning. All employees will receive Christmas bonuses.

Meanwhile other Elkin employees will be given bonuses. Employees of Elkin merchants will be off Monday as an extended part of Christmas observance. The Bank of Elkin will be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

The offices of the Surry County Courthouse at Dobson will be closed from Saturday noon through Tuesday. The county agent's office will close Saturday and remain closed until Thursday. The full staff will be back at work January 3.

In connection with the Courthouse closing, Mrs. Bertha M. Shinnault, register of deeds, urged persons planning to purchase marriage licenses to do so before the last minute. No licenses will be issued after Saturday noon until

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YULE CONTEST ENTRIES OPEN

Contestants For Decoration Awards May Enter As Late As Tomorrow Noon

JUDGES ARE NAMED

Entries will be accepted in the Christmas Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, until tomorrow noon according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Hugh Salmons, chairman.

A number of entries have been received for both divisions, interior and outside decorating. Mrs. Salmons said. She urged all Elkin citizens to decorate their homes in some way and to enter the contest. The contest is sponsored each year to encourage homeowners to help make the community more beautiful for Christmas.

The judging will begin at 7 p. m. tomorrow and after the decision of the judges, prizes will be awarded for the best outside decoration and for the best interior decoration.

Judges for this year's interior contest are Mrs. H. H. Hensel, T. A. Redmon, and Mrs. R. G. Smith, Sr., and for the outside contest, Linville Hendren, Mrs. Mason Lillard and Mrs. E. C. James.

The Junior Woman's Club will be in charge of the outside division of the contest and will be assisted by the Senior Woman's Club in the interior division.

Turkey Shoot, Square Dance On Monday

A turkey shoot and a square dance are on schedule for the George Gray Post 114, American Legion, here Monday.

The turkey shoot will be held from 9 a. m. to 12 noon. Six turkeys will be given away.

Monday night, the Christmas square dance will be held at the Legion Hut. Ladies will be admitted free.

Jonesville Vets To Solicit Gifts

The Boyd-Seagraves Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jonesville, is sponsoring a drive for Christmas parcels for the needy.

Officers said today that anyone wishing to contribute should call 630 and the donation will be picked up.

Pickups will be made Saturday and will be delivered to families Saturday night.

Money, food, clothing and toys are being solicited.

Frankfort, capital city of Kentucky, manufactures brooms, shoes and lumber products.

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