



**Seen Along...**

Santa Claus bringing Mrs. George Willey of State Road two front teeth for Christmas.

A definite answer: "Oh, he'll be back around sometime after while."

Daughter with cold unknowingly pouring half-gallon of holiday spirits down drain while washing dishes. Couldn't smell, she said.

Forlorn Christmas tree containing tattered remnants of foil icicles, resting lopsidedly in trash can on Main Street.

Small boy, attired in black cowboy outfit, including two guns and lariat swaggering importantly along the street in front of Surry Hardware Co.

Local store manager explaining that in addition to all the other "national weeks" in the calendar, the week between Christmas and New Year's should be known as "national exchange week."

Willie Bell packing for hunting trip.

Mrs. Lula Weir reporting her Christmas trip to Bristol.

Boy and girl holding hands under table at restaurant. Looking dreamily into each other's eyes.

Heating system going haywire setting fire to the house of Jiggs, the new puppy Santa Claus brought Publisher H. F. Lafoon.

Interested motorists admiring the decorations of the Glenn Baileys, winners of the outside lighting contest sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

**CHARITY DRIVE NEARING GOAL**

Campaign Short of Goal By Only \$20.99 As Official End Draws Near

**GIFTS STILL COMING IN**

The Community Christian Charity drive was short of its \$1,000 goal by only \$20.99 today as a number of residents contributed through Christmas. Good quantities of food, clothing and toys have also been turned in.

Although the drive officially ends Sunday, gifts of clothing, money and food will be received throughout the entire year as needy families will be supplied as is deemed advisable.

Approximately 35 families were helped during Christmas with baskets of food, clothes, toys and articles needed to sustain them.

Those contributing to the campaign through the holidays were as follows:

Miss Clarice Oakley, \$5.  
Mrs. G. T. Roth, \$10.  
Mrs. K. V. McLeod, clothing.  
Mrs. Sid Hudspeth, clothing.  
A friend, \$2.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Royall, \$10 and clothing.  
Mrs. DeWitt Calloway, clothing.  
A friend, clothing.  
Jonesville Senior Girl Scouts, food.  
Richard T. Collins, Sr., Indianapolis, Ind., \$5.  
Elkin Presbyterian Church, food and clothing.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Evans, toys.  
Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Harrell, \$10.  
Dr. and Mrs. James A. Harrell, \$10.  
A friend, \$1.  
Contributions will be accepted at the receiving station at the Tribune office.

**BABY BLANKET PLANT MOVING IS COMPLETED**

Virginia Plant Sold By Chatham To Wortendyke Co.

**FIRM'S PAYROLL GROWS**

Consolidation of Waynesboro Plant With Main Plant Here Is Completed

**WORK ALREADY BEGUN**

Consolidation of Chatham Manufacturing Company's plant in Waynesboro, Va., with the Elkin plant has been completed.

Vice-president Hugh Chatham last week said the company's Virginia plant has been sold to the Wortendyke Manufacturing Company of Richmond, Va., which will begin using it immediately.

The Bunny Esmond crib blanket, which has been manufactured by Chatham at Waynesboro for the past year, is now coming from the looms at the local plant.

"We have improved the product by bringing it to Elkin to make," Mr. Chatham said. "And we shall continue to work to make it one of our best products."

The movement of the Waynesboro operations to Elkin has caused

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**HUNT MISHAP KILLS DOCTOR**

Dr. J. H. McKnight, Brother Of Elkin Residents, Accidentally Shot

**IN STERLING, COLORADO**

Dr. J. H. McKnight of Sterling, Colo., and brother of T. C. McKnight and Miss Lois McKnight of this city, was accidentally killed in a hunting accident Monday afternoon.

Dr. McKnight had visited in this city on a number of occasions.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Jimmy, three daughters, Mrs. Barbara Mason of Texas, Sally and Mary Helen, who at one time attended school here for several months and is now a student at Salem academy in Winston-Salem; two brothers, John McKnight of Sumter, S. C., and T. C. McKnight of this city; five sisters, Miss Lois McKnight of this city; Mrs. R. L. Stokely of Denver, Colo., formerly a resident of Devotion; Mrs. H. L. Timmons of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. H. M. Parker and Dr. Portia Lubchenco, both of Sterling, Colo.

Miss Lois McKnight and John McKnight of Sumter, S. C., left by plane Tuesday for Sterling.

Funeral service was held this morning at 10 a. m. in Sterling, Colo.

**Five Arrests Made By Local Officers**

Four arrests for drunkenness, one of them including a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and one apprehension for reckless driving were reported by law enforcement officers in Elkin today.

All of the cases were bound over to the Recorder's Court.

**Dobson Farm Bureau Will Hold Election**

Members of the Dobson Community Farm Bureau will hold an election of officers Monday night at the courthouse. The meeting will begin at 7 p. m.

J. Lee Thompson, president, said that about 50 committees of three persons each will be selected also.

In addition, a report on the recent telephone survey will be made at the meeting.

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**Elkin And Vicinity Observe Quietest, Grandest Yuletide**

Business Good, Hearts Generous; Soberness and Good Will Prevail

Elkin's Christmas was the quietest and grandest ever.

Through its streets prior to Christmas Day the throngs were the largest remembered. Business was good, buying was sharp and steady, and there was gaiety and merriment through the Yule season. Police report little disorder.

Hearts were generous and churches were filled Christmas morning following a successful week of Yule observance which lead up to Christmas Day. The poor and unfortunate families of the vicinity enjoyed full stockings... thanks to several charity organizations which received liberal response from the residents of the community.

The entire nation followed such an example, leading some to remark that the world was returning to the appreciation of the very cause of Christmas. Soberness and good will prevailed not only here in the Yadkin Valley, but to all corners of the nation. And over the world, a comparative peace continued while the world's great churchmen prayed for harmony among men.

The immediate vicinity of Elkin, though plagued with unfortunate incidents in December, missed tragedy at Christmastime. The man on the street was quick to offer his thankfulness for such quietness.

Supply this year was up. Had there been the demand for articles that was made last year, sales would have broken records during this shopping season. The increase in a great variety of goods was responsible for the margin over last year's sales, however, in spite of decreasing demand.

All-in-all, merchants were gratified with business during the rush which bolstered their yearly sales to an appreciable level with record-smashing business of recent years.

A sign of the times and a probable reflection on the soberness of the nation was evidenced when shoppers purchased practical gifts. Little articles were in demand more than in previous years and the large articles chiefly consisted of household goods or garments of usual necessity. One merchant explained that he had bought less novelty articles this year than any he remembers, and many of the same articles remain on his shelves.

One of the highlights of last

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**For North Carolina Farmers Disease - Resistant Tobacco Plants Under Last Experiments At Oxford**

known today in a report by Dr. E. E. Clayton, Agriculture Department tobacco breeding specialist, before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in New York.

The report was released in Washington by the Department. Experiments have been going on for some years at the Department's Bureau of Plant Chemistry at Beltsville, Maryland, where the major strains of the new lines were developed.

These lines were then sent out to the various experiment stations in tobacco-growing states for further experimentation—and to determine the particular line best adapted to an area.

In outlining the biological methods of developing the new lines of tobacco, Clayton told of one of the problems that had to be solved. It was found that the species of wild tobacco known as "Nicotiana debneyi" has a high level of resistance to major tobacco diseases but that crossing

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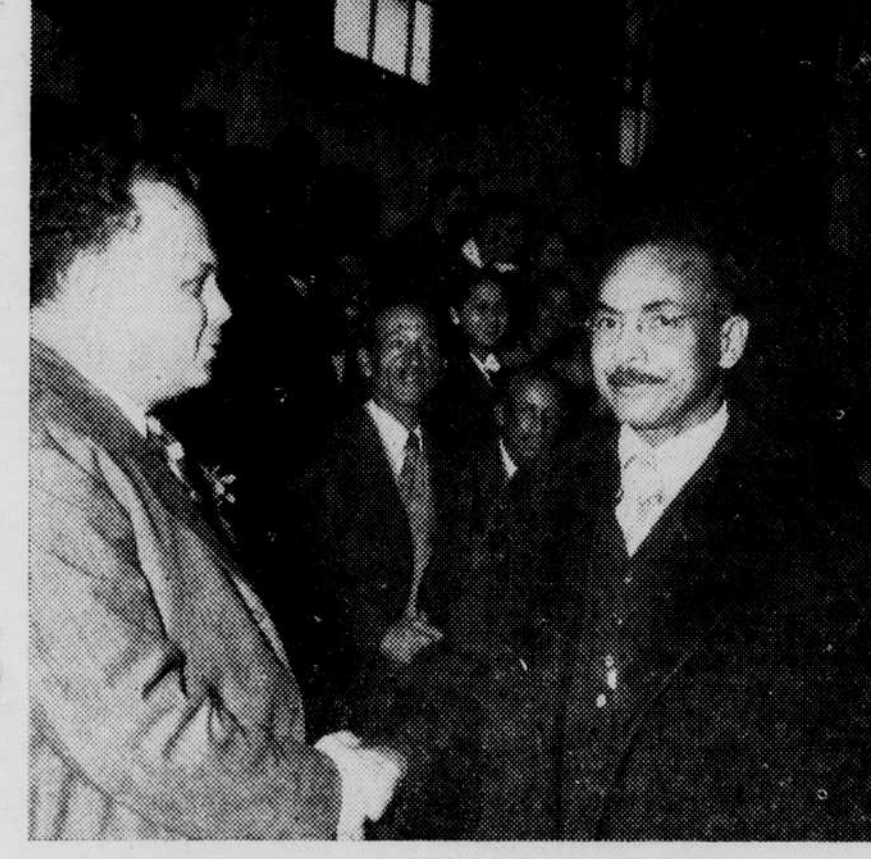
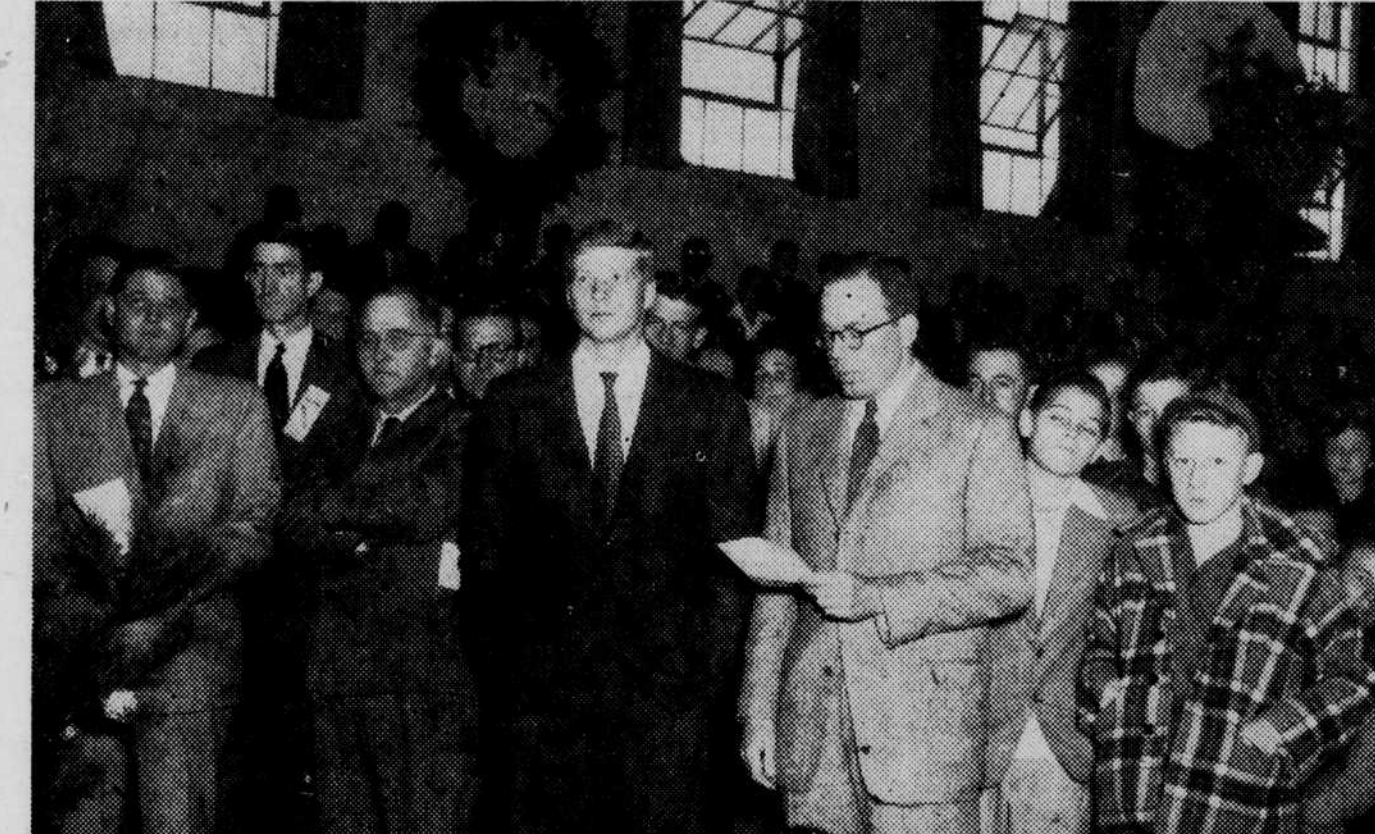
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**IT WAS A CHATHAM HOLIDAY** — Three thousand employees of Chatham Manufacturing Company enjoyed an annual Christmas party at the Gilvin Roth YMCA gymnasium Friday. Upper left photo, Dick and Hugh Chatham prepare to join in a singing of Christmas Carols. Left to right behind them are Richard G. Chatham, Reece Gilliam, Charlie Wolfe, Jack Caudill and other employees. Upper right, Albert Butler, president of the company, speaks to the employees. Behind him are Carl Poindexter, who handled arrangements for the party; Raymond Harris, general superintendent; and Hugh Chatham, vice-president of the company. Lower left, Clifton Leary, department head in charge of traffic and shipping; congratulates Daniel J. Burgess upon his completion of 24 years with Chatham. Lower right is part of the crowd attending the festivities which included handing out of bonus checks. (PHOTOS BY REDMON)

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**JAYCEES SEEK MAIL TO BACK HOOVER REPORT**

Ray Collie Named To Head Project For Local Chapter

**TO FORWARD LETTERS**

Goal Is To Secure 10 Per Cent Of Community's Citizenship To Write

**REPORT IS EXPLAINED**

Members of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce have begun soliciting letters from community residents supporting the Hoover Commission's recommendations.

The project, known as "Operation Economy" in the national Jaycee network, is being headed in Elkin by Ray Collie. He has asked all persons in the community to address their letters to their congressman or senators in care of Postoffice Box 5 (Five), Elkin. The letters will be forwarded to Washington when a special plane comes to North Carolina to pick up letters from every town in the State.

It is the goal of the local chapter and of the state and national organizations to secure letters from 10 per cent of the citizens, Mr. Collie said.

The Elkin club had earlier gone on record as favoring the Hoover Commission's report as did all other North Carolina clubs. The report has outlined a number of

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**A & P MARKET PLANS OPENING**

Lease of Building On Market Street Secured By A and P Tea Company

**FEBRUARY POSSESSION**

Lease of a building on Market Street has been secured by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company for the purpose of installing a super market.

Leo Hinshaw, owner of the building adjacent to The Tribune office on the west end of Market Street, revealed this week that C. G. Foster, an A and P official had completed negotiations for a 12-year lease of the street floor of the building.

The grocery company will take possession of the property February 1, and will be set up in 30 days, Mr. Hinshaw said.

Renovations will include two double-doors on the front and asphalt tile flooring, Mr. Hinshaw said.

Mr. Hinshaw added that he intends to continue the use of the building's basement as a hardware warehouse. He is now building a new implement warehouse in the west end of town.

**COUNTY HAS 18 YULE WEDDINGS**

December Rivals June As Time For Most Weddings As Cupid Runs Wild

**RANGE FROM 17 TO 51**

The month of December is beginning to rival June as the time of most weddings. Eighteen couples applied for marriage licenses at the County Courthouse in Dobson during the last three days before Christmas.

Little Dan Cupid showed plainly that he was no respecter of ages, hitting Oliver Mayer, 45, of Ash-kum, Ill., and Coppitate Blackman, 51, of Mount Airy, as well as Herbert Clinton McCraw, 18, of Mount Airy, and Annie Lou Gwyn, 17, also of Mount Airy.

Other licenses issued were to: Joe Powell, Mount Airy, 23, and Eleanor Greenwood, Mount Airy, 19. Jack Lawson, Mount Airy, 23, and Donnie Mills, Mount Airy, 20. Winfred Roy Goins, Mount Airy, 20, and Helen Jane Tate, Mount Airy, 19. Roy R. York, Lambsburg.

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