

Police Reported Minor Accident

Only one highway accident occurred in this area last week as reported by Kings Mountain police officers.

Wednesday evening, December 15, Otto Ware, Route 2, Kings Mountain, was going west on Mountain street, and hit the back end of a car driven by Ivey P. Epley. Mr. Epley, driving on Tracy street, failed to stop for the stop sign at Tracy and Mountain street. Mr. Epley was charged with drunken, and hit and run driving. Damages to both cars were slight. No injuries were reported.



MRS. SANTA . . . She is lovingly. This is Miami Beach's version of Mrs. Santa doing her chimney climbing in the warm southland.

Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

Christmas Funds For Guardsman

North Carolina Guardsmen should not be short of Christmas funds this year, finance officers of the 30th Infantry Division pointed out this week, since an average of over three hundred dollars per man was received for weekly drills and summer encampment by "Old Hickory" soldiers in 1953. Captain Samuel H. Houston commanding officer of Hq., Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 120th Inf., stated yesterday that the state average was equalled by the local unit, which held 48 drills during 1953, in addition to two weeks of summer training at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

The extra money for Guardsmen is but one of the many advantages offered to enlistees in the North Carolina National Guard, the local commander stated.

"There are retirement benefits open to every Guardsman, regardless of rank," he continued. "Some Guard officers who started their military careers as privates are drawing today retirement benefits of over \$400 a month. Any smart, aggressive Guardsman can do proportionately as well."

He pointed to the service schools open to Guardsmen and to the rapid advancement possible as other incentives to enlist in the 30th Division, and urged physically and morally fit young men to come by the local armory and learn for themselves the benefits offered them.

Interested candidates may see him, or Sfc. Charles E. Wilson his administrative assistant, any week day except Saturday at the Mountain street and Phifer road armory in Kings Mountain, N. C.

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Happy Christmas

By Papinia Knowles

Ann didn't lift her head when Jerry laid the work on her desk.

"I'm sorry to rush you, Ann," he said, "but this should be finished by three this afternoon. Banes will drop by for it."

His voice was gentle; it implied sincerity of his regret in putting the rush work before her. There was no doubt of it, Ann thought.

"Shall we go now, Jerry?" Beth Jenkins spoke at her shoulder.

"If you wish," Jerry said.

Ann kept her eyes on her work. She heard them close the office door.

They were going across the street to Tony's for a smoke and coffee.

With the sound of their steps fading into silence, Ann stopped working and looked idly at her hands. From somewhere along the street below Silent Night came softly from a radio, and she heard a venter chant, "Holly . . . mistletoe . . . cheap. Just two days till Christmas . . ."

Snow fell softly past the office windows, making a little mound on the sills. She had wanted a white Christmas. And until last week, she thought, I had planned on having a happy Christmas. With Mom, her kind brothers Joe and Bill, Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems, Christmas had always seemed complete before. Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems lived with them, and they were together on Christmas.

And somehow there had never been anyone outside the little circle that Ann cared to share



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their fun with. Not anyone she was interested in. But now—

There was no use denying her thoughts about Jerry Laws. He disturbed her the moment he stepped into the office last week as new manager of Rankin Real Estate and Loans. And in spite of her effort to push him out of her mind he had occupied her thoughts since. With Beth Jenkins working there too, she knew it was folly to think of him. Beth had a way with men.

Beth was working only until she could find someone who would give her a ring and a home. She used her salary to buy expensive clothes to set off her blond attractiveness. While I, Ann thought, fill a man's place at home it took money for Mom, Joe and Bill. Any money left over from her salary had to be saved for a rainy day, and when she bought something new to wear it had to be conservative.

I can't compete, simply can't, Ann thought. Why, then, do I keep thinking of him? She heard the venter's chant on the street again and she thought, he'll buy her something for Christmas. This is only the beginning—for Beth.

She checked her thoughts with the sound of their returning steps on the stairs and turned to her work, grateful that she had so much to do. She wouldn't have time to think.

Shortly before three o'clock she walked into Jerry's office with the finished work.

She smiled and laid the work on his desk. "I hope I've made no errors, Jerry," she said.

"You haven't. Thanks, Ann," he said.

She turned from his desk.

"Ann—"

Ann turned back reluctantly.

"Yes?" If he was going to praise her for her efficiency, she didn't want to hear it! It had been all right from others before Jerry, but from Jerry—

"Ann—" he repeated, "you know, I suppose, that this should have been Beth's work."

"No, I didn't know," Ann said, and a little wave of anger went over her. Tears stung her eyes. She was hurt.

He had made her a goat for Beth!

Jerry smiled. "I discovered soon after I came," he said, "that you'd be the one I'd have to depend on for important work. And I discovered, too, something else. Someday I'll tell you, Ann, there's a grand Christmas show this evening at the Alden. May I take you?"

For a second Ann didn't answer. When finally she said, "I'd love to go."

"I've sworn the venter."

"Fully . . . mistletoe . . . cheap . . . happy Christmas! . . . happy Christmas!"

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Certain Veterans May Be Entitled To VA Compensation For Active Nonpulmonary TB

Veterans Administration is reviewing its records to determine whether certain living veterans or dependents of certain deceased veterans may be entitled to compensation for active nonpulmonary tuberculosis that developed within 3 years after separation from active service.

VA said the review is being conducted under Public Law 241, 83rd Congress, enacted August 8, 1953.

This law provides that if certain veterans develop active nonpulmonary TB to a compensable degree within 3 years from separation from active wartime service, it may be presumed to have been incurred in service

providing there is no affirmative evidence to the contrary.

The law also requires at least 90 days of active war-time service and a discharge or separation under other than dishonorable conditions.

Prior to the passage of this law, only pulmonary (lung) TB could be presumed to be service-connected for certain veterans if it developed within three years after separation from war-time service. The new law adds all other types of TB.

Living and deceased veterans covered by the new law fall into the following four groups:

1. Those with service since June 27, 1950, the start of the Korean

hostilities—the active nonpulmonary TB must have developed in these cases within three years from separation or three years from the date the Korean emergency is declared ended, whichever is earlier.

2. Those with service which began prior to January 1, 1947, and which extended after that date—within three years from date of discharge or July 25, 1947, whichever is the earlier.

3. Those with service during World War Two, up to December

31, 1946—within 3 years from separation.

4. Those with service in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion with active participation therein—within 3 years from separation.

World War One veterans are not included under the new law because they already are covered under another law which has been on the statute books for many years.

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