

SANTA DISMAYED AT N.J. TAX BILLS

**Christmas Savings Will Be Cut
Into by Payments to
Government**

BANKS RELEASING MILLIONS

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger.
PITMAN, N.J., Nov. 27.—Millions of dollars in the aggregate will be released from the payment of taxes and Christmas shopping through saving clubs by banks in South Jersey, between Camden and the shore, this week. Total amounts to be paid out are said by bankers to exceed all previous years, in spite of more or less unsettled business and industrial conditions during 1922.

More clubs and more members who have formed this year say to the front of the year, "We won't save," are responsible for this increase in holiday savings. Most of the banks are planning to mail their checks on or before December 1, which is the final day for the payment of taxes.

While tax collectors are giving Santa Claus a run for the money, due to the fact that tax bills are payable now more than three weeks before Christmas, most of the clubs that have been formed this year say to the front of the year, "We won't save," are responsible for this increase in holiday savings. Most of the banks are planning to mail their checks on or before December 1, which is the final day for the payment of taxes.

Such an early distribution of funds of such large amount in the aggregate is looked for by merchants and business men to stimulate holiday business throughout South Jersey and in the Philadelphia district, so far as the really last offering incentive to this year's Christmas shopping cycle.

By reason of this schedule for the distribution of savings clubs and the fact that many other citizens who are not members of the clubs have delayed the paying of the taxes until the last minute, there are some who think that their offices sit tight. Some municipalities, however, apply payments in previous years by offering a discount on tax bills paid in full, but this discount was ruled to be illegal and was eliminated this year.

MOTORISTS AID IN FIRE IN WHITE HORSE PIKE INN

**Third Floor of Silver Lake Hotel
Damaged by Blaze**

The third floor of the Silver Lake Inn, White Horse Pike, between Wallington and Clementon, N.J., was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon as the proprietors were preparing for the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

A guest went to his room on the third floor and found it filled with smoke. The chimney was afire and the flames reached the woodwork in the room. When firemen from nearby communities

brought the flames had spread throughout the floor.

Chief Budweiser, of the Chwynom fire department, took charge of the fire-fighters and succeeded in saving the rest of the building, which was damaged.

Automobiles, the White Horse Pike parked their cars nearby and helped carry out furniture,

by water and smoke. The inn is known to many Philadelphia motorists.

RECORD FOR AGED LAWYERS

EASTON, Md., Nov. 27.—Easton boasts of having three of the oldest lawyers in Maryland that have ever appeared in the case and argued it before the Maryland Court of Appeals. The three lawyers are all over 80 years of age. They are Colonel James C. Mullikin, 79; General Joseph H. Seth, 77, and Alfred L. Tharp, 72. The case was argued last week.

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