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## E. M. Eller Is Author Of New Book

### 'Houses Of Peace' Widely Acclaimed By Book Critics

Ernest M. Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, of this city, is author of "Houses Of Peace," a splendid historical, legendary and contemporary account of the Moravians and their settlement

of Salem and other communities in North Carolina, including Moravian Falls and Mulberry Fields, now Wilkesboro.

The following reviews of the book, which appears in Sunday's Winston-Salem Journal, will prove to be of much interest here:

The Houses of Peace. A historical, legendary, and contemporary account of Salem in North Carolina. By E. M. Eller. Illustrations by W. F. Pfohl. Feimling H. Revell Company. 153 Fifth Avenue, New York. 21 Paternoster Square, London and Edinburgh. It is dedicated to every generation of man who, in serving man, always labor, always trust, always dare, and therefore never wholly fail. 1937. \$3.00.

Brief introductions are written by J. Kenneth Pfohl, Bishop of the Moravian Church, and Adelaide L. Fries, archivist of the Moravian Church. In the foreword the authors say, "This is fiction at times, yet always truth; history, yet romance; place-description, yet a web of dreams."

Opens With Easter Service The first chapter, Easter, opens with the lines, "Where are the places that we see in dreams . . ." and the poem, "Easter," by John Henry Boner. The chapter begins with the Great Sabbath, which is Easter Saturday when the Great Sabbath Lovefeast, and the night, end the week of worship with which for almost two centuries the Moravian Church in Western North Carolina has prepared its members for the stirring service of Easter dawn.

Easter dawn. "Listen. . . Do you hear?" Here is described the beauty of the scene, the choral singing, the music of the horns. Then as the hour is struck, "The Lord is Risen," cries a voice, the Bishop has appeared.

History of "Ancient Unity" Under "Forethings," the authors have given a history of the "Ancient Unity" and John Hus, Amos Comenius, Count Zinzendorf, Spangenberg; "The Unity

### Asks Capital's Aid



Political observers saw their predictions of a CIO-New Deal split come true when John L. Lewis (above) charged that the administration had lost prestige "because of lack of competent and coordinated man-power." They were surprised, however, when A.F.L. leaders publicly joined with Lewis in calling for united action by labor and capital to solve taxation and unemployment problems.

Reborn; "Wachovia, Land of New Beginnings," Bethlehem, Bethabara; the versatile group that composed the colony, and their duties. Then "Salem Yesterdays," beginning with infant school days which is a most attractive chapter; also "The Little Red Man"; "The Changing Years," "Tavern Tales," and finally Salem Female Academy and College, begun 1772, in which chapter a certain "Mary and Charles," have a place.

"Salem Today," "City Bells," poems by John Henry Boner, and a chapter on Christmas, followed by an afterword by the authors, make up the conclusion.

"The Houses of Peace" is illustrated with twenty-one black and white drawings, exquisite plates, the work of William Pfohl. Poems, excerpts from old Moravian hymns all combine to make a beautiful publication. It is suitable for a Christmas or Easter gift.

—ELEANOR L. FOLLIN.

### HOUSES OF PEACE AROUSES COMMENT

William A. Blair says of The Houses of Peace:

"Books should one of these four ends conduce, "For wisdom, plety, delight or use."

Something of all these desirable ends will be found in this new publication fresh from the press, the work of E. M. Eller and W. F. Pfohl. This volume largely about Salem, tells of the early history of the brethren from the days of John Hus; the persecutions and scatterings of the unity; the renewal of the church under Count Zinzendorf; the settlements in America; the founding of Salem, its growth and development.

Convincing Story Stories clustered about the infant school, the old Tavern, the Boys' School, the academy and college, Moravian Easter and Christmas, are interspersed with folklore, legends, narratives and

traditions of ancient days. Through all these there is skillfully woven a touching, sentimental, convincing love story, beginning in the infant school and running through the grim, terrible, awful days of the Civil War.

The illustrations are particularly fine, well done, interesting, valuable and appropriate. They are the handiwork of a talented local artist, William F. Pfohl, and are a tribute to his ability and skill.

The book of nearly 300 pages, attractively printed and bound by Revell, is full of interest, is a great addition to the history of Salem and will be in general demand and widely read.

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson says of the book:

"If I were allowed to read only one book this Christmas season my choice would be "The Houses of Peace." The author is E. M. Eller and the illustrator is William F. Pfohl. Text and illustrations make the volume the perfect gift for all who love Salem and her story."

MRS. LINDSAY PATTERSON.

### Dislikes "Like"



A cat may look at a king, and Janet R. Aiken, Columbia University professor, proves an English teacher can criticize a President's grammar. Objecting to his use of "like" in an extemporaneous Montana speech, Professor Aiken provoked a nationwide discussion of the grammatical quality of recent Rooseveltian speeches. New York Times comment quoted Fowler's Dictionary of Modern English, that "Shakespeare, Darwin and Southerly-like Roosevelt—were equally guilty"

### Find Sixth Victim Of Execution Plot

Paris, Dec. 14.—A cave in Fontainebleau forest today revealed the body of Mme. Janine Keller, sixth known victim of Eugene Weidmann, confessed executioner of a murder-for-profit syndicate.

Police made the discovery with information supplied by the 29-

year-old German . . . whose arrest last week disclosed the existence of the murder ring. The body of Mme. Keller, who disappeared from Strasbourg in August, had been buried under a thin layer of sand in "brigand" cavern," which police said was a hiding place of highwaymen in the 16th century.

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### ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS TREE BURIED IN ANCIENT HISTORY

#### Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus:  
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Your buddy,  
CHARLES LEE KEMP.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 15 months old. I want you to please bring me a little red wagon, a little gun, oranges, candy and nuts.

Your little friend,  
RAY ANDERSON.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Me want you to bring me a real chu-chu train that smoke will come out of, and a fire truck with a bell to ring. Me is 2 1-2 years old.

B-O-B BOY.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Bring me and Sonny a tricycle, blackboard, gun, toys, candy and oranges. I am going to be a good girl.

BONNIE NICHOLS.

Dear Old Santa Claus:  
I'm a little girl five years. My name is Mona Higgins. Dear Santa Claus, I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a little mama doll and a little coat and cap to match and a pair of slippers. Now dear Santa Claus if you will bring me what I've ask for I will appreciate it very much, and I want you to bring me some apples, oranges, and nuts and candy also, and I always will appreciate it. Well I will close.

Your little friend,  
MISS MONA HIGGINS.

### 5 Negroes Killed and Three Others Hurt In Blazing Wreckage

Burlington, Dec. 14.—A car-truck crash, converted into a blazing inferno almost instantly after the two machines met and an auxiliary gas tank on the truck burst into flames, cost the lives of five negroes and sent three others to Alanance General hospital here, seriously injured about five miles west of here, on the ice-coated Burlington-Greensboro highway about 7:30 o'clock this morning.

The dead were listed as Rev. W. A. Kelly and wife, of Winston-Salem; Bill McKinney, of Winston-Salem; Jant Hoag, and Rosa Reed, of Greensboro. The injured are Nancy Craig, of Winston-Salem, who sustained severe fractures; Rev. John Roberts, of Shelby, who suffered severe fractures and cuts, and Mary Sherard, of Winston-Salem, who received critical burns and fractures.

One of the finest rural homes in Unclor county is the one belonging to Talmadge Austin, a young farmer who cultivates 80 acres of land two miles east of

#### In any home, Christmas is hardly complete without a Christmas tree of some sort.

Where the idea came from is a disputed question. People in ancient Rome were known to have decorated evergreen trees at certain seasons of the year. Egypt, India, and other countries are said to have had their own similar practices. One tale bestows the distinction of originating the yule tree on Martin Luther. The story goes that one stary Christmas Eve he was so impressed by the beauty of the heavens that he went into his garden and obtained a little fir tree which he carried into the house and there decorated it with candles to symbolize the glory of the heavens.

Whatever the origin, the decorating of evergreen trees at Christmas has become an established custom throughout the world. Saws sang and axes flew in a demand for more than \$5,000,000 worth of Christmas trees last season says an Associated Press report from Salt Lake, Utah. A survey made among forest supervisors turned up the estimate of a National harvest ranging to more than double that amount. Washington State alone marketed \$2,000,000 worth.

Christmas trees are produced locally throughout the Nation. New England has its balsam fir, the mountain folk of Kentucky and Tennessee use hemlock and shortleaf pine, the Far West, Douglas fir and Engelmann spruce, the deep South uses slash and longleaf pine.

The Pacific Northwest, the Lake States, and the New England States ship the majority of Christmas trees to other sections. Missouri's Ozark region is also a heavy producer in the Midwest. Minnesota cut 1,750,000 Christmas trees last year. The Southwest also helped to furnish trees for yuletide cheer.

In spite of this relatively wholesale cutting of Christmas trees, according to silviculturists at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., there is no alarming danger being done the Nation's forests as many of the trees come either from selected thinnings and restricted cuttings in the National forests, or from plantation cuttings and clearings. On hundreds of thousands of acres of swamp lands, evergreens of Christmas-tree size represent the most desirable product that the land can grow. These swamps are often small and many farm owners have from 5 to 50 acres of such land from which the Christmas tree market offers an income that is an important factor in their economic situation. Rocky, untillable hillsides produce crops of Christmas trees.

At this time of year many farmers are cutting spruce and fir for pulpwood and with a little care in felling, the tops of these trees will make fair Christmas trees. In this way millions of possible Christmas trees, which are now lying freshly cut and wasted in the woods, can be put to use.

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