

# Out in Society

CALENDAR

## Christmas Program By Grammar Grades

Given At High School Auditorium Thursday Afternoon At Three O'Clock

### More Prettiest Girls

The prettiest girls of the city will present an interesting entertainment at the High School Auditorium, Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The first number of the program will be a Christmas play, "Little Town of Bethlehem," by the grammar grades.

The second number will be a play, "His Christmas Tree," presented by the 12th grades, under the direction of Miss Osa Kiser and Mrs. H. C. Pentson.

Third on the program will be a "Dance of Christmas," by Bernice Williams, talented dancer.

Another carol by the grades will be the fourth number, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

The fifth number will be a play, "Christians with Mother Goose," by the fourth grades under the supervision of Miss Alice Brockwell.

The sixth number on the program will be another carol by the school, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The public is invited and an interesting hour is promised.

### BUNCOMBE FARMERS HAVE PLANNED ORGANIZATIONS

Asheville, Dec. 18.—Buncombe County farmers are planning three marketing organizations, according to information just made public here. Strawberry Growers' Association, a Potato Growers' Association and a Tomato Growers' Association will be organized, it is said.

### LEGISLATURE MET IN MANY PLACES

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—In the early days of the State of North Carolina the Legislature met at least a dozen places, according to Colonel Fred A. Olds of the State Historical Commission. This was due to the fact that no definite site for a state capitol had been selected. Finally, in the latter part of the 18th century, New Bern was selected by Legislative enactment as the capital and buildings were erected in that city. Later the capital was changed to Raleigh, where it has been since.

### SOUTHERN RAILWAY WILL CONSTRUCT NEW STATION

Winston-Salem, Dec. 18.—The Southern Railway soon will ask for bids for the construction of a station here to cost between \$700,000 and \$750,000, according to an announcement made by Henry W. Miller of Atlanta, vice president of the company. Mr. Miller's announcement followed a conference here with a committee of citizens.

### ESTIMATE VALUE LOTS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Charlotte, Dec. 18.—Town lots in Mecklenburg County are valued at \$66,138,499, according to a statement issued here by R. E. Young, tax assessor and county auditor. There are 16,796 such lots. Town lots in the city of Charlotte number 15,862 valued at \$52,829,744.

### ICELAND VOTED DRY—BUT SPAIN KEEPS IT MOIST

By Milton Rosenberg



SIGURDUR EGGERZ

It is a curious fact that Iceland voted dry, but Spain keeps it moist. The reason for this is that Iceland is a small island with a small population, and the majority of the population is of the same race as the majority of the population of Spain. The result is that the laws of Spain apply to Iceland, and the laws of Spain are not dry.

Iceland is not as cold as some parts of the United States in winter, he continued. It is true the thermometer never soars in summer—but we manage to get along quite happily.

Although no money is spent in Iceland for arms or navies, and few governmental officials draw salaries, the national debt is approximately \$5,000,000.

### SMILING DANCER LEAVES IN TEARS

Berlin, December 18.—Sonia Smilanski used to be a carefree Russian girl, a dancer in the cabarets of the central European capitals. It was a sad day for the beautiful artist when she came to Berlin to fill an engagement in one of the big variety theatres last month.

She made the acquaintance in Berlin of a Khirghese, Serge Chansschvili, who professed such admiration for Sonia that he proposed buying her a silk gown and accompanied her to one of the city's leading silk shops.

While Sonia was looking over the various patterns, her "cavalier" slipped a bolt of silk into a great pocket especially made in the lining of his overcoat. Unfortunately for the Khirghese, the silk house had mirrors arranged in such a manner that detectives who were not in sight could watch the customers at the silk counter.

Sonia and her "cavalier" were escorted into the managerial offices and taken to jail after the silk had been recovered. The girl protested her innocence, but was locked up and held for trial.

It was discovered that the Khirghese had been locked up in Austria and Italy for similar thefts. Consequently when he was arraigned for sentence, the Judge sent him to prison for five years.

### SCOUTS WILL EARLIER

The Boy Scouts will hold their weekly meeting at the Community Building at 7:30 Thursday night. The hour has been changed to 7:30 on account of basketball practice. They will continue to be held at this hour through the winter.

### JOLLY McGUIRE

At the Jolly McGUIRE, Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. A. J. McGUIRE, of Newport News, Va., were married Monday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Scattergood at his home in the Bell Air Apartments.

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The children are urged not to wait until the last minute to vote, as it was impossible to secure a place in any of the stores for the ballot box on account of the Christmas crowds. It is important that the envelopes be obtained and the votes gathered together as soon as possible.

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sheep and sons, Harry, Jr. and Lloyd Hall, of Valdosta, Georgia, are visiting Mr. Sheep's parents, Professor and Mrs. S. L. Sheep, at their home, 301 West Main street.

Capt. R. T. Crowley, U. S. Coast Guard, has been detached from duty in the seventh district and assigned district number nine, with headquarters at Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Josiah Elliott of Hartford is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sawyer on Second street.

Mrs. S. E. Larry of Norfolk, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Dwyer, has returned to her home.

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### CROSS COUNTRY CHASE

On Saturday morning from 8 to 12 the Scouts will hold a cross-country paper chase. All Scouts desiring to enter will signify their intention to the scoutmaster at the meeting Thursday night.

### THRONGS ANXIOUS TO SECURE SEATS

The Savings Bank and Trust Company opened its doors again Tuesday morning with a throng waiting to reserve seats for the Elks' Minstrel Wednesday and Thursday nights. Although the advance sale is the largest in the history of local theatricals, good seats may yet be obtained for both performances.

In the minstrels this year, the Klowns Quartette is being featured with several songs written expressly for them to use in these shows. Then again, Mr. Hunter Sawyer, who has been in grand opera for several seasons, will handle several numbers. Also there are ballads by Arthur Padgett, Harold Foreman, Charlie Ives, Wesley Woodley, as well as an old song by Al Haley, "Ty" Cobb, Walter Harris, Mills Bell, Freeman Gordon, and the inimitable Bill C. Sawyer, the burnt cork wonder.

There are several songs by the girls in the cast, some novelty dancing, and just loads of other bits of comedy and melody which go to make up an enjoyable evening.

The only thing missing in this year's shows is a weak spot. Most amateur productions have them but it is conceded that the Elks' Minstrels 1923 edition is strong all the way through. There remains but little doubt that the Alkrama will be sold out completely for both shows so anyone desiring to enjoy themselves and at the same time help a charitable cause, better get their tickets right now.

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