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#### IT'S CHRISTMAS (H. Y. Belk)

There's a ting in the air so sweet, so rare.

Filling the heart of mortals with joy Oh the beautious star that tells the same sweet story.

Again it appears and fills the sky with glory.

O're the hills a mantle is falling, The candles gleam while happy childnen sing.

And hall again the Christ-child birth

eace on earth for Christ is born in Bethlehem.

In a manger lowly the Savior is Heaven throws wide her portals And welcomes the Christ-child birth

Peace on earth Christ was born to day.

night.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Mrs. A. H. Patterson

An open forum letter covet no more than a half a column of last Saturday's Charlotte Observer, gave a beautiful description of the Christ mas celebration held on our streets recently. The letter was not only a boost and splendid advertisement to our school band and their able director but a boost to the town of Kings Mountain and coming from the pen of a stranger, it somenom struck home. It meant much more to the reader than a "boost" and 'advertisement' for it was filled with thoughts too deep and fine to connect with mere "commercialism." Fearing that the Open Forum was unread by many of our citizens we quote the following excerpts and wish so much we had space for the

"I wonder if it is a Carolina custom or was it just in our village of mar 2; Chas. Gantt 5. Kings Mountain that the 'turning Gold Eagle Palm: Lawrence Paton' of the Christmas lights was cele. rick 1. brated so beautifully. I was told that the high school band was to play, also that those children, boys and the meeting closed with the repeat girls, running about in those fasci- ing of the Scout Benediction. nating uniforms composed the band. The January Court of Honor I am certain that a band leader who being planned for the Central school could supervise the playing of so auditorium. At that time Scout Exmany different instruments in the ecutive R. M. Schiele will show the hands of beginners and produce real- color mov! s taken by him this sum ly delightful music must be a person ver in South America. Executive of rare stalent.

Eghts had been turned on and the tures give enthusias in reports. band was playing 'Oh, Little Town Ant'rur cement was made at this of Bethlehem" and everyone was singing with them, Santa Claus was Piedmont Council to be held in Gas dispensing gifts of candy and fruits. Everyone seemed so happy and affable and enthusiastic and gay. This then, I thought, is the Christmas Spirit, this mood of good will, and we loved our neighbors better for seeing them in this mood and we were all made hoppier by this celebration of the coming of the Christ Child who was sent to teach us that

Christmas Spirit.' The wifer goes on to say that some criticize by saying the show was put on by the merchants and was pure commercialism. She discusses that angle and we quote her in part:

"God is Love" and that love is the

"But what if it is commercialism! It brought us together, it gave rise to the Christmas Spirit, this spirit of love for our fellow man. Rather let us say that commercialism is do ing a great work. I remember some years Philadelphia I had three go sts who made me rise at a very ear'y hour to get them to Wan namake 's store 'n time to join in singing he Christmas anthems which t'e" did each morning at the opening of the store. It was a lovely and crowd d service and we all stood in the aisles and sang and enjoyey it. The churches were oot offering a daily sinding of Ceristman anthems. I must admit that my guests remained to buy lavishly of wifts fo their friends but that was the Christmas spirit."

The writer concluded w'h the fol lowing: "As we left the celebration that most fascinating little band was playing, 'Hark, The Herald Augels



## Here and There . .

By Haywood E. Lynch



#### SCOUTS HOLD COURT OF HONOR

Four Boys Recommended For Eagle

The meeting opened with the rethese boys. peating of the Scout Oath and pray- tonia on the evening of January 17. simplify the water disposal prober by Rev. Reeves of Grover.

Accirding to custom the Negro Scouts were examined first and are as follows:

First Class Rank: Luico Wilson, 10 Mozell Jones 10; Theodore Byers 10. The the white Scouts were examined and advanced in rank:

Tenderfoot Rank: Charles Wilson, 5; Douglas Hullender, 5. Second Class Rank: David Maun-

ev. 2; James Alerander, 5; Stokes Keller. 5; Billy Wray Kiser, 1, Grover. Wm. McGinnis 1, Grover. Merit Badges

Animal Industry: Eugene White 2. Eilly Throneburg 6. Fird Study: Robert Dettmar 2; Eu

gene Machis 6. Bugling: Meek Carpenter 6. Comping: Miles Mauney, 2; Ernst Mauney 2; Robert Dettmar 2; Chas. Gantt 5.

First Aid to Animals: Thos. Bar rett. 4. Handicraft: Chas. Moss, Jr. 1;

Woodle Rawles 1. Pathfinding: John Fulton 1. Physical Development: Lawrence Patrick.

Public Health: J. T. McGinnis, 5 Sifety: Manly Morehead, 6. Scholarship: Manly Morehead 6. Swimming: Manly Morehead, 6. Weather: Lawrence Patrick. 1. Woodcarving: Robert Dettmar 2/

Ten Year Veteran Scout: Carl Davidson, S. M., 1. Eagle Scout Rank: Ernest Maun-

ey 2; Miles Mauney 2; Robert Dett-

After awards of previous Courts and aurouncements were made

S.h' to is an expert, producer and "We atrived a little late, the all of here who have seen his pic-

court of the annual meeting of the

### The Christmas Star

By

RAYMOND PITCAIRN. "And when they saw the Star, they

Since time immemorial men have looked to the stars for comfort and for

In the beauty and the mystery of those pure, high fires, the ancient world sought augury and guidance. In the vague outlines of distant constellations, mythology sought immortality for its heroes. On the bright sentinels of the night, wanderers over trackless plains or uncharted seas relied for beacons

that could show the way home. Then, twenty centuries ago, those an-

clent hopes were justified. Under the white light of a new and miraculous Star, men found the promof peace and comfort which they

had sought throughout the ages. And at this time, in every land on which starlight falls, that discovery is celebrated in joy and reverence as the Christmas message sends a new flood of faith surging through the hearts of

Everywhere men remember again that, however dark the prospect, some-where there is room for hope.

"There was no room for them at the inn," says the old, old story—but room was found when the manger at Bethle-hem cradled a King.

"There is no room for peace," lament the faltering today—but peace can be cradled in surroundings no less humble and obscure.

Out of the lowly manger has come all that we know of altruism and mercy. Out of it have sprung great churches, great deeds of love and kindness.

Out of our humble gropings for peace and brotherhood can come results sim-ilarly great, similarly inspiring. Always there is the Star, if we will see it; always there echoes the Angels' Song, if we will hear it.

And their message of peace and goodwill never changes.

It is the message of Christmas.

#### Terraces Alone Do Not Solve Erosion Problem

Construction of terraces alone to intercept run-off water in farm field doesn't solve the farm water disposal problem, according to W. D. Lee. soil conservationist of the State College Extension Service, and E. B. Garrett, state coordinator of the U S. Soil Conservatin Service

Failure to profide for proper disposal of water concentrated by terraces has resulted in tremendous Laurinburg to spend Christmas with damage to farm lands in the past, his mother, they point out. Modern methods de monstrated in erosion control pro- City, Mo., arrived last week to visit jects and now being put into effect his sister, Mrs. R. S. Plonk. in soil conservation districts, pro vide protected areas on which water drainage and water-disposal, the spe concentrated in terraced fields can cialists say. be emptied safely.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor met Application has been made to pre as desired. in the City Hall Thursday night at sent the Eagle Badges at that time! With location of other disposal which time many Scouts appeared to Scouts Ernest Mauney, Miles areas determined by the water disbefore the Court for advancement in Mauney. Robert Dettmar and Chas. posal plan, vegetation can be estab-

SYNOPSIS: Miss Ellen Fortune's

four new friends, society hoboes, whom she had invited as her house guests after they rescued

her from a train wreck, were "Sahib" Carleton, who pretended to have served with the Bengal Lancers, and his charming family, Mrs. Marmy Carleton, George-Anne and Richard. Established in Mes.

George-Anne and Richard. Established in Miss Fortune's home in London, George-Anne insisted they keep up appearances in hopes of inheriting Miss Fortune's Fortune. George-Anne's suitor, Duncan MacCrae, found a job for the Sahib — his first in years — and immediately afterward, Richard went to work in an office managed by

work in an office managed by Miss Leslie Saunders, with whom

he formed a romantic attach-ment. Shortly afterward, Dun-can brought Richard home drunk. George-Anne was furious at Duncan, but Miss Fortune only remarked that "love never comes twice"

Chapter Five

GAYNOR FAIRBANKS, I GODDARD

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ROLAND (TOPERS) YOUNG . BILLIE BURKE

LET'S LOOK BACK

From The Kings Mountain Herald NINETEEN YEARS AGO DECEMBER 25th, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Barber Chester, S. C., are here to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. J. E. McLaughen is at home

for Christmas. Mr. W. C. Falls left Saturday for

Mr. and Mrs. Ep Motley of Kansas

Advantage this can be taken of all Developments of an ecective sys naturi drainageways in planning a tem of terraces and outlets requires terracing system and, where adedefinite planning in advance of ter- quate vegetation is already establish racing so as to take into considera- cd in theele natural drainageways. tion all the problems involved in proper location of terraces leading to these can be determined and thes Eagle Scouts are expected to attend terraces can be constructed as soon

Gantt. And at the same time the lished on these locations before the miniature badges to the mothers of remaining terraces are built. Pretreatment of these areas will greatly

"Drunk? Are you mad?"
"Not at all. Miss Ellen drinks like a fish...Started when a child...Didn't you know?"
George-Anne was still confused when Marmy and Miss Fortune arrived. Richard thrust the puppy into Miss Fortune's arms, and the old lady cuddled it fondly. On her face was a rapturous smile and

old lady cuddled it fondly. On her face was a rapturous smile, and there were tears in her eyes. Richard stood behind her with a broad smile, and winked at George-Anne. George-Anne helped Miss Fortune upstairs to bed.

"Now that you're doing so well, I'm frightened that you'll want to go away and make a home of your own," the old lady said.

"Had you rather we didn't go?"

"Oh, my dear, if I only knew you'd be with me when — I'd never be afraid again."

"We'll stay with you," George-Anne replied, "as long as you want us."

Then she crossed the hall to

Marmy's room.
"Did you get the old lady to bed,

"Yes — and she made me promise we'd never leave her."



o msurance. Gosh, That's Tough!"

OPEN FORUM

An open torum for our readers, but no letter can be published if it exceeds 500 words. No anonymous communications will be accepted. The name of the writer will, not be published however, if the author so requests.

DEAR EDITOR:-

As a Christmas gift to Mrs. Ravmond Hatfied, 100 South 13th St. clarrisburg, Pa., I would like to send year's subscription to the Kings Mountain Herald. Enclosed is my check to cover the subscription. Yours truly,

Carolyn B. Lauman.



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# He purchased a pup with a black eyebrow.

Richard's groans next morning woke Miss Fortune.
She slipped in to see if she could lelp him.
"My head's on wrong." he lamented. "I must have eaten some-

body gave me a glass of punch by mistake...The trees started go-ing round and round...There was a boy there — John Dickey...He let me hold his hand so I wouldn't fall off the easth."

fall off the easth."

"Darn decent of him."

"He had a little white dog with him — with a black spot like an enormous eyebrow over one eye."

"Sounds like a nice dog."

"Yes. John Dickey promised me one of her puppies, but there weren't any. Does your head feel better?"

"A little. You won't think -Miss Fortune patted Richard, and covered him up. Certainly she didn't think badly of him! He was only being gay—happy—young! A few days later, Richard took Leslie to the country for a bicycle ride. Stopping at a dog fancier's, Richard, after some chaffering, purchased a pup with a black eyebrow, exactly like the one described by Miss Fortune.

Leslie asked why the dog had to be just so, and Richard told her the was trying to please Miss Fortune, who, he hoped, would leave the Carletons her fortune. Leslie was obviously shocked. Richard, pedaling home after her, was silent and thoughtful.

Duncan MacCrae called at Miss

and thoughtful.

Duncan MacCrae called at Miss Fortune's home to tell her he was going to India within the week. George-Anne missed him, and didn't feel so happy. She sat mournful, alone, until a small dog ran into the room and jumped into her lap. Richard came after, talking fast. "Her name's Jane of Aviesbury. I bought her for Miss Ellen. She saw a little white dog once when she was drunk.—"

"I know just how you feel—
I've been intoxicated, too."
Richard snapped his eyes open st this, although the effort cost him a pang.
"YOU have?"
"It was a long time ago...Somebody gave me a glass of punch by mistake...The trees started going round and round...There was a boy there — John Dickey...He stand, and said:
"We'll get the old lady yet!"
To celebrate the Carleton's decision to stay with her, Miss Fortune decided to throw them a party. As a surprise to George-Anne she invited Duncan, and Richard invited Leshe.

Meanwhile Attorney Anstruther had returned from his trip to Paris, and informed Miss Fortune her guests were crooks.

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"Colonel Carleton is not even a colonel," he said. "He is nothing but a common adventurer — a card sharp. He and his family are well known on the continent as fortune hunters. They were last heard of when the son nearly took in a wealthy American girl."

There were tears in Miss Fortune's eyes.

tune's eyes.
"And George-Anne?"
"All of them live by gaining people's trust and then cheating them
— and they've always done it."

Miss Fortune looked into the

"How sad," she remarked. Anstruther was startled. "Sad ?" "That such fine people could have been reduced to such extremes. How cruel life must have been to them!"

"But they aren't fine people, Miss Fortune. They're little better than criminals. Who knows what plans they may have against you? You must get rid of them. They will take criminal will have — your house, your money, everything."

"That would be small payment for what they've done for me. They have taught me to give complete and unquestioning faith to the people I love."

When Mr. Anstruther had gone. Miss Fortune told George-Anne of the new will by which all of the old lady's estate was to be left to the Carleton family.

(To be concluded)