

## LYON TO PRESIDE OVER FITTS TRIAL

### Sharpsburg Mayor Goes On Trial January 14 For Killing in Election Quarrel

Rocky Mount, Dec. 26.—Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethton, has been appointed by Governor McLean to preside over the special term of Nash County Superior Court for the trial of T. W. Fitts, Sharpsburg's former mayor, for the murder of B. H. Farmer, Sharpsburg policeman, on October 31. Trial will start January 14.

Fitts has been confined in the Nash county jail since the early part of November after being brought from the State Prison where he asked to be carried for protection.

Farmer was shot late on the afternoon of October 1 after a heated political argument. After the argument Fitts had gone to his home and secured a shotgun. He went down town with the shotgun and on the way to the store met Farmer.

Farmer was crossing the railroad when Fitts saw him. When the two were separated by approximately 25 feet, Fitts fired the gun, the first load taking effect just over the heart. The second load went through the crown of the hat the policeman was wearing.

There are three eye-witnesses to the slaying. John Davis and his son, both prominent merchants of the village, saw it; while Farmer's oldest son, N. Basil, was with his father at the time.

According to reports from the tri-county village, there was little strong feeling over the affair.

Fitts has retained Cooley and Bone, of Nashville, and Attorney Finch, of Wilson, as his counsel. T. T. Thorne, of this city; L. T. Vaughan, of Nashville, and W. T. Yarborough, of Wilson, have been retained to assist the State.

## THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Many, many years ago there lived in Germany a very wealthy man named St. Nicholas. He liked nothing better than to help poor people, but disliked very much being thanked for his gifts. One Christmas Eve he wished to give a purse of gold to an old man and his little daughter, and in order to escape being seen, he climbed to their roof and dropped his precious gift down the chimney. Instead of landing on the hearth, however, the purse fell right into a stocking which was hung up to dry, and the next morning it was discovered there! When other people heard of the strange happening they too hung up their stockings, and soon all over the land it became the custom on Christmas Eve to hang up one's stocking for St. Nicholas to fill.

## Mr. Lancaster To Taylorsville

A letter from Mr. J. S. Lancaster informs his friends that "he has leased the new Hotel Campbell at Taylorsville, with forty rooms and modern in every respect, where he will be glad to see his many friends."

## LOCATE TOBACCO BEDS IN ISOLATED PLACE

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—The tobacco plant bed located in an isolated place on the farm where there are no tobacco scraps lying about and little rubbish from the barns or packhouse, has the best chance of producing plants that are free from disease.

"Ordinarily, one would think it permissible to locate the tobacco beds anywhere the plants would thrive," says G. W. Fant, plant disease specialist at State College. "This might be all right were it not for the leaf spots and mosaic disease which appeared in startling amounts throughout the State last season. In several fields, fully eighty percent of the plants were affected with the mosaic trouble. The disease affects the entire leaf and usually reduces both its size and quality. One of the significant things about this disease was that plants left growing in the beds until about July and August also showed the characteristic light and dark green mottling of the mosaic trouble."

In most instances of this kind, states Mr. Fant, the tobacco fields were fully one-half mile or more from the beds, indicating that the disease began in the plant bed and was carried to the field by infected plants. All the badly infected fields could be traced back to the same plant beds.

Those plant beds which were worst infected were those located around farm buildings or farm lots. The disease will winter over in certain weeds which grow about the farm buildings and do not grow in the wooded areas. Then, too, there is no tobacco refuse generally to be found in the wooded areas. Mr. Fant therefore advises locating the plant bed this winter in an isolated place, provided the soil is fertile and well drained. To do so will lessen disease, especially if the seed are re-cleaned and treated before they are planted.

One thing which puzzles us is why they are going to build so many homes this year, when nobody stays home any more.

## HOOVER PLANS TO GO DIRECT TO CAPITAL

### Utah Is Expected To Arrive At Hampton 104 Roads On January 6th; Is Wined Greetings

Abner U. S. S. Utah, Dec. 27.—President-elect Herbert Hoover has changed his plans and will proceed directly to Washington upon returning from his South American tour. This announcement was made today in the midst of Christmas celebrations on board the battleship Utah which now is cruising northward.

Under the revised schedule the battleship will head for Hampton Roads, Va., where it is expected to arrive January 6. The Hoover party then will disembark and proceed to the capital city. Mr. Hoover probably will remain in Washington for a week or 10 days attending to matters awaiting his attention. After that he will go to Florida as originally planned.

Hampton Roads is the Utah's base and it now will be possible for its officers and crew to pay brief visits to their families before leaving on a three-months practice cruise to Panama. The revised plans also will enable the President-elect personally to attend to his affairs in Washington rather than to attempt to execute their direction from a winter home in Florida. Whether a trip will be made to Cuba and Mexico before the inauguration is expected to be decided after Mr. Hoover reaches Washington.

President Coolidge and the President-elect today exchanged Christmas greetings via radio as did the first lady and the first lady to be. Mr. Hoover also received a number of other messages from members of the cabinet and personal friends from all parts of the world.

A number of the radio dispatches were from presidents of the South American Republics recently visited, to whom he likewise had sent the season's greetings.

The battleship was gaily decorated for the Christmas season. Evergreens from the Brazilian tropics—substituting for the holly and mistletoe of northern climes—were strung between the big turret guns and at other places on the ship. An imitation fireplace to provide an entrance for Santa Claus also had been erected on the quarterdeck and along with the greens, formed the setting for the Hoover's Christmas dinner.

With much jollity members of the Hoover party exchanged presents with one another. Many in the group were equipped with tin horns, rattlers and wooden noise-makers which Mrs. Hoover had obtained in Rio de Janeiro in preparation for Christmas.

The first lady to be early this morning had a Christmas tree placed in the admiral's quarters which she and Mr. Hoover are occupying. At breakfast all members of the Hoover party found toys and trinkets at the table while around every plate were tinsel decorations. Christmas tree candles, and gifts such as cigars, boxes of candy and souvenirs from the cities visited.

## PRUNE GRAPE VINES DURING WINTER SEASON

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—No cultural practice with grapes will yield better returns than careful pruning.

"The two types of grapes, including the Concord, Delaware and Niagara varieties of the bunch type and the James and Thomas in the muscadine group must be pruned differently," says C. F. Williams, horticulturist at State College. "The muscadine type must be pruned early to avoid excessive bleeding while the bunch type may be pruned any time during the dormant period. In all pruning it is wise to remember that the fruit is borne on the current season's growth from wood that is one year old. Therefore, it is important to save for fruit production only those canes that are of the past season's growth. The next point to remember is that since one year wood is the fruit bearing part of the vine, only enough old wood is needed to be left to support and distribute this fruit bearing surface over the trellis according to the system of training that is adopted."

By following such a practice Mr. Williams says that the vine is renewed each year, old wood liable to disease is removed and the vine is confined to a small space. He says too that in pruning bunch grapes, the best clusters of fruit are borne on shoots developing from buds in the middle portion of the cane, usually about the third to tenth or twelfth bud. Therefore, a few long canes are needed rather than many short sprouts. These fundamental principles are the same regardless of the system training used in a particular vineyard.

Always select the most vigorous canes for saving. The average vine of bunch grapes should not have over 40 or 50 buds left on all fruit canes after pruning. When the pruning is over, it may look as if little vine is left but by summer when each bud has put out a vigorous shoot bearing two and sometimes three clusters of fruit, generally one is satisfied, says Mr. Williams.

**We Wish You  
Prosperity,  
Health  
and  
Happiness  
Throughout  
the  
New Year**

## DOCTORS MAY ASK FOR MORE POWER

### Proposal To Amend Law Expected As Aftermath Of Carroll License Case

Though the State Board of Medical Examiners, as a body, has done nothing about it as yet, there is some talk among medical men that, as a result of the Carroll case, a bill will be presented to the next General Assembly, the purpose of which will be to make the board a "court of record" when appeals are made from its decision to the Superior Court.

Dr. Foy Roberson, member of the board, yesterday expressed his approval of such a measure. If it is pushed, however, he believes that the action will come from the Legislative Committee of the State Medical Society, rather than from the board itself.

Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, State Health Officer, expressed opposition to the measure.

The idea of those favoring the bill is not to withdraw the right of appeal from the board's decision but to have the case submitted to the courts on the record of the hearing before the board. Until Judge Shaw's decision in the Carroll case, members of the board thought such was already the law. Some of them still think it, said Dr. Roberson.

The Carroll case started when the State Department of Charities and Public Welfare brought to the State Board of Medical Examiners charges against Dr. Robert S. Carroll, owner and operator of the Highland Hospital, Asheville, to the effect that he was morally unfit to retain his license to practice medicine in this State. The board held a hearing, examining witnesses behind closed doors, and then took Dr. Carroll's license away from him. He appealed to the Superior Court of Buncombe County, as the law clearly gives him a right to do, but when the case came before Judge Shaw, the Judge would not consider it on the record of the hearing before the board but insisted on trying it de novo. The result, according to Dr. Roberson and other members of the board, was that because of the very nature of the charges against Dr. Carroll the women who had been persuaded to testify before the board behind closed doors, absolutely refused to testify in open court.

Dr. Roberson believes that the board is likely to be faced with the same difficulties in the future if it is called upon to take any other doctor's license away from him on

## Fatally Injured In Train Automobile Collision

Arthur Nicholson was fatally injured and Jerry Cooke seriously cut and bruised, when the Ford car they were driving was struck by the Louisville Seaboard train at the State Highway crossing about one mile southwest of town Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

## THE NATIONAL TRADE WEEK

Old silversmiths, so that people could tell pure silver from cheaper imitations, marked the real thing "stealing."

In the manner, manufacturer who stand back of their products identify them with the trademarks that are the buyer's guarantee of quality. By advertising these trademarks, they focus on their wares the searchlight of attention.

Only good goods, fairly priced, can flourish in this bright light of publicity. For no merchandise and no business can continue to exist under the weight of it.

## Auto Accident Near Town

As a result of an automobile accident on State Highway 56 about two miles from town Wednesday afternoon Mr. G. Meade's car and Mr. J. D. Hines car were badly damaged. The occupants miraculously escaped without injury.

Mr. Meade's car was driven by Mrs. Meade, and the other car was driven by Mr. Hines, of Raleigh. It was reported that Mr. Hines was under the influence of intoxicants and lost control of his car running into the Meade car.

With the list of drownings increasing, it begins to look like the automobile is going to have plenty of competition.

## J. B. Debnam Dead

Mr. John Buck Debnam died at his home about one mile south of Louisville early Monday morning following a stroke of paralysis. He was fifty-two years of age. The deceased had lived in Louisville the greater part of his life being at the time of his death a successful merchant. He had served the town of Louisville in the trusted capacity of engineer at the light and water station with great credit to him self.

In 1924 the deceased suffered a paralytic stroke and had been in bed health since that time. He was a devoted member of the Louisville Baptist church and was active in his attendance and teachings until his failing health prevented continuance. He was a member of one of Franklin county's oldest and most prominent families. He was a loving, devoted, and kind husband and father.

In 1901 he was married to Miss Pearl Tally who preceded him to the grave thirteen years ago. To this union there were born six children, four of whom survive him, S. B. Debnam, Jr., of Fayetteville, W. L. Debnam, of Greensboro, Hugh Debnam, of Louisville and Mrs. J. T. Finch of near Louisville.

In 1917 he was married to Miss Mary May, who survives, and to which union there were no children.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. Geo. Lewis, of Greensboro; Reuben and John Debnam, of Nashville; Charlie Debnam, of Henderson; Mrs. L. N. Gupton and Mrs. Emmitt Brewer, of Franklin county. The funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the Louisville Methodist church and the interment was made in Oaklawn cemetery. The pall bearers were T. W. Watson, S. C. Holden, W. T. Moon, A. F. Johnson, W. T. Gupton, W. C. Holmes.

The bereaved family and relatives friends attended both services and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The bereaved family and relatives have the deepest sympathy of a large number of friends to whom the sudden passing of Mr. Debnam was a great shock.

## Mrs. Mary G. May Dead

Mrs. Mary G. May, widow of the late Shem May, died at the home of her son, Mr. Algia May, about one mile south of Louisville in her 82nd year on Sunday afternoon. She leaves seven children, Ernest May, of Henderson, Bob May, Algia May, Nathan May, Hugh May, Frank May and Mrs. J. B. Debnam, all of Franklin county.

Mrs. May was a member of the Louisville Methodist church and was a true christian woman, who was loved and admired by her neighbors and friends. The funeral was held from the home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Daniel Lane and the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. The pallbearers being her grandsons were Charlie May, Ollie May, John May, Kemp May, Nathan Patterson and James Patterson.

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## AMONG THE VISITORS

### SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

#### Personal Items about Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. A. B. Breece, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas left Wednesday for Georgia to visit their people.

Miss Louise Taylor, of Charlotte, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Taylor during the holidays.

Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank, head of the Columbia Institute, Columbia, Tenn., with her children and Miss Sutton, of Raleigh, spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Robert H. Davis.

## THE NEW ESSEX

Essex a 70-horse power car; Hudson more than an 80-mile an hour car; roomier and beautified body designs; much added equipment and price reductions of \$50 to \$200 a car, are the features of the Hudson-Essex program for 1929 as announced today. The company's statement, marking its 20th anniversary, declare it will build nearly as many cars in the first half of 1929 as in all of 1928—which was the biggest year in its history.

The 1929 Hudson with 64 improvements and the new Essex, the Challenger, with 76 new display today at Nash Street Motor Co. Hudson-Essex dealer, as part of a nation wide program of simultaneous display. Pre showings of the new Hudson-Essex lines have been made to newspapermen, technical experts, distributors and dealers in key points throughout the United States and Canada. For the past month the Hudson factories in Detroit have been operating on day and night shifts, to provide show cars and sufficient dealer stocks to assure immediate delivery.

Twenty-one body types are included in the new combined line, ten more than in 1928, comprising the greatest variety Hudson has ever offered. Essex prices start at \$695, Hudson prices at \$1095. The Hudson is now presented on two increased wheel bases of 122 and 139 inches, while the Essex wheel base remains unchanged.

Principal Essex improvements include for hydraulic shock absorbers as standard equipment, chromium plate, larger, roomier bodies, and a larger and more powerful motor.

## Cash-Place

Miss Willie Mae Place became the bride of Mr. Claude Felton Cash Friday night in a ceremony performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cash at 9:30 o'clock with Rev. C. B. Howard officiating.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Place of this city. She received her education at Mills High School and Louisville College. She is a young woman of charming qualities.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cash of Louisville. He is a prominent young business man of Louisville and is the owner of Cash's Meat Market and Cash's Cafe. They left Monday night for a few days motor trip to Washington City and other near by cities. The bride wore a pretty blue fall traveling frock with hat, coat, shoes and accessories to match. The bridegroom wore a dark suit with long top coat, hat and shoes to match.

They will be at home after January 1st in Louisville.

## Carter-Hilton

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 24.—D. E. Carter, of Louisville, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carter of Drum Hill, N. C., and Miss Kate Hilton, of Asheville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hilton, of Jefferson, S. C., were married this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, Dr. I. W. Johnson. The bride was attired in a frock of beige tulle with crepe with coat and accessories that matched. Her matron of honor was Mrs. T. M. Howell, of Drum Hill, aunt of the groom. She was dressed in black satin with accessories that matched.

Willie Carter, of High Point, was best man. The other attendants were Lee Roy Carter and E. R. Draper, also of Drum Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter will make their home in Louisville.

## CAPTURES STILL

Constable F. F. Hicks, of Sandy Creek township, reports the capture of a 35 gallon copper still outfit complete on Friday morning about one mile back of Sam Edwards on Sandy Creek. The still was in operation. He also destroyed one quart of whiskey and about two hundred gallons of beer, and a lot of containers.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Services will be held next Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m. All are invited to attend.