

## "SUNRISE ON MOUNT MITCHELL"

Prize Essay of Miss Frances Haynes, of The Henrietta School.

The following splendid essay by Miss Frances Haynes, of the Henrietta School, was the winner of the Carpenter medal at Rutherfordton, Dec. 8th:

In the deep darkness which hid the fleecy clouds pillowed on the breast of Mount Mitchell, the old eagle sat on his granite eerie facing towards Hatteras. For more than a hundred years he had slept there, ready for the first rays of the dawn. Age may have begun to dim his imperious sight, but death alone could keep his eyes from the sun in the morning. Was the sun slow in its coming that day, or was the monarch of the air becoming insensible to the influences of the early light? The first feeble rays in the east did not seem to move him.

Presently the rays grew stronger, a silvery expanse spread over the horizon towards the Atlantic; a chilly wind struck the clouds and they began to move up the slope; the cold misty breeze cut the eagle's head and he opened his eyes. Full forty thousand times had the king of the mountain greeted the chariot of fire and gloated over the beauty of the morning scene, but each succeeding one inspired him with a new desire to live to see another. As he turned his eyes for across the Carolina hills and plains, he saw what seemed to be high waves from the eastern ocean drifting up the river valleys, bringing their foaming crests up to the very base of the mountain. But when they opened more widely, the foam resolved itself into long lines of low-lying fog hanging over Swannanoa, Broad and Catawba, burnished by the deepening richness of color with which the whole heaven was becoming aflame. Swiftly this turned from opalescent pearl to Ashantean gold; then to a fiery conflagration which lighted up the sky from horizon to zenith; then, like an immense pigeon's blood ruby, the sun flashed himself regally upon the American world.

In the days of the old eagle's grandfather there was living in England a great poet who had seen just such a light and had been moved by it to write the words—

"Full many a glorious morning have I seen,  
Flatter the mountain tops with sovereign eye,  
"Kissing with golden face the meadows green,  
"Gilding pale streams with heavenly alchemy."

The poet who never saw the sun rise on the top of the Alleghenies, but perhaps his soul did. The words seem to fit the scene. Only the prince of words could put what the eagle saw into enduring expression. Perhaps if the young bard of von had been in the company of Raleigh's men he might even have done better, when a mightier realm than his own burst upon his gaze. Here was no "pent-up-Attica." Here the rivers ran no short bridle paths to the sea, but stretched imperially across a continent. The devils shaken into Swannanoa were destined to travel two thousand miles westward and southward before their sweetness should dissolve in the salt of mother ocean. That shining ribbon to the north which proclaimed where Yadkin started between his granite cliffs must run a course longer than from the Scottish headlands to Bristol bay ere it met the current flowing toward Britain's shore. The lands watered by all the streams receiving their initial impetus on the sides of Mount Mitchell totalled an empire more extensive than Napoleon dared to covet. Perhaps the old eagle may have felt the stir of such limitless possession as he stretched himself, and then jumped off the ledge into space, and gave voice to a mighty scream before rising above his home and orienting himself for a voyage of inspection.

His scream was the signal for universal movement in copse and thicket. The dun deer scanned the sky as she covered her fawn's frightened and cowering form. The brown thrush stopped his

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## CAROLEEN NEWS

### Christmas Tree.

Under the auspices of the welfare leader Miss Virginia Graham the people of Caroleen had a Christmas tree at the city hall Saturday night. A play was given by the welfare pupils which all enjoyed very much. Candy and fruits were given to the children by the welfare department.

### Treat For Employees.

The mill did not run Saturday and Monday. Friday afternoon every employee received a peck bag full of fruits, candies and nuts. This is an annual gift from the company to the workers. All seemed to enjoy Christmas very much.

### At The Churches

To add more to the felicity of Christmas good programs were given at the Methodist and Baptist churches Sunday night. A very large congregation was present at both places.

We regret very much to hear that Mr. Palmer Rollins, druggist in the Henrietta Mills department store, is leaving town. Mr. Rollins is a man who is liked by the entire town.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arnold, of this place, are visiting relatives in Spartanburg. They spent Xmas there.

### Serious Accident.

William Crocker, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Crocker, was hurt and perhaps seriously injured, when an automobile driven by Mr. W. B. Burnett, struck him Sunday evening. It seemed as if the accident was unavoidable. William was riding his tricycle and coming down one road, when upon coming to the corner he was struck by the car as he ran into it. The people of Caroleen wish for him a speedy convalescence.

Mrs. Panthy McFarland and family passed Christmas in Spartanburg with relatives. They reported a good time.

The many friends of Mrs. J. V. Cantrell and her son, Jeff, will be grieved to know that they have been confined to their beds for the last few days with an attack of the "flu." We hope they will be better soon.

The high school basketball team is speedily rounding into shape and will be ready to give someone a hard battle in the near future. Although they were beaten by Alexander last week, the boys played the two Hamrick brothers from Boiling Springs and this accounted for the final results.

Miss Marie Bowen, a stenographer of Charlotte, visited her parents during the holidays.

Mr. Buren Phillips visited in Pitts Sunday and Monday.

Messrs. G. B. Blanton, T. R. Lynch, J. B. Millwood and Rodney Helton spent Sunday afternoon in Spartanburg.

Miss Ruth Higgins, who teaches at Daves, is spending the holidays at her home.

Among those who are spending the holidays at home are Miss Eula Ferree and Mr. J. J. Sparks, of Boiling Springs High School; Mr. John Whitesides, of Trinity; Mr. Dabus Roberson, of F. U. M. L. Va., and Vernon Harris, of Asheville Farm school.

Miss Emily Hollifield, a teacher at Nebo visited her parents during the holidays.

Under the leadership of Prof. W. B. Blanton the children of the Baptist church gave a very interesting program Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lynch, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cudd and Miss Clara Cudd, of Newton, spent Tuesday in Gastonia and Bessemer City.

A great number of people enjoyed a very interesting program given at the city hall Saturday evening by the Domestic Science and art classes under the auspices of Miss Virginia Graham.

Misses Lillian and Thelma Michael, of Road Hiss, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Flay Hamrick Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hoke, and small daughter, Mildred, of Charlotte, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hoke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Phillips.

The teachers of the Caroleen High School delightfully entertained the high school pupils at a party Wednesday evening at the community house. Music and

## The Babe of Bethlehem

BY S. M. DAVIS.

It was near the dawning of the first Christmas Day. Darkness and stillness overspread the hills of Judea, close to the morning hour. All the stars were looking down and smiling and the happy angels were singing, and preparing for their exalted visit to the earth. Heaven and earth had united at the manger; saints and angels had met to worship, and celebrate the birth of this world's Redeemer. Soon all the stars save one retired, and that bright sentinel gave light to all the earth. Wondering shepherds heard the first sermon on redeeming love ever delivered, and highest angels preached that great sermon. All the universe was represented in that first revival of the Christian religion, conducted by human and angelic preachers. The royal Babe in the lowly manger with tiny finger points to plenteous grace to save a world and to the universal dominion of our Christ. That finger of the Babe-Christ can now lift up empires and pull down worlds, and make wars and strife, sin and selfishness cease to the end of the earth. And this the Babe-Christ will do before the end of this world.

The wonderous Babe points to the universal authority and power of the Babe-Christ when King of kings and Lord of lords He will lay claim to the world that crucified Him, and to all other worlds, and rule in triumph forever. As we stand by the manger today we hear Him proclaim in God's word: "All power is given Me in heaven and on earth." And as King of peace the Babe-Christ will yet bring peace to the nations, to the society, to the homes and to all the circles of this fallen, fighting, selfish and war-wrecked world. Before the last Christmas bell rings, and the last triumphant visiting angel sings, all enemies of the Babe-Christ will be put under foot. This is God's world, He made it; and it will stand until it becomes a glorious Garden of Eden, with no forbidden fruit, and filled with rightness, peace and glory. The old world will overcome and overcome until the coming of Christ Jesus by the way of Bethlehem, the cross and the gospel it is made a new world, if ten thousand years be the time of world standing and soul-saving.

The dawning of seventy-six Christmas Days I have seen,  
And now on the Babe-Christ, in faith, love and peace I lean.

Caroleen, Dec. 23.

### HARRILL—NEWTON

Miss Louise Harrill and Mr. Frank Newton were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bessie Harrill, here, last Saturday at 1:30 o'clock by the Rev. O. L. Stringfield. The wedding was a very quiet one, only a few relatives being present. Following the ceremony the young couple left for Spartanburg for a short trip, after which they returned to the home of the bride's mother here, where for the present they will make their home. The bride is one of our most popular young girls and has been the efficient teacher at Floyd's Creek school. Hosts of friends join us in extending best wishes.

### REVIVAL MEETING AT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The Rev. A. E. Belk of Spartanburg is conducting a revival meeting at the Wesleyan Methodist church. He is being assisted by the pastor and it is said that he is truly a great preacher and his work will be a blessing to all who hear him. An invitation is extended to all Christian workers to attend and assist in this meeting. The workers and members of the Haggard Club are especially invited. Preaching every evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

games were enjoyed during the evening after which a salad course was served followed by ice cream and cake.

Messrs. Buren Phillips and Clyde Mahaffee visited in Pitts, N. C., during the holidays.

The Caroleen school closed last Wednesday for two weeks' holidays. The chapel exercises rendered in the auditorium Wednesday morning consisted of a Christmas number from each room of the lower grades. In the afternoon each room had a program and Christmas tree.

Mr. John Whitesides, a student at Trinity College, is spending the holidays with his mother.

Mr. Worth Higgins, a student at Wake Forest College, is at home for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey, of Spartanburg, S. C., were the guests of Mrs. Harvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Stalnaker, the past week-end.

Miss Wilma Stalnaker is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. W. Thompson in Gastonia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Camnitz and mother and Mrs. Anderson spent Xmas with relatives in South Carolina.

### MOONSHINE CAPTURED

Deputy Sheriff J. L. Griffin captured nine and one-half gallons of moonshine near the Bostic Station bridge last Sunday. The Deputy was in hot pursuit of suspects when they jumped from their car and hid the liquor on the river bank. The men escaped, but Mr. Griffin secured the liquor and turned it over to the Sheriff at Rutherfordton, who later poured it out on the street.

Deputy Griffin and Deputy John Hampton captured a Ford car and three negroes with four gallons of whiskey on Thanksgiving day.

### NEW C. C. & O. DEPOT

Work is progressing rapidly on the new C. C. & O. depot, which, with favorable weather conditions, may be completed by Feb. 1st. The new depot was badly needed and will prove of great convenience to the public. The new structure will cost about \$5,000. It is to be a handsome frame with concrete base.

Work on the new bridge over Second Broad river, near the new depot, is somewhat retarded on account of unfavorable weather. However, it is hoped to have the structure open by May 1st.

### TATE—HILL

Mr. George W. Hill of Spartanburg and Miss Bessie Tate of Harris, were married at the parsonage here on Christmas day by the Rev. H. W. Hawkins. The bride is an attractive young lady, well known in the section in which she lived. Mr. Hill is the nephew of Mr. William Hill, of this city and formerly resided here. He is an expert automobile mechanic and makes his home in Spartanburg.

### M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

Preaching at the Methodist church next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock by the pastor. Rev. Holmes will have as his text, "An Inventory of the Laws of Life and Death; How we Succeed and How We Fail." The public is cordially invited.

### BASKETBALL

The Forest City Town Team defeated Henrietta in a fast game on the latter's court Christmas night. The final score was 39-13 in favor of the local quintet.

The Forest City team will play Clifftside on the latter's court Friday night.

## ELLENBORO NEWS

Ellenboro, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Blanton and family are spending the holidays with Mrs. Blanton's mother, Mrs. Margaret Harrill.

Mr. Yates Martin, who is a student of N. C. State College, is spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. S. M. Crowder, a student of Wake Forest College is at home for the holidays.

Miss Sarah Byers is spending the week with home folks.

Misses Polly Martin and Lucile Wright, who are in school in Asheville are spending the holidays with home folks.

Miss Gladys Martin, who is teaching in Micro, N. C., is enjoying the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin.

We are all very sorry that the families of Mr. Paul Carrol, Mr. J. L. Wright, Mr. Z. T. Wright, Mr. J. S. Martin, Mr. Arthur Turner, and Mr. M. Z. Wright, are sick with influenza. Their many friends hope for each one a speedy recovery.

## HENRIETTA NEWS

Mrs. K. B. Pratt and children are spending the Xmas holidays with relatives in Florence, S. C., and other parts in that state.

Mr. Wiseman returned home last week to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. B. Wiseman. He will return to Richmond after Xmas, where he will continue his medical studies.

Mr. Henry Jenkin and Miss Sadie Jenkin are home from school, spending Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Jenkins.

Miss Lilla Martin, our Welfare Worker, is spending the Xmas holidays at her home in Donalds, S. C.

Mr. J. E. Christopher spent Sunday and Monday in Pickens, S. C.

Mr. Roland Wall, of Brookhaven, Miss., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Wall.

Mrs. Theron Chiles and children, of Lincolnton, are spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. C. B. Wiseman.

Mr. B. C. Whitehead is enjoying Xmas at his home in Spartanburg.

Messrs. Higgins and Briggs, of Burnsville, spent Sunday and Monday here. They are friends of Misses Frances and Nell Postelle.

All of the school teachers are spending the Xmas holidays at their various homes. They will return to begin their school work by the third of January.

Miss Alma Whitaker enjoyed Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Whitaker, near Bostic.

Mr. Raleigh Wall spent a few days during Christmas with friends in Raleigh. He returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham Moore and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner, of Shelby, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamrick.

An elaborate turkey dinner was given at the Community House last Tuesday evening by Supt. T. B. Stevenson, honoring his office force and the overseers and their wives, besides many special out-of-town friends. The banquet hall was tastefully decorated in appropriate Christmas colors and a delicious three course dinner was served to the invited guests. Several splendid talks were enjoyed. One of special mention was the address by Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby.

On Thursday evening a delightful oyster supper was enjoyed at the Welfare House by the overseers, second hands and band boys. Music and talks were enjoyed by all.

### CHILDREN RECOVERING

Dr. A. C. Duncan reports that eight children, who had been bitten by mad dogs, have taken the Pasteur treatment for rabies and all are now pronounced out of danger.

The Forest City Courier and The Atlanta Constitution both for only \$2.00 a year. Send all orders to The Courier.

## COUNTY MAY GET NEW TEXTILE MILL

Appleton Company To Build in the South—Finest Location In or Near Forest City.

The following interview with Mr. D. D. Little explains plans for building a mammoth textile plant in the south.

When the field is looked over, there will be found no better location than in, or near, Forest City. Nothing definite can be given out at present, as the site has not been selected. Forest City will miss the opportunity of a life-time if we let go by this chance to secure the big Appleton plant.

The article follows:

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 23.—D. D. Little, president of the Clinchfield Manufacturing company, of Marion, and head of the big Florence Mills at Forest City, but a resident of Spartanburg, announced today from his office here his intentions to establish somewhere near Spartanburg the southern plant of the Appleton company, of Lowell, Mass., and in a later statement said there would very probably be other large interests to join with the Appleton people in extensive investments in textile plants in this immediate section.

Mr. Little, who is one of the most successful manufacturers of the Carolinas, has been made treasurer of the new mill and entrusted with the selection of a site and the establishment of the big plant.

The Appleton company recently announced its intention to establish in the south a 115,000 spindles plant but it is now certain their plans are being enlarged and, as Mr. Little said today, a finishing plant will certainly be a part of the development.

Forest City, N. C., on the C. C. & O. railroad, just over the North Carolina line from Spartanburg, has been made correspondence headquarters for the Appleton company, but the location of the mill at that point is not implied, it is understood, though Forest City is in the territory being considered.

Mr. Little said today that J. E. Serrine and company of Greenville, S. C., have been employed as engineers, and will go over a number of proposed sites within the immediate future, with a view to making recommendations as to location.

"If it is possible," said Mr. Little today, "I want to find a location that will enable me to build a modern manufacturing plant separate and distinct from any town or plant now in existence. I will name the town either Appleton, S. C., or Appleton, N. C."

Mr. Little said since the Appleton announcement a few days ago other interests were asking to come in on the investment and it appeared that one of the most extensive textile developments of recent years in this part of the south might be the result.

"I can say nothing, of course, about the location of the plant until investigations have been made and reports submitted.

He said, however, there would be no unnecessary delays and that operations would be pushed as rapidly as possible.

### MR. TOM SISK DEAD

Mr. Tom Sisk died at his home in the Frog Level section Tuesday night of a complication of diseases. He was about 65 years old and is survived by several children. Mr. Sisk was a hard working square dealing citizen who had a host of friends. He was a brother of Rev. H. C. Sisk and Dock Sisk of Forest City.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. K. Collins. Interment was at Pleasant Grove.

Anyone familiar with the facts will agree that the press of rural North Carolina was never more needed, and that its opportunity was never greater.

Give the children plenty of the kinds of food they should eat and you will not have to worry about the kinds they should not eat.