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THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 1926

BUSINESS IS GOOD

Some one has said that business has been dull in Forest City. Mebbe so. But let's see: Nearly all the merchants report a good business, with many shoppers coming from a long distance. One store recently sold a big bill to some parties from Marion, and many others are coming from equally as long distance. And then listen to this: In October local building permits amounted to \$8,600, and in November the figures climbed to \$12,700. Not so bad, eh?

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SPINDALE RESIDENTS

Spindale, Dec. 6.—Plans are now under way to have a mammoth Christmas tree at the Spindale House, during Christmas week. Tentative plans are to have it on Thursday. The large cedar tree in front of the building will be used, and a community program will be given.

The plans call for cooperation of merchants and mills, and everything points to a successful event. It is possible that the Spindale Band will furnish music for the program, although that body has not yet decided on the question.

"COPS" THE COP'S CAR

Policeman M. E. Fox was in Shelby on business Wednesday night. Parking his Ford roadster, he went about his business, but found his car gone when he got ready for the return trip to this city. Some nifty thief to steal a policeman's car, but he evidently makes no distinction.

SOMETHING NEW and wonderful—the famous Resurrection Plant. Only 10c at the Gift Shop. Also many handsome hand-painted articles appropriate for Christmas gifts. Call at the Palace Barber Shop and see the many novelties.

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PIRATES DEFEAT SPINDALE "Y"

The Spindale "Y" basketball team went down in defeat before the aggressive Florence Pirates at the Spindale House Spindale, in a turbulent game of basketball Wednesday evening. Davis, center for the Pirates, was at his very best and never lost an opportunity to put one through the basket. The lighter Spindale team put up a game, sporty fight, and sub after sub was run in to stem the fast running-up scores, but with little avail until the last half.

The attendance at this game was the largest of the season, practically every available space in the gym being occupied by spectators.

COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Rutherfordton, Dec. 7.—A meeting of Rutherford County Medical Society was held at Iso-Thermal Hotel, Tuesday. An excellent luncheon was served, followed by an interesting program.

Officers were elected to serve the society during 1927, as follows:

President, Dr. W. T. Head, of Campobello, S. C.; vice-president, Dr. J. F. Hunt, of Spindale; secretary and treasurer, Dr. W. C. Bostic, of Forest City; delegates to North Carolina State Medical Meeting, Dr. C. F. Gold; alternate delegate, Dr. R. H. Crawford; censor, Dr. G. P. Reid, of Forest City.

MRS. M. L. MARTIN DEAD

Ellenboro, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Martin L. Martin died Tuesday morning of heart trouble at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Coffield, of this place, where she made her home with her daughter. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, with her pastor, Rev. O. C. Huston, of the Ellenboro Presbyterian church in charge and interment was at 3 o'clock at Hopewell Methodist church by the side of her husband. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attended.

The deceased was 67 years of age and is survived by four daughters and two sons: Mesdames M. S. Leverett, Shelby; O. R. Coffield, Ellenboro; A. H. Horton and A. E. King, Hamlet, and Messrs. A. C. Martin, Lawrenceville, Va., and R. E. Martin, Ellenboro. Her husband died several years ago.

Mrs. Martin was a good woman and will be missed in the home, church and community. She was a good neighbor and a devoted Christian.

FAMILY BAND



Those who are laboring under the delusion that the present generation alone is responsible for the Jazz Age would do well to study this picture, says the Conn Music Center, Elkhart, Ind.

Here five generations are pictured in harmony. It shows Mrs. Sarah Jane Hewitt of Los Angeles, eighty-six years of age, drawing harmony from one saxophone, while two more and a clarinet are held in reserve.

Her "little boy" Frank, a mere lad of sixty-seven, is playing the cornet. Her granddaughter, Mrs. A. G. Wagner, forty-one, holds still another saxophone while her great-granddaughter, Mrs. J. Effinger, Jr., twenty, is playing second cornet. Great-great-grandson Jack Effinger, Jr., is doing his best with the drums.

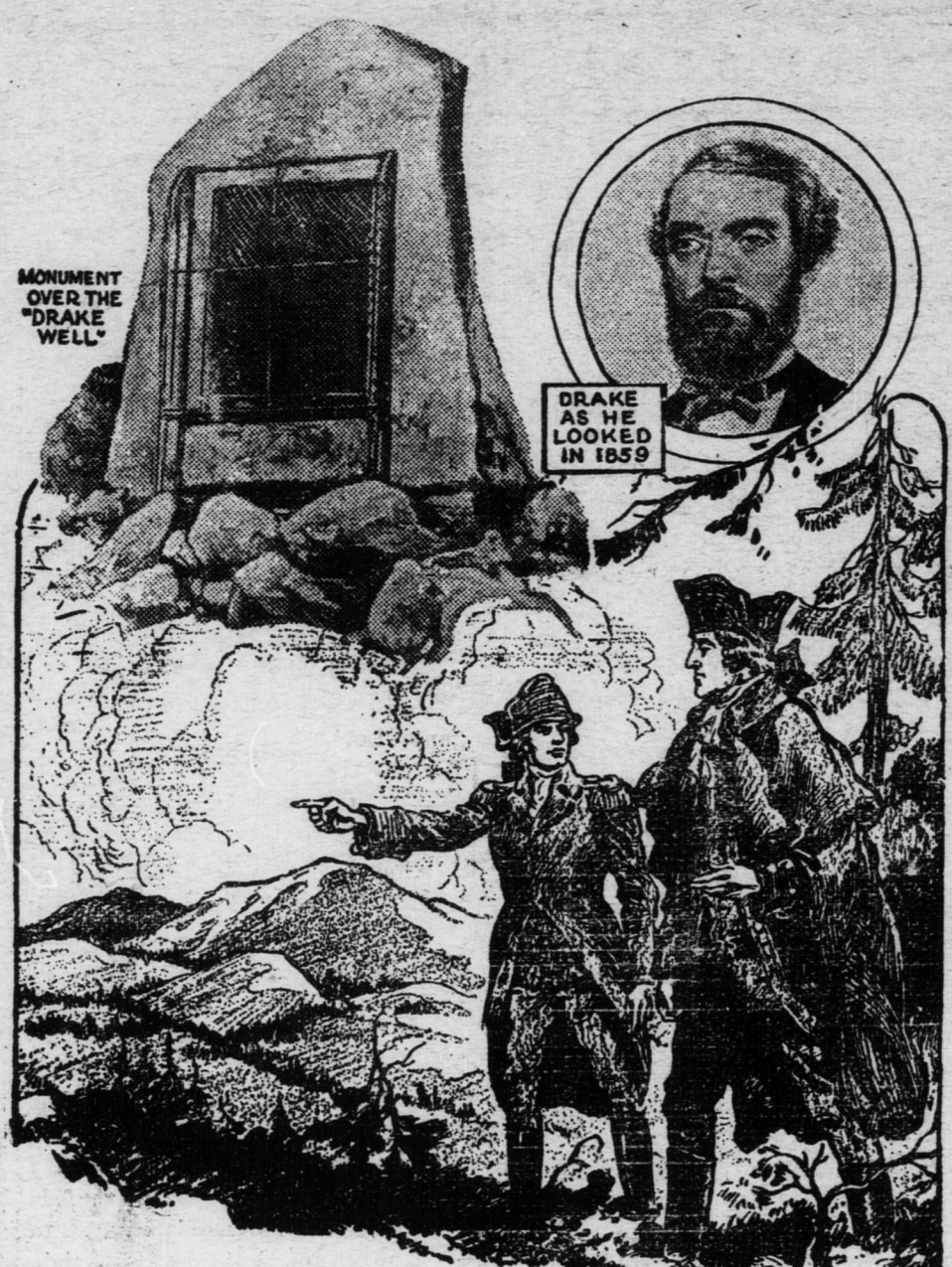
Needless to say, there are no dull moments in the homes of the Hewitt-Effinger clan.

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Washington's Early Adventures Now Assuming New Significance



By HENRY BOTSFORD

AFTER well nigh a century and three-quarters a new interest has recently been aroused in the earliest military adventures of George Washington. When barely twenty-one years old, in 1753, Washington was sent by Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia into the far northwestern wilderness—that is, northwestern Pennsylvania—to warn the French that they must cease their efforts to occupy that region. Recent researches have given a new historical significance to that expedition, during which Washington, always reckless of his personal safety, had one of his narrow escapes from death at the hands of a treacherous Indian guide.

The French at that time occupied Canada and claimed the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. Though the fringe of English speaking colonies along the Atlantic contained the chief European population, France maintained sovereignty over most of North America's area. They were apparently determined to occupy northwestern Pennsylvania, partly because it was known even then to be rich in petroleum.

Region's Wealth Known
 Pioneers and missionaries, English, French, German and Dutch, had all reported to their governments that the petroleum was of great potential value. There is, however, no reason to believe that Washington knew of its existence or value until his adventure of 1753. Then he learned that the oil had long been used by the Indians and the pioneering whites for fuel and light, for medicine and in making war paint. Washington was so much impressed with its possibilities that he later became owner of a large area of oil-bearing lands. Although the petroleum industry in its modern form was then undreamed of, Washington was so sure that a fortune resided in his oil-bearing lands that in his will he listed them as his most valuable holdings. In the property schedule attached to the will he wrote:

"This tract was taken up by General Lewis and myself on account of the bituminous spring which it contains, of so inflammable a nature as to burn as freely as spirits and as nearly difficult to extinguish."

The Will of Washington
 Some historians declare that in an earlier will Washington dedicated this "burning spring" to the public. At any rate, it had passed from his ownership before his death. He sold this tract for \$200,000, but, suspecting it might revert to his estate under a mortgage, he warned his heirs that should it do so it would be worth much more than the \$200,000.

Although Washington's first knowledge of petroleum was gained within a few miles of the place where the first oil well in the world was drilled, that first well was not opened until one hundred and six years later, 1859. In that year Edwin Laurentine Drake bored the first well, just south of Titusville, Pennsylvania, and really started the modern petroleum industry.

A Development Wonder
 Today the American industry is the major part of the world's oil business. Americans are directing oil developments all over the world. It is all part of the huge problem: to make sure that the tomorrows shall see America's requirements met. Every decade the production of petroleum has doubled. Science and technical progress have met all demands. Foreign investment and development are in the nature of insurance for the future.

In the days of Drake and the industry's beginnings petroleum's value lay in lubricants and kerosene. The age

of machinery was only begin with its insatiable demand for lubricants, while kerosene, though the brilliant ever known, was dangerous because poor refining left gasoline that was liable to explode. It is difficult nowadays, when the world is being combed for more petroleum to make more gasoline, to realize that gasoline was once a nuisance and a menace. The internal combustion engine created the demand for gasoline, now the primary product of petroleum. The demands of millions of motor cars increasing constantly, invention and chemistry were set at work by the captains of the industry to make the barrel of petroleum turn out a larger and larger proportion of gasoline. This was done by the cracking process, through which every year now sees a larger proportion of crude oil turned into gasoline.

High and Growing Demands
 Today well-nigh 2,500,000 barrels of petroleum are required every day to satisfy the demand for motor cars, tractors, trucks, buses, artificial gas plants and the innumerable by-products. Invention is constantly finding new uses, as enterprise just as constantly finds new supplies of petroleum. The wonderful and rather mysterious fluid has revolutionized social habits and industrial methods; yet it is only two-thirds of a century since the industry had its feeble beginnings in the Pennsylvania oil country.

This year the country will use about 750,000,000 barrels of petroleum. The country will use 700,000,000 gallons of gasoline and will export 1,900,000 more. The production, processing and marketing of petroleum is probably second only to agriculture among American industries.

Roundly, 70 per cent of the world's petroleum industry is American. Ten billions of capital is invested in it—half the valuation of the national railroad system. It employs just about 1,000,000 people. The petroleum pipeline system, gridironing a good share of the country, aggregates about 85,000 miles. Petroleum revolutionized naval warfare by bringing in the oil burning ship; it is fast revolutionizing merchant marines in the same fashion. Multiplication of motor cars, along with the special taxation of their gasoline, has made possible the modern highway system.

A True Social Service
 Perhaps the most nearly revolutionary result of Drake's modernization of the petroleum industry is to be found in the change it has brought in the life of rural America. It has carried the city to the country, the country to the city. It has, by making possible the cheap and quick transportation that everybody nowadays enjoys, enabled country and city to know and understand each other as they never did before. It has brought social and educational privileges to country dwellers that a few decades ago seemed absolutely denied to them. On the one hand it has enabled the cities to spread out into suburban areas and the zone of country estates; on the other, it has enabled the people of the open country to have neighbors, society, church and school privileges, intimate acquaintance.

It is a historic fact that the tendency toward division of interest and understanding between city and country is the most serious internal menace to the security of nations, to the integrity of society.

More than anything else, country and city need to know and understand each other and each other's problems. The easy transportation, the ready opportunity for association and acquaintance that have come with the Age of Petroleum have made possible, in this favored country at least, exactly this new intimacy and understanding.

Vickrey Appeals for Million To Aid Armenian Quake Victims



C. V. VICKREY

MORE than a million dollars will be required to meet the needs of earthquake victims in Armenia, according to Charles V. Vickrey, general secretary of the Near East Relief, in a nation wide appeal for the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday.

This sum will be required to provide adequate medical attention, food, clothing and supplies to the thousands of families made homeless by the earthquake and to care for the nine thousand orphan wards of the relief organization in the Caucasus until June, according to the appeal.

Hundreds of villages have been laid waste and many of the huge orphanages caring for the children have been razed. Others are unsafe for use until repairs can be made. Meanwhile children and American relief workers are living in tents in a region in which blizzards and heavy snowstorms are frequent at this time of the year.

Reports from the various villages in the earthquake zone indicate that the inhabitants have been forced to construct rude dugouts under ground to protect themselves from the wild, winter weather. With shocks that have continued intermittently for two weeks there has been considerable loss of life in these fragile dwellings.

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