

KANNAPOLIS DEPARTMENT
(By JAMES E. MOORE)

KANNAPOLIS-GREENSBORO
The cancelled tilt game at Kannapolis "Y" game, Dec. 22—Although the financial disagree-

ment, local officials have lost no time in arranging a substitute game for this week, which will be played here Friday with an independent club of Spencer affording the opposition.

The Spencer aggregation is made up of college stars who have banded together to play during the Christmas holidays. The members are reported as being in superb condition and should bring to the Kannapolis gym a team that will be able to give

the Towelers a fine fustle.

The Spencer game will end Kannapolis activities before Christmas, but there will be little rest during the holidays, since the Gilt with the strong Miami Athletic club comes on December 30th. From then on to the close of the season the Towelers will be busy individuals.

Funeral Services Held for Infant
Kannapolis, Dec. 22.—Funeral services for Henry Humberger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Humberger of the Atwell township, Rowan county, who died suddenly Tuesday, were held from the Centenary

church, near Mooresville, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the pastor of the church officiating. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Death was due to acute insufficiency.

ANNUAL YULETIDE CONCERT PLANNED BY KANNAPOLIS LUTHERAN CHURCH

"In the Light of the Bethlehem Star" to be given Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.—A. R. P. Church Services Also on Friday Night.—Other Kannapolis News Notes Relative to Christmas Programs.

Kannapolis, Dec. 22.—The annual Christmas musical service at the Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The participants have been rehearsing for this service for a number of weeks and the program promises to be one of unusual beauty. The program is as follows:

Anthem: "Sing O'Heavens"—Kaleb Simper.

Prayer—Rev. M. L. Ridenhour.

Prologue—Mrs. Roy Riggs.

Pageant—"What Luther Did For Christmas" or "In the Light of the Bethlehem Star."

Act one, scenes one and two: time, 1497. Cotta sitting room Eisenach, Martin Luther sings in the street. Becomes a member of the Cotta family.

Scene three: time, 1505. Luther discovers chained Bible in University Library at Erfurt.

Conrad Cotta—Mrs. John Cross.

Ulrich Cotta—Marie Graeber.

Fritz Cotta—Helen Graeber.

Thekla Cotta—Mary Emma Klein.

Eva Cotta—Elizabeth Ridenhour.

Criemhild Cotta—Gene Wrenn, Jr.

Choir boys, Charles Alexander, George Barger, Grady McCombs, Troy Boston, Luther Freeze, John Franklin Ridenhour.

Students: Walter Barger, Clifton Kress, George Smith, Herman Boston.

Act two, scene five: time, 1529. Luther's family invited their friends to a Christmas party and they are greeted with a surprise—the first Christmas tree.

Martin Luther—Dr. M. L. Troutman.

Katherine Luther—Mrs. Charles Stinewalt.

Magdalene Luther—Beatrice Troutman.

Hans Luther—James Anderson.

John Luther—W. C. Wise, Jr.

Paul Luther—Charles Ridenhour.

Margaret Luther—Mary Claire Gilton.

Elizabeth Luther—Pauline Beaver.

Grandbabies Cotta—Mary Stinewalt, Josephine Beaver, Lena Von Bora, Katherine's sister—Irene Wilkerson.

Phillip Melancthon—Leonard Gilton.

Fran Lucas Kranach—Idel Kress.

George Spalatin, chaplain to Frederick the Wise—D. L. Freeze.

Act three, scene one: time, 1922. The Townes sitting room. Modern discussion on Christmas giving.

Scene two: same room transformed. A neighborhood gathering to distribute gifts to the poor and to sing to the sick and shut-in.

Mrs. Townes—Mrs. George Misenheimer.

Estelle Townes—Vivian Walters.

Jennie Townes—Kathleen Ridenhour.

Grover Townes—Kenneth Harrison.

Irene Cross—Mary Harrison.

John Davis—Mr. Smith.

Ernest Fair—George Misenheimer.

Offertory: "Sleep Holy Babe"—Mrs. Meredith Wine.

Benediction.

Friday Service at A. R. P. Church.
The Sunday School department at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will offer a musical service Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the feature of which will be a cantata entitled "From Heaven's Throne." Some of the best musical talent in Kannapolis will take part in the service and those contemplating attending are assured of an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Following the service gifts will be presented to all children connected with the Sunday School of the church.

Y. M. C. A. Plans Christmas Program.
Under the direction of Edward J. Sharp the Kannapolis Y. M. C. A. is planning an interesting Christmas party and program for the children of this city. The party will be held Wednesday afternoon of next week in the auditorium of the "Y" building and will be featured by a large Christmas tree and old Saint Nick in person.

In addition, a movie program will be presented and big bags of fruit given to all children attending the party.

Crowds Swarm Streets in Search of Gifts.
Christmas shopping crowds continued to throng the business section of the city yesterday, overflowing the sidewalks and jamming the stores and shops. Merchants report this year's business to be the heaviest in several years, overtopping the record business of 1926.

The stores are filled with hundreds of novelty gifts and the merchants have laid in a supply of both valuable and practical articles which are displayed in a manner to attract the eye. Women's apparel, from sheer underthings to handsome fur coats; the latest accessories in men's wear; large supplies of jewelry novelties; luggage; house furnishings and so forth are attractively displayed in the windows of the mercantile houses.

Much care has been exercised in the decoration of the windows. Snow banks, silver tinsels and wreaths are used in several while others are decorated with Christmas trees.

Cedar trees, with colored electric lights, line either side of the street, illuminating the business section at night in a fashion that would do credit to many of the larger cities in this section.

The First Presbyterian Church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Troutman entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening at their home on Main Street, south. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Yost, Miss Willene Yost, Miss Lucille Cline and Dr. S. G. Alexander.

Dr. C. Probst, Sr., superintendent of the bleachery department of the Cannon towel plant who was operated on last week for appendicitis, yesterday was reported as improving nicely and from all indications will return home soon.

Miss Marjorie Prince has resigned her position as primary teacher at Central high school to accept a similar position at Dawson, New Mexico, forty miles from Raton, her hometown. She will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, entering upon her new duties with the advent of the new year.

Paul Ballard, formerly with the Daves Grocery Company here, has accepted a position with the Fifty-Fifty Grocery Store at Charlotte.

Charles Moore, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, of North Kannapolis, is passing the week in Gastonia, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Graham, former residents of this city.

Miss Marjorie Wooten left Saturday for Asheville, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wooten, at 592 Merrimon Street.

Miss Betty Propst returned yesterday from Lenoir-Rhyne College to spend the holidays with her parents. She was accompanied home by a classmate, Miss Snolome Shirey, of Mt. Pleasant.

Todd H. Caldwell, of the Towel City News, is back at his desk after a short illness.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Honeycutt and Robert W. Huntley, both of this city, has been announced. The ceremony took place last week at York, S. C. They will continue to reside in Kannapolis.

Misses Blanche Smith and Mozelle Hilde, who are students at Central College, arrived here yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ritchie, of Albemarle, are expected to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Smith at their home near Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cannon, of Elon College, will be the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Walton.

The many friends of Meredith Wine will be glad to know that he continues to improve nicely from injuries sustained several months ago in an accident at Belmont.

Mrs. George E. Frick, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Boger, during the Christmas season.

OPENING SERVICES AT ELIZABETH TEMPLE TUESDAY AT 7:30

Willie Laurel Olive Here to Preside at Initial Meeting.—Dedicatory Services to Be Held Sunday.

Elizabeth Temple, a handsome brick monument to the Four-Square Gospel and genius of Willie Laurel Olive, woman evangelist, held the first of its pre-opening services Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The temple is located on North Church street, just north of Forest Hill.

Mrs. Olive arrived in town that morning to preside at the initial service in the new edifice and her presence assured a capacity congregation. From this date she will make the temple headquarters for activities embracing North and South Carolina.

Acquiring much renown as a faith healer and teacher of a four-square gospel in this section during the past five years, Mrs. Olive has a large host of followers. Thousands upon thousands used to pack the tent under which she delivered her messages of God, and her teachings attracted much attention from all parts of the two Carolinas.

Elizabeth Temple, originally a wooden building, was to have been opened in the late Fall but succumbed, toward the middle of September, to a near cyclone. Following that bit of misfortune, the builders decided upon the present permanent structure.

The grand opening and the dedicatory exercises will be held, approximately, on Christmas night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A feast and a Christmas tree will supplement the devotional services. Patrons are requested to bring gifts to be distributed among the needy children.

Morning and afternoon services will also be held Christmas day at the temple and many followers from this and other counties are expected to come prepared to spend the entire day.

Pre-opening services will be held every night this week, beginning tonight.

BLACK BOTTOM PREPARES FOR MERRY SEASON

Colored Folk Plan For Happiest Yuletide in History With "Midnight Broad" Safely Disposed Of.

Black Bottom, erstwhile roving grounds for the famed "Midnight Broad," has forgotten the shadow cast upon its fair name by the circumnavigations of that mammoth ogre and is preparing for the biggest Christmas in its history.

Dusky youngsters have already laid in enough fireworks to produce noises not dissimilar to those being made by the United States army in their Pee Dee River bridge offensive; the older heads have quietly been oiling their old muskets and shotguns with which to usher in the Christmas morn.

Gaily decorated cedars, many of them, will prolong the Santa Claus fantasy in the hearts of the younger. Good hearted fathers and mothers are lending no stones unturned that their off-springs may enjoy St. Nick's visit to the tall whisker.

Colored patrons are found in ever-increasing numbers thronging the downtown stores. Their purchases, while not as frequent nor as expensive as those of their white brethren, clearly show that they have an equal amount of the indefinable spirit of the season. The colored population is less than the whites can hope to attain. Celebrating is just a part of their inborn nature and needs but little encouragement for its release to unthought-of proportions.

Several dances have been arranged by the younger bloods, who expect to continue their hilarity through the beginning of the New Year.

All in all, everything points to a festive holiday season from the night of the 24th through the night of the 31st.

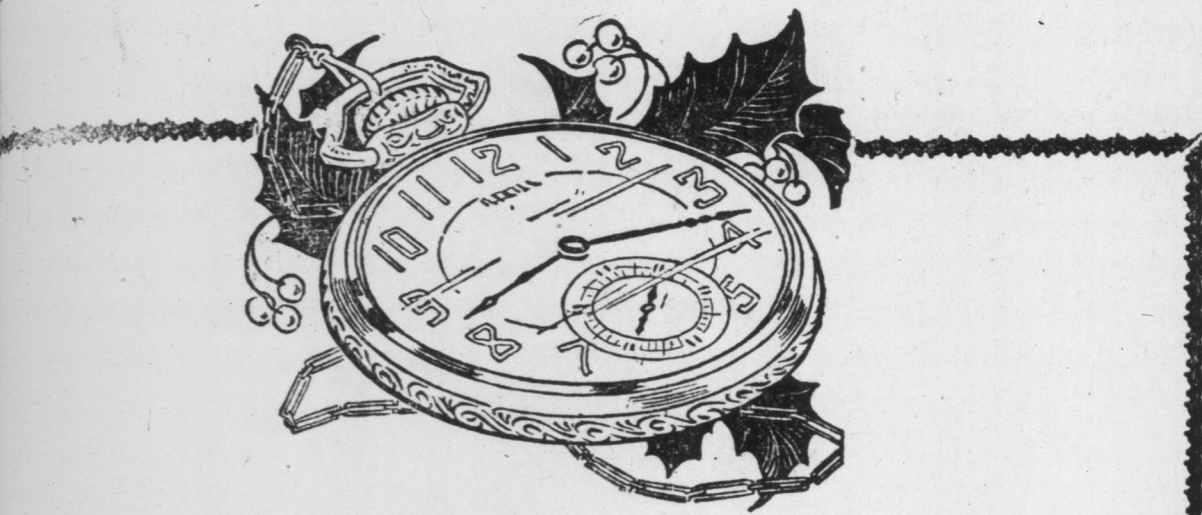
SEVERE COLD GRIPS CABARRUS; MERCURY GOES AS LOW AS 19

Christmas Approaches as King Winter Unleashes Pre-Winter Cold.—Shopping Continues Alert.

"Cold as Christmas!" Concord has surely shivered during the past 24 hours. The mercury has remained all the while under 50 degrees, dropping as low as 19 in the early hours of this morning. A brisk northeaster put the skids under the high temperatures, and cloudy skies during a part of Monday indicated that Concord might have a white Christmas as well as a "measles" Christmas. Late in the afternoon, however, skies cleared.

The severity of the unseasonal cold has not halted Christmas shopping. The prospective buying public just dons more of its wardrobe and continues to tour the business district in search of "Merry Christmas." Although the shoppers continue to go, lots of autos have refused for icy reasons. Many which have been coaxed to start again, steaming like locomotives—frozen radiators galore. Denatured alcohol is selling like five-dollar gold pieces at a one-cent sale. The coal companies aren't sad over this freezing weather. They're glad. Business has been rushing. "This is one time," they say, "when a ton or two of coal is added to the list of things which must be bought for Christmas." The plumbers, too, get a hand in this freezing game. They are asked to play trumps on bursted pipes. "It's service with a smile," the plumbers cry.

Winter is due to arrive Thursday, December 22, the calendar asserts. But if there is not some awful mistake, the calendar is wrong. Winter is already here. It has been for the past three weeks, making its arrival known with a cover of sleet over this section.



Just a Second! "Here's His Gift!"

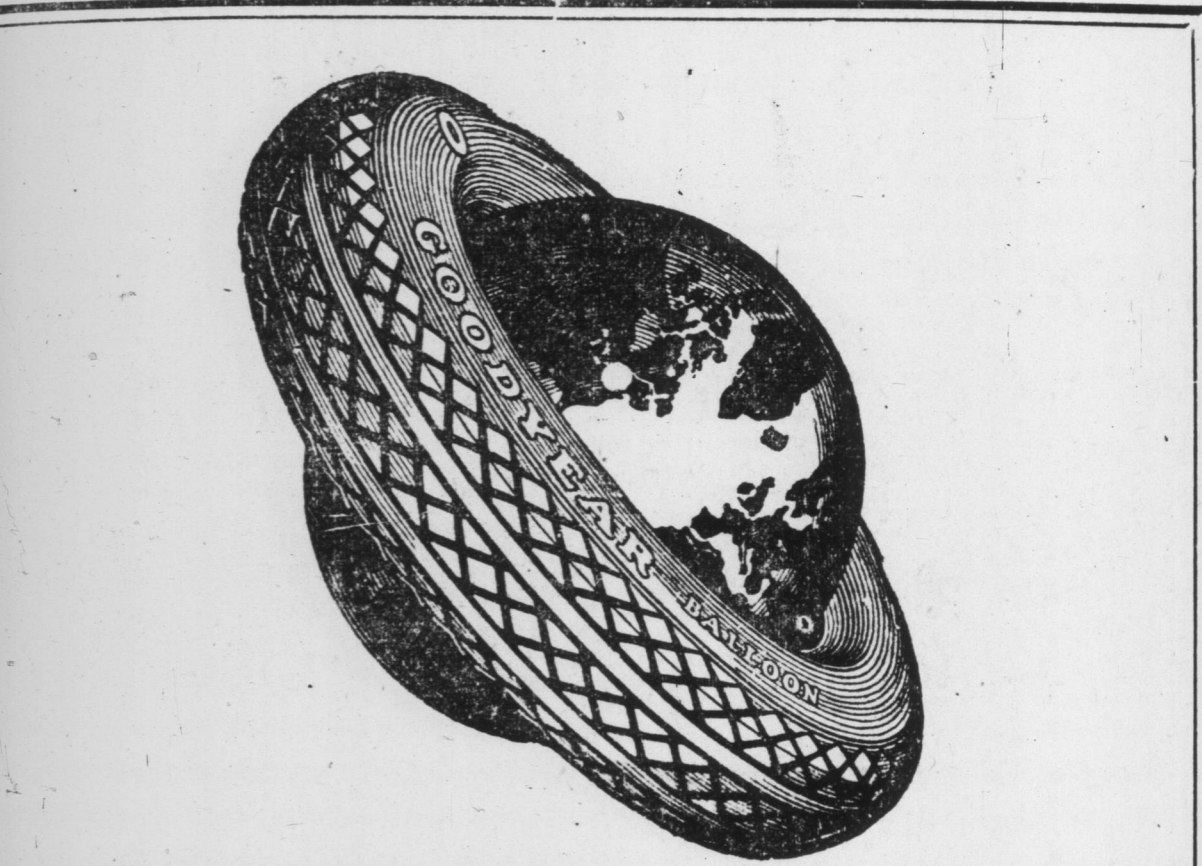
A Pocket Watch For Christmas!

Ordinarily, he may be a man none too generous with his praise. But—he'll be quick to give you credit for good judgment—and do it joyously—if you surprise him Christmas day with a handsome Pocket Watch!

Here—you'll have the choice of:

Boys' and men's best Watches priced from \$10 to \$75.

Starnes - Miller - Parker Company



Goodyear's Price Often Duplicated But Its Quality—NEVER!

Motorists are learning that there is a big difference in tires, although they look pretty much alike. Some are long on looks and short on quality and mileage. But you won't need a microscope to be sure that the Goodyear tire you get from us is a real buy. Goodyear mileage tells the story.

Today, more than ever, more people, the world over, ride on Goodyear tires than any other kind.

AND YOU GET THIS KIND OF SERVICE—FREE!

We don't just sell you a tire—we'll apply it promptly, see that your rims are free from rust, and that the tire is correctly inflated. Then after it is on and running we will inspect it at any time and apply conservation measures to help you get all the miles of service that the factory has built into it. This kind of service means tire dollars saved. We do it free for our customers.

Yorke & Wadsworth Co.

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