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RECORD WANTS

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Sheriff John A. Isenhower will have the Hickory Township Tax Books at the City Managers Office every Saturday from now until January 1st. Pay your taxes before the penalty is added. 11 28 1f

FOR SALE--TWO SECOND HAND roll top desks. Brookford Mills Mfg. Co..

GIVE YOUR WIFE OR DAUGHTER something useful for Christmas. I have a few left--\$65 White Sewing machines, No. 60 Rotary. New and have never been uncrated, and will sell for \$25 cash. Have one reserved today before they are all gone. See Hickory Cash Store, on the corner next to Western Union or phone or write Z. B. Buchanan, Hickory, N. C. 12 7 15f

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WANTED--WE WANT TO BUY all kinds of scrap iron. Will pay \$45.00 per ton. A. S. Abernethy and son. 12 20 2wks R and D

DOG LOST--SMALL BLACK and white setter, female. Please notify A. A. Shuford, Jr. 12 21 2f

SOME ONE BORROWED MY suit case. Will you please return. W. I. Caldwell, 1414 11th Ave., Hickory, N. C. 12 21 2f

CARD OF THANKS

To those who were so thoughtful and helpful to us during the sad affliction visited on us when our dear wife and mother was removed, we offer our heartfelt thanks and pray that the Lord may bless them through life.
G. A. MILLER and FAMILY.

--Christmas Lesson--

Unto us a son is given, Isa 9, 1 to 7. This chapter is one of the remarkable chapters of the bible. It foretells the day of the Messiah, giving a very wide view as all early prophecies do, merging the first and second comings of Christ in one grand perspective. Israel's punishment is to cease, and though it might have ceased 1000 years ago, if the Jews had accepted Christ, yet the deliverance began, and the light dawned at His coming. The anguish and darkness of the afflicted people did cease among those who accepted Him, and one day Israel shall be made a glorious kingdom. By faith Christ's disciples welcomed the great light and came out of the shadow of death, as witness the songs of Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Simon and Anna, the prophetess. The girl of Israel foretold in verse 3. The word translated "not," in the line, and not increased the joy," is really "to him," and should read, "Thou hast multiplied the nation to him," that is, the Messiah, probably.

God intends to break the yoke of Israel someday. That day will be the great and awful day when Christ shall come the second time. A literal interpretation of verse 5 would read, "For all the shoes of the soldier are in the trembling, and the garments are rolled in blood, and it shall even be for burning, for meat for the fire." Here is Isaiah's graphic prophecy of Armageddon as portrayed in Rev. 19, 11-21.

In verse 6 is the secret of it all revealed. The child, born of a virgin, the son given who is to bear the government on his shoulders. His five fold name is revealed Wonderful (the Miraculous), Counsellor, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah declares the certainty of Christ's success and the permanence of His reign on David's throne forever in righteousness and judgment. Then He underwrites the whole vision by the words, "The zeal of the Lord of hosts, shall perform this." As we approach the Christmas season, and look back at the wonderful events in Bethlehem 1920 years ago, if there is no error in the present state of history and progress of the Christian religion, may we not get a view with Isaiah of the coming day of God when at last Israel shall come to her own, though it be ushered in with the upheaval of all society as the King de-thrones wrong, and en-thrones justice, goodness and peace. J. G. GARTH.

AN AID IN THE FUTURE.

Columbia State. When a string is dropped into a saturated solution of alum, crystals of the minerals at once begin to collect. The process of crystallization was going on all the time, but the intrusion of the cord precipitated its completion for a part of the substance. It is possible that the German peace negotiations proposal, unacceptable as its implied terms as to the allies, may have something of this effect.

It is impossible that the plan should be a long way from the German position that the Teuton's empires must be safeguarded to that they have allies that the central powers must be so circumscribed as to be incapable of future menace to the countries of the entente. Still, reconciliation of such contradictory views, or what passes for it, must come before peace is declared. It will be when it does come, a peace minimum, each nation being forced, in the end, to the acceptance of the lowest possible bid.

The German proposal has advanced the cause of peace to the extent that it has come to discussion in private and public circles of those earnest people who are anxious to make peace. It is conceivable that it has even tended to shorten the war by putting forth a basis, however slight, for consideration of peace terms. Lloyd-George's answer, like

At The Hub Theatre

Tomorrow--Saturday

A Good Two Reel Pathé
Drama

Universal Screen Magazine
a Fine Picture for
The Children

The World's Wonderland No. 2. More of the Grandeur of Yellowstone
Park

Maud and The Mule
Krazy Kat Cartoons and
the Great Auto Race

Society

Mr. C. D. Moose of Charlotte spent several days in the city.

Mr. Earl Nabors of Spencer spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. George Barnhardt of Lenoir was a Hickory visitor yesterday.

Mr. E. Bryan Jones returned home this morning to spend the holidays.

Mr. J. C. Seagle of Lenoir was a business visitor to Hickory today.

Mr. Bailey Patrick is at home for the holidays from Davidson college.

Mr. W. M. Reese of Hendersonville has returned to Hickory for the holidays.

Mr. Elvin Bumgarner, a law student at the University, is home for the holidays.

Mr. Clyde Herman is home from a business college in Kentucky to spend the holidays.

Miss Ethel Starnes who has been in school at Elon College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Starnes.

Miss Katherine Shuford returned last night from St. Mary's, Raleigh to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shuford.

Mrs. Shuford Hostess

Mrs. E. L. Shuford delightfully entertained the members of the Wednesday Afternoon Auction Club and their husbands last evening. Six tables were arranged for cards. Table prizes for highest score were given to Miss Esther Ransom, silk hose; Mrs. James C. Shuford, silver bud vase Mrs. C. M. Shuford, ivory toilet piece; Mr. J. H. Hatcher, deck of cards Mrs. J. H. Hatcher, pair silver hair pins Mrs. Horace Lutz received the consolation prize. An elegant luncheon was served after the game. Those playing were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Abernethy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Shuford, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Orabough, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Mesdames W. N. Martin, E. Chadwick, George Yoder, C. M. Sherrill, Horace Lutz and Miss Esther Ransom.

that of Treppoff, that of Briand and that of Sonnino, has been forecast; it could hardly have been otherwise than it was. But the German proposal, however it be rejected, may yet prove a step toward the peace conference which must bring Europe's war to an end. It does not end the war and it does not furnish any immediate impetus to the cause of peace, but it does add official tone to that general desire for peace, though not peace at the enemy's price, which has been growing in Europe since the war first began.

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