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Plant At Nickel Mines To Begin Operation In January

"Nothing spectacular, just gradual working toward the goal," is the way Mr. J. H. Gillis described the developments that are now under way at the nickel mines at Webster.

A small plant is in process of construction at the mine, and will be opened about the middle of January. Here the salts will be extracted from the ore. It is admitted that the plant is more or less for experimental purposes; but if it proves the process to be as valuable as it is expected to be, it will be the forerunner of a larger plant for the same purpose; and also of a still larger one for the reduction of the nickel ore.

Sulphate of magnesium, or as we commonly know it, Epsom Salts, is a valuable product that laboratory tests have proved can be extracted from the ores at Webster. That is what the small plant is to do. If as successful in the actual large-scale production as it has been in the laboratory, the process may develop into something of greater value to the county than the long-hoped for nickel production. But Mr. Gillis warned, "we are going forward slowly with our development. We do not want to leave the impression that a great expansion is to be expected. However, we are going ahead, and expect to have our first small plant running by the middle of next month," he said.

Measles Closes Sylva Schools

Sylva Schools closed at noon on Monday, a full week earlier than had been expected. The order came from the office of County Superintendent A. C. Moses, when the attendance had dropped to a very low figure. Measles was the cause of the early vacation in Sylva and the Qualla schools.

The disease which has been prevalent among the children for several days, is expected to abate in time for the opening of the schools on January 2.

Let's Make A Wreath And Here's The Way

Christmas decorations begins with the wreath on the door. Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent of the State College Extension Service, is an authority on decorations and she gives the following directions for making a wreath:

Assemble the evergreens you want to use. From the florist you can buy foundation frames of heavy single wire and two spools of wreath wire; one of the fine thread weight, and other 22 gauge. Some persons may be able to make their own frames, especially after buying one or two as samples.

Clip the evergreens into short even lengths; an average length being about six inches. Fasten the heavy wire to the frame and, holding the spool firmly in your right hand, take several pieces of evergreen with your left hand, binding them tightly to the frame. Continue this operation overlapping material closely, until you have completed the circle. View your completed wreath from a distance and shear any protruding material that spoils the outline.

Another method is to make sufficient quantity of small, individual bunches of greenery of uniform length, width and thickness to complete your wreath. Fasten each securely with a short length of light wire. Clip the ends to a uniform evenness and bind to the wire frame, overlapping closely.

To make a wreath of tapering outline, bunches of graduating size are first made and arranged in order on the frame, then wired in place.



Christmas

(BY DAN TOMPKINS)

Ever since the angles above the fields of Judea sang the birth of the meek and lowly Nazarine, and issued the divine proclamation of peace and good will among men, mankind has struggled slowly forward to the realization of the ideal day when "swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning-hooks"; when men will not learn war any more; when none shall hurt nor destroy in all the holy mountain; when every man will dwell under his own vine and figtree, with none to molest nor make him afraid.

Time and again that ideal has almost been blotted out beneath the tramp of marching armies. Ravaged cities, ruined countryside, hopeless millions of old men, blank-faced women, and little children have testified that ambitious men have sought to find greatness by hurting and destroying.

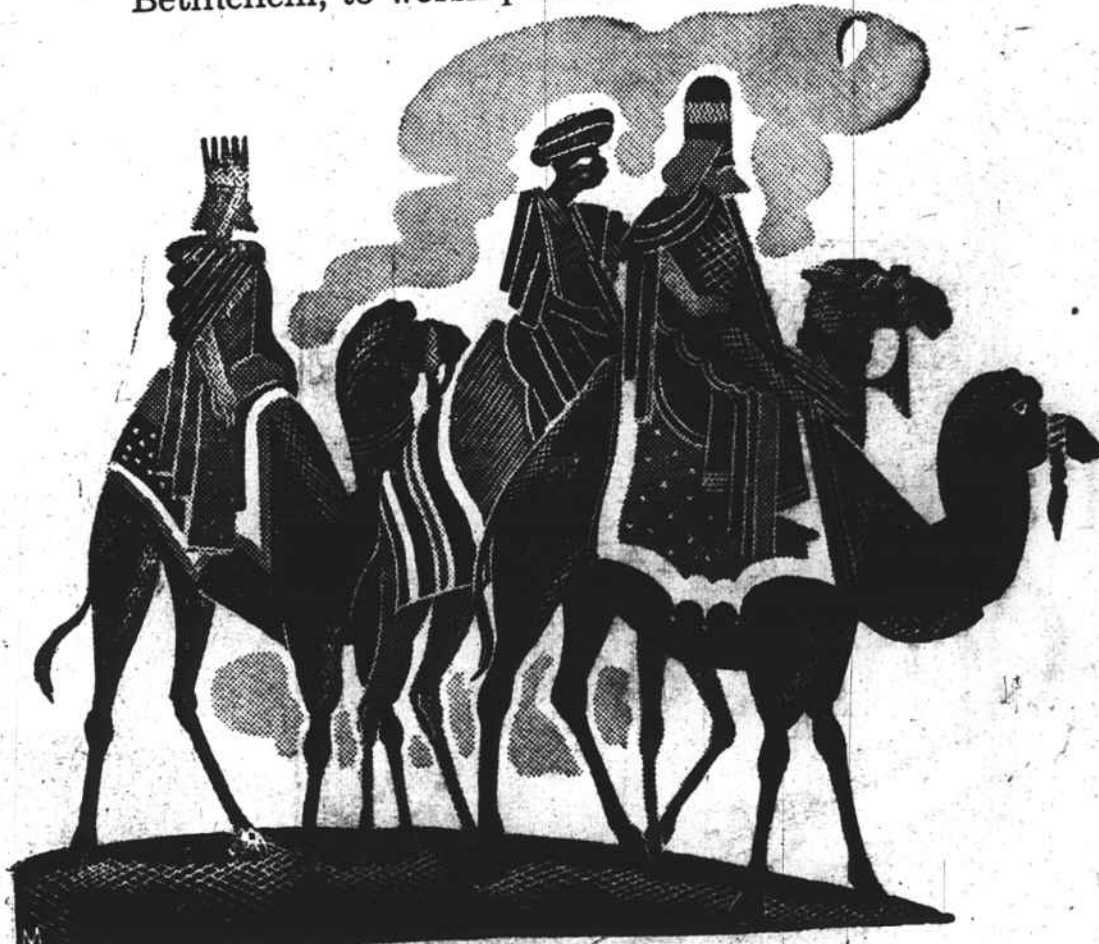
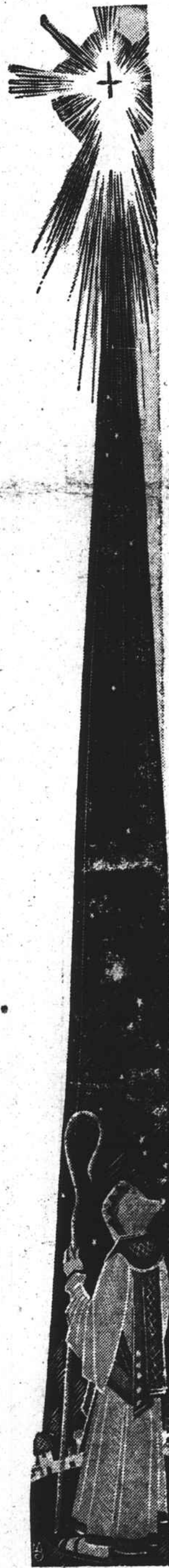
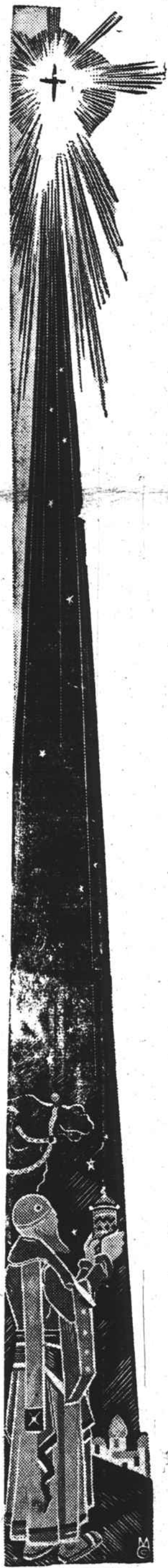
Men have forgotten the lesson of the Manger in a stable, the Cross on a hill, the empty tomb in a garden. These symbols of Christianity testify to the truth that it is the homely things of life that bring us peace, and that humility is greatness. The King of Heaven appearing as a little child with a manger for a cradle, points men toward the greatness of the humble.

This Christmas, when the light of Christianity has been beclouded in many lands by the blight of a new-found paganism, when the suffering millions of the old world are the victims of man's hatred and inhumanity, it would seem that it is not fitting that we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Yet, peace is to be found only in the hearts of men. A human being, ground beneath the heel of oppression, suffering from the inhumanities that have been heaped upon him, may yet feel a peace that no conqueror can ever know.

The hope of the world yet lies in the ideal of the Manger, and the proclamation made by the band of angels. For peace is a thing of the Spirit. Not all the armaments that have ever been or ever can be manufactured can kill a spiritual ideal.

While little children, who have learned to lisp the name of the Christchild, flee to dirty holes in the ground to save their lives from the flaming death that rains down from the skies, this Christmas night; we yet believe that peace and good-will will yet be realized among men. But we know that if we are to find peace, we must seek it humbly, by becoming as little children and going in the spirit to the stable in Bethlehem, to worship a Little Child.



Walter Wike, War Veteran, Dies At Oteen

Walter Wike, veteran of the World War, died at Oteen hospital, Sunday morning, after having been a patient there for about two weeks. Mr. Wike, a son of James and Ella Wike, was born in this county on January 27, 1894.

Mr. Wike is survived by his widow, by one son, Truman Wike of the United States Navy, stationed at San Pedro, Calif.; by his mother; by three brothers, Homer Wike, East LaPorte; J. L. Wike, of Oklahoma; and Ross Wike of Undell, Idaho; and by two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Robbins, East LaPorte; and Mrs. Charlotte Galloway, Rosman.

Mr. Wike was a member of the American Legion Post, at Morganton, N. C., and of the Masonic Lodge at Seminole, Okla.

Funeral services were conducted at the East LaPorte Baptist church, Tuesday, by Rev. Fred Forrester, and interment was in the Wike family cemetery.

ROTARIANS HEAR HOCUTT, WILKES

The Sylva Rotary club heard the Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, and Dr. Grover Wilkes at its meeting Tuesday night.

The Rev. Mr. Hocutt's topic was "Some-By-Products of our Churches." He pointed out that the entire history of our country is tied indirectly with the church and that it was the influence of the church that has made it great.

Among the "by products" of the church Mr. Hocutt listed government, schools, hospitals, orphanages, service clubs and said that all organizations that are working for the common good are founded upon the principles as set forth by Jesus Christ.

Dr. Wilkes' topic was "Hobbies." In this connection he told of his experiences as an amateur cattle-raiser. He explained how he got into the cattle business in 1934 by feeding some government "drouth" cattle and then kept going deeper and deeper into the business after the profits from this venture were not in keeping with those which his friend had told him would be forthcoming by feeding some of these cattle.

While Dr. Wilkes' trials and tribulations while following the cattle raising hobby were probably not so humorous at the time they happened, the way in which he described them to the Rotarians brought many hearty laughs.

J. C. Brown, president of the Waynesville club, and Glynn Poteet, son of Roscoe Poteet, were guests at the meeting.

NEW COMERS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Monteith, on Saturday, November 23, a son, who has been named Roger Conrad.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Kitehen, on Saturday, November 23, a daughter, Linda Lou.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nicholson, on Sunday, December 1, a son, Charles Melvin.

ODDS AND ENDS

The other day, standing in front of a book shop, I glanced into the window and saw a framed little motto hanging directly in front of me. It said:

"I am an old man, and I have had many troubles. But most of them never happened"

A good tonic for old worry bugs like most of us.

Just as you get all fixed for a lovely big snow the sun pushes a cloud out of the way and says "howdy".

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