

LITTLE "STARS"

Cotton 33 1-4c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 72c

Birth—Born, Thursday, December 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hall Allen, a daughter, Sallie Ione.

School Closes Friday—The Shelby public schools close Friday of this week for the Christmas holidays and will re-open Wednesday, January 2.

Stores to Remain Open—All local stores that carry Christmas goods will remain open at night this week to permit Christmas shopping which is going on briskly.

Brother Dies—Mrs. P. A. Ware of the Central hotel, received a message last Friday notifying her of the sudden death of her brother, Mr. William McClendon, at his home at Monroe.

Dam to Be Enlarged—The Cleveland Mill and Power company dam at the Harrelson shoals below Lawndale will be raised 13 feet above its present level to generate more power for the operation of the mill at Lawndale.

Local Boy Pledged—Among the 88 freshmen recently pledged by the fraternities at University of North Carolina was J. J. McMurry, of Shelby, pledged by the Delta Tau Delta.

Concert Tonight—The Dixon quartet which is proving a great success in entertaining the public with fine gospel singing, will give a concert at the Ella Mill welfare building in South Shelby tonight.

Child Dead—The one-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Fallston died Friday afternoon of diphtheria and was buried Saturday afternoon at Pleasant Grove Baptist church.

Improving School—The temporary wooden building erected at the Shelby main school building during the war is undergoing extensive repair.

Pastor is Nominated—News which is considered authentic has been received in Shelby, saying Mr. J. H. Quinn who has been acting postmaster for 15 months, following the resignation of Mr. W. J. Roberts, was appointed postmaster on Saturday last by President Coolidge.

Attends Funeral—G. R. Spencer, who has charge of the old Buffalo cotton mill, four miles east of Shelby, attended the funeral Sunday of his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Spencer of Gauley, who was burned to death when her clothing caught fire in an attempt to extinguish the flames of her husband's clothing which caught from an open grate.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Motion were visitors in Charlotte Friday. Mrs. W. A. Murray was Charlotte visitor Thursday.

Mr. A. Preston Smith of the Beam's Mill section has moved with his family to Hickory.

Judge James L. Webb who is holding court in Morganton, spent the week end with his family.

Master James Webb Gardner and Eugene Miller spent Saturday in Morganton.

Miss Mary Covington of Asheville is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Webb for several days.

Mr. Bailey Wray and Mr. Easter Lee of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived Sunday night to see their kinsman Mr. W. L. Dameron who is quite sick.

Mr. Clyde McCurry visited his mother Mrs. L. C. Boat in Shelby for the week-end.—Morganton News-Herald.

Misses Rebecca Cushing, Margaret Edmunds and Erna Johnston spent the week end at Fletcher and Asheville.

Miss Frances Hoyle was the guest for the week-end of her sister, Miss Jesse Hoyle, of the Spindale school faculty.

Messrs. C. A. Gold, John Blanton, C. B. Green and Yates S. Green have returned from Georgia. They report a fine trip except for heavy rains.

Mrs. John Birmingham of Charlotte is spending several days with Misses Carrie and Annie Kendall on N. Lafayette street.

Mrs. George Shuford and son have returned to their home at Cliff Side after visiting her mother Mr. W. L. Packard.

Miss Lenna Newton, Mrs. William Andrews, Mr. Newton and Mr. Robertson motored to Charlotte Friday for the day.

Judge E. Y. Webb and daughter Miss Elizabeth and Master William Webb spent the week-end in Asheville.

Mrs. Frank Love of Lincolnton spent several days here last week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dover.

Among the numerous Shelby shoppers in Charlotte last week were Mr. and Mrs. Will Aray and Mrs. W. L. Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Harrell have moved to Shelby from Holly and occupy the Dr. I. V. Lee house opposite J. L. Smith on N. Lafayette street.

Capt. and Mrs. Leslie C. West of Richmond, Va. arrive the last of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hull on S. Washington street.

Mrs. L. A. Gettys, Misses Alpha and Bertie Gettys, Mrs. W. F. Meacham and Miss Carrie Belle Lever spent Thursday in Charlotte shopping.

Misses W. H. Powell and Ruth Dawson of Shelby and Mr. Clyde Powell of Gastonia, were Sunday guests of Mrs. C. F. Kirksey and Miss Bertie Taylor.—Morganton News-Herald.

Mr. Archie Archer left Friday of last week for Washington, D. C., where he will undergo treatment in a government hospital for war veterans.

Mrs. S. O. Andrews left yesterday in company with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Aray for Aven Park, Fla. where she will visit her daughter Mrs. Jos. Lacy, nee Beth Andrews.

Miss May McCulloch, of Burlington and Miss Nell Hoover, of Crona, both of the Tyson high school faculty were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Loy.

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The Hidden Gift Was for Mabel

By MARION FRANCES HAMILTON

MABEL HAMMOND was mad, so mad that she did not care who knew it. For she and Charlie had just had their first quarrel and he had gone away without even trying to make up or kiss her good-by, slamming the door viciously as he left.

For a long time after he went she lay on the couch, sobbing violently, and telling herself over and over again how much she hated him and what a brute he was to go and leave her like that. He loved her no more—she was sure of it—else how could he have done as he did? Perhaps there was someone else? Now that she came to think of it, he had acted sort of queer the past few days, as if he had been trying to hide something from her. It would be utterly impossible to live with him now, she thought. She would pack up a few things and go home to her folks before he got back from the office; perhaps then when he came home and found her gone he would realize how cruel he had been.

But it was quite a while before she could bring herself to the point of preparing to make the break; then, still sobbing, she went to the back closet of the little apartment, and reaching on an upper shelf she pulled down a small traveling bag. But in getting it from its place a package that had been placed behind it fell to the floor. Picking it up, she found that it was a Christmas package tied with fancy ribbon, with a little card dangling at the end. She read the words on the card: "To the dearest little woman in all the world from her adoring husband," and as she did so her sobs ceased and a soft, luminous light came into her eyes. Charlie loved her! Of course he loved her! What of their foolish little quarrel of the morning? It was all her fault anyway. She realized it now.

Putting the package and bag back upon the shelf as they had been before she touched them, she went back through the hall and walked swiftly to the telephone, but just as she picked up the receiver to call Charlie, she heard his latchkey in the door. He stood sheepishly in the doorway a moment, then came in muttering as he did so about having forgotten something.

But Mabel ran swiftly toward him, and in a moment her arms were twined about his neck and she was calling him that the quarrel was all her fault, every bit of it—and that she loved him more than all the world because he was the dearest and best of husbands.

But Charlie would not hear of this at all, but vowed and declared between kisses that every bit of the wretched quarrel was due to his horrid temper. He told her that he realized this as soon as he got to his office and had come back for no other reason than to see if there was any chance of their making up. And he told her that if she would really forgive him just this one time that there would never be another quarrel as long as they lived.

And Mabel, with her head buried on his shoulder, told him that of course she would forgive him—that it was really her fault anyway, but woman-like she hid from him the fact that she had discovered the hidden Christmas gift that was reposing on the closet shelf and the part it had played in uniting them again.

DINOSAUR EGGS FOUND

Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of the Asiatic expedition of the American Museum of Natural History, and Mrs. Andrews, photographer of the expedition, shown above, have sent word home that they have discovered the first fossilized eggs of the dinosaur ever found. Twenty-five of them have been obtained, and it is estimated they are about ten million years old.

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Advertisement for First National Bank. Text: 'WHEN PLANNING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. DON'T FORGET THAT A SAVINGS Deposit for each member of your family, your wife, your girl, or your boy would be one of the most helpful, useful, sensible and appreciated of gifts, that you could bestow on them. FOR THE LITTLE CHILDREN we have a supply of home Savings banks which come in gift boxes decorated in holiday design which are appropriate for gifts and can be secured by depositing One Dollar Against The Cost of The Banks. A savings Account can truly be called the STAFF OF LIFE because it is something to lean on in time of need and a true support. Therefore what better gift could you make your loved one, than THE STAFF OF LIFE. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SHELBY, N. C. Capital and Surplus Half Million Dollars'

Advertisement for T. W. Hamrick Co. Jewelry. Text: 'JEWELRY COMES FIRST. JEWELRY SHOULD TOP YOUR LIST OF APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY GIFTS. APPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT PRODUCES THAT LASTING REMEMBRANCE. TIMELY BECAUSE THERE IS NO BETTER OCCASION DURING THE YEAR TO GIVE JEWELRY THAN AT CHRISTMAS TIME. WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO COME AND SEE THE GRANDEST LINE EVER SHOWN IN SHELBY. WATCHES FOR MEN. All the newest styles in watches for men, including the very popular thin-model 12-size. Prices range from \$16.50 to \$175.00 for the "Corsical Elgin," the finest watch in the world. BRACELET WATCH SPECIALS. Two dozen Bracelet watches of good make, 20-year case, 7-jewel movement, special price \$12.50. Pearl Neckchain Special. Beautiful Pearl Neckchains at special prices. The finest made at—\$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, \$35.00, \$50.00. DIAMONDS! DIAMONDS! Diamond Rings in Clusters and Solitaires, finest grades, at very reasonable prices from now until January. Prices range from \$25 to \$650. T. W. Hamrick Co. JEWELERS AND OPTOMETRISTS.'