

No Ordinary Baby.

While the preachers in New York are debating the divinity of Jesus it is interesting to know that a representative group of business and professional men of Winston-Salem have been considering the same question. It was at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club. There was, perhaps, the largest attendance of members and visitors in the history of the organization. Rev. J. K. Pfohl, D. D., pastor of the Home Moravian church of Winston-Salem, was the speaker. Christmas, he said, is based on the greatest fact in history—a fact so great that it gave the world a new era. For example, you read "1923." What do the figures stand for? Not

for the number of years the world has stood, not for the number of years this country or any other country has been in existence. They represent the number of years since the birth of Jesus. When Jesus was born, civilization was in the throes of death. Greek culture had failed, Roman law held no hope for mankind, and Hebrew religion had lost its soul. Humanity's time was never so dark as at the time Jesus was born. Thus did Dr. Pfohl draw the picture of the world's condition in the first year of the new era, which we know as Christian. Into this black night came Jesus, a baby in a manger, reputed son of a plain laboring man. With the coming of that babe the whole trend of history was changed. A new civilization was born. A new spirit entered the world. Men and women became new creatures. And from that very year humanity has been climbing upward.

No ordinary baby could have meant so much to the world, Dr. Pfohl declared. No merely human baby, under the same circumstances, could have possibly set such remarkable forces to work for humanity. No body except the Son of God could have done what Jesus has done for the world.

**SHELBY CANDY KITCHEN**  
FRUITS  
HOME MADE CANDIES  
REFRESHMENTS  
ICE CREAM  
We Always Strive To Please.  
Next Door To Union Trust Company

**4 4 9 PAIRS MEN'S PANTS AT 50c TO \$1.00 LESS THAN REGULAR PRICES.**  
EVANS E. McBRAYER

LAND SALE. As agent of C. A. Beam, B. J. Hoyle, George Hord, L. S. Beam, F. S. Beam, and Josie Hall, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, North Carolina at 12 m., on the

4th Day of February, 1924 the following described tract of land: Lying near Fallston, Cleveland county North Carolina, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Being a part of the M. R. Beam land. Beginning on an iron stake at the North edge of the old Lincoln road, the old corner, David Beam's corner, and runs with the old line south 71 1/4 east 33 4/5 poles to a stake in said line, corner of lot No. 1, owned by Martha Beam and others; thence with the line of said lot north 3 1/2 east 95 poles to a stake in the old line, corner of said lot; thence with the old line south 67 west 41 poles to a bunch of white oaks, the old Dover corner, now David Beam's thence with the old line south 2 west 68 poles to the beginning, containing 18 1/8 acres more or less. Terms of Sale. One-half cash; the remainder in twelve months after date of sale. This January 12th, 1924. T. B. HORD, Agent. D. Z. Newton, Attorney.

**ESTATE. TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL** By virtue of the authority of sale vested in me as trustee in a certain Deed of Trust executed by C. Edwar Bridges and wife, Bertha Bridges dated July 29th, 1920, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cleveland county, N. C., in Book No. 112 at page 168 to secure an indebtedness to the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan Association, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured and being called upon to execute trust in me reposed I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., on Monday February 11th, 1924, at 12:00 o'clock noon or within legal hours the following described real estate: Situate and lying in the town of Balling Springs and on the East side of the Balling Springs and Lattimore road and beginning at a stake in the middle of the road and in the old field line and running thence with the old line N. 75 E. (Va. 2 1/2) 6.65 chains to a stone, corner of Green Bethel church lot; thence with line of same south 1.75 chains to a stone, a new corner; thence a new line S. 77 1/2 W. 6.60 chains to a stake in center of road; thence North 1 3/4 W. 1.75 chains to the place of beginning, containing 1 1/16 acres, more or less. This 11th day of Jan. 1924. JNO. P. MULL, Trustee.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.** Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. C. Phillips, deceased, late of Cleveland county, Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 4th day of January 1925 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 22nd day of Dec. 1923. FRANK L. HOYLE, Admr. Bynum E. Weathers, Atty.

**LET EVANS E. McBRAYER Sell You That SUIT HAT SHOES SHIRTS TIES.**  
He will give you more for your money.

**WANTED**  
The undersigned has a client living near the county line of upper Cleveland, whose name is withheld by his request, who wishes to adopt a bright girl, preferably, or a boy, from three to six years old. Good home, good school advantages, etc. Apply to CHAS. A. BURRUS, Atty.

**FOR SALE— 100 CORDS GOOD DRY PINE WOOD.**  
Price \$6.00 a cord.  
When you buy a cord you get a cord.  
EVANS E. McBRAYER PHONE 484.

**STOP-LOOK-LISTEN DANGER JUST AHEAD**

**HASTINGS DECLARES PRESENT SOUTHERN FARM TREND DANGEROUS.**

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special)—"Unless the present farm trend toward increased cotton acreage in 1924 is checked within the next two or three months, disaster will stare our farmers in the face next fall," declares H. J. Hastings, leading agricultural authority and Chairman of the Farm and Marketing Bureau of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. "On every hand comes reports that the farmers of the South are planning and preparing for a large increase in cotton acreage over the already excessive cotton acreage of 1923, and, with the labor shortage, this inevitably means a decrease in food and grain acreage. "When will our cotton growing folks learn the lesson that big cotton acreage in a favorable or even more favorable season means more cotton than the world can take care of promptly and a price smash resulting that brings either farm bankruptcy or financial crippling to our people? "There was enough cotton acreage in 1923 with even fair growing seasons to have made sixteen to eighteen million bales and a price of 10 cents, or thereabouts. The only thing that saved us from our own folly in 1923 was Providence stepping in with heat and drought west of the Mississippi River and excessive rain and boll weevil in the Southeast, the two combined cutting the crop to ten million bales. "Stop-Look-Listen! is a common form of sign at dangerous railroad crossings. The present cotton situation and present abnormal high price sought to be a Stop-Look-Listen sign to every farmer in the South who is even remotely thinking of adding cotton acres and cutting down food and grain acres in 1924. "It's a 100 to 1 bet that they will use whichever way things go. If bad seasons and boll weevil don't get them, a price lower than a paying one will. If there was ever a time in the history of the South when the cotton farmer in the South ought to play safe, it is in this year of 1924. "The South and the individual farmer in the South will never accumulate farm wealth until he quits gambling in cotton, gambling through big acreage plantings at high price periods, and produces, as a steady year in and year out policy, all the food and grain needed for home needs on home acres."

After my very satisfactory fertilizer business of 1923, I am now ready at the same warehouse on Southern Railroad to take care of the fertilizer requirements of all my friends.

**DR. R. C. HICKS DENTIST**  
Office Shelby National Bank Building. Phone 421 Shelby, N. C.



**Great New Discovery**  
Dr. Sturgeon's Concentrated Resolvent MAKES AILING WOMEN WELL Makes them feel Happy, Vigorous and Magnetic—because it does TWO Great things for them. 1st. Cleanses the system of poisons and strengthens it with renewed energy and power. 2nd. Heals and Corrects female complaints embracing the entire pelvic uterine area; And, does the work of Surgical operations WITHOUT the surgery, covering a wide range of complaints. No pain nor danger to dread. Lady doctors herself at home. Neighbors note the change and wonder. She acts like a new woman.

**Whole Month at Our Risk.** We want every ailing woman to test Dr. Sturgeon's Concentrated Resolvent One Entire Month at our risk. Test it, and judge it by what you, yourself see and feel. If it pleases the price will be reasonable. Positively no harmful drugs to take. Part for internal use is derived from Animal Extracts, and is as palatable as candy and easy to take. Benefit will be noted third to fourth day under treatment.

Do it now, this very hour, don't let anything cause you to miss this priceless opportunity. Write for our Free Literature which tells about the Great Remedy and our remarkable guarantee. You may not need the wonderful remedy, but every woman needs the information and help given by Dr. Sturgeon in our literature which no man ever gave before or attempted to give. It's FREE, just write a few lines asking for it. Address: THE DR. G. B. STURGEON REMEDY CO.

**Brother Woodson Has A Religious Appeal**  
To My Fellow Pilgrims: The most important advice ever given by one man to another was that given by David to Solomon, when he said "Solomon my son know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve Him with a perfect heart, and a willing mind. If thou seek Him, He will be found of thee. If thou forsake He will cast thee off forever." and if there ever was a time when this advice should be heeded by all who are strangers to the regenerating power of the Grace of God it is now. Behold now is the accepted time. Life is uncertain. It is a terrible thing to fall into hands of the living God, who out of Christ is a consuming fire. Persecution has sent more souls to hell than probably all other causes combined. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," says the sage. The way to hell is paved with good intentions. The salvation of the soul is the main purpose of life. Every

other consideration is secondary and subordinate. The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep his commandments, and in keeping them there is great reward. I beseech you to think seriously what it means to be banished forever from the presence of God and the glory of His power and to spend an eternity in hell. Think what eternity means, and then by way of contrast think what it means to spend an eternity in Heaven. Now read how plain and simple God in His infinite wisdom and compassion has made the way of life. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved" and again "He that heareth my words and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death unto life. So plain that a wayfarer man though a fool cannot err therein. In conclusion let me entreat you— "So to live that when they summons comes to join The innumerable caravan that moves To that mysterious realm where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death. Thou go not like a quarry slave at night Scoured to his dungeon, but soothed and sustained By an unflinching trust; approach thy grave Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch About him and lies down to pleasant dreams. C. J. WOODSON.

After my very satisfactory fertilizer business of 1923, I am now ready at the same warehouse on Southern Railroad to take care of the fertilizer requirements of all my friends.

**Read Phosphate Co.,**  
Charleston, S. C., makes the goods I am selling, and the satisfied customers of last year, and the many new ones I am going to have this spring of 1924 can find me on the job, ready to serve you promptly with the well known Read Fertilizers, Acids, Nitrate Soda, Kainit, Etc.

**EVANS E. McBRAYER**  
Will sell you the best blue serge suits in the city at—  
\$22.50,  
\$25.00,  
\$27.50  
And  
\$30.00  
Look all over town—then look here and you'll leave your cash here. "Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back" is my motto and it pays.

**IS IT A PART**  
that you need in order to make your ignition system function properly? If so we feel sure that we can supply your needs from our ample stock of parts for magnetos, generators, etc. We maintain an expert staff that is capable of accomplishing the simplest or most delicate electrical repairs. Guaranteed results at low prices.  
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**Wilsons To Rutherfordton.**  
Rutherfordton Sun. Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Wilson, of Cliffside, and Mr. Owen Stamey, of Fallston, the latter, a brother of Mrs. Wilson, moved here last week and are occupying their new attractive bungalow on Washington street near the Leo-Thermal Hotel. Messrs. Wilson and Stamey will be actively engaged with the Wilson-Stamey Wholesale Grocery Co. Mr. Wilson was formerly manager of the Cliffside Mills Stores and held that important position for several years, and resigned to go into business for himself. He began at Cliffside in 1908 at the soda fountain and worked his way to the top. He is a young man of ambition, most excellent character and likable disposition. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Mr. Tom A. Stamey, of Fallston, one of Cleveland county's most influential citizens.

**TENAS COMPANY CLOSES CONTRACT FOR DISTRIBUTION**  
The Texas Company, producers of Texaco Petroleum Products, has just added an important link to its chain of gasoline distribution in Europe. The company through its English subsidiary, The Texas Oil Company, Ltd., London, has closed a contract with the National Fuel Oil Company, whereby the latter organization will distribute Texaco Gasoline through its extensive facilities in England. Deliveries will be made to the port of Thames, Haven, England, in the Texas company's own tank steamers.

**Forfeiture Proceedings.** Forfeiture proceedings against the British schooner Island Home, arising from the seizure of the vessel with a cargo of liquor aboard, will be heard in the Federal Court in Galveston before Judge W. B. Sheppard of Florida on March 24 instead of January 24, as was announced recently.

**WOULD YOU BUY AN OVERCOAT AT A REAL SURE 'NUF LOW PRICE?**  
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Can interest you at this time. He has 25 Overcoats to close out.  
If I were you I'd go to see him today and I'm sure you'll be glad you did.

**Bargains In Real Estate**  
6-room bungalow on North Washington street, two blocks of square, with large bath room, well equipped throughout and one of the prettiest locations in Shelby. It's one of the best places in town for the money, has shade, driveway and on good sized lot, being a part of the Dr. McBrayer property. Price \$5,250.00.  
A vacant lot 73x140 feet on North Washington street just to the rear of O. E. Ford's store. It's a low lot but the cheapest thing in town for the money. Price \$485.00.  
6-Room new cottage on Gidney street, just off South Washington street, known as the residence of M. L. Borders, good lot and cheap at our price of \$4,100.00.  
A vacant lot on Suttle street 50x125 feet, only three blocks of square and joins the lots on which Jasper Brantzen and Oscar Patterson are now building. Price \$500.00.  
7-Room two story dwelling on corner lot fronting South DeKalb street, modern in every way and on rear of lot there is a good two room renting house. This property is only three blocks of square and is known as the Barrett Cabiness house. Price \$6,500.00  
The best located home in Shelby is that fronting the Residence of J. H. Quinn. The house has 6 rooms and is on a corner lot, fronting West Warren street over 100 feet with depth of 150 feet. It's cheap at our price of \$5,250.  
On the Kings Mountain road only 3-4 of a mile from square we have several large lots fronting 100 feet with depths ranging back so as to make one acre lots. Price per lot is only \$600.00. C. E. Isler and Mrs. Texa Cabaness are building on adjoining lots.  
**Anthony & Anthony**