

**Mr. Eskridge Moves Into Modern Home**

Chas. L. Eskridge has completed and moved his family last week into his handsome new home on West Marion street, the home being without a doubt the most modern and convenient residence in Shelby. It is a two-story structure, brick veneered, with

large basement and attic. A stoop stands in front with terrace across the front and large open porches on the side, with outside floors tiled. The roof is gabled at the ends and is covered with terra cotta tile, with copper gutters and downspouts. All interior floors are of hardwood, highly polished, while all doors and windows have weather strips to keep out the dust and keep in the warmth made

by the hot water heating plant. All radiators are covered with steel cabinets and are equipped with automatic heat controls. The three bath rooms have tiled floors and wainscoting and beautiful bath fixtures. Each bedroom has radio and telephone connection, handsome light fixtures, and imported tile hearths. In the kitchen there is a Frigidaire, an ice plant within itself that refrigerates all meats, fruits and vegetables put on storage and makes its own ice. Two methods of cooking are provided, — an automatic electric range and ordinary range with four systems of heating the water tank. An automatic dish washer is another feature. A complete laundry occupies a part of the basement.

Altogether it is one of the most modern and convenient homes in this section of the state.

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**OPINIONS OF OTHERS**

**Judge Yates.**  
(N. C. Christian Advocate.)  
Judge E. Yates Webb, that gifted son of North Carolina, whom her citizens have ever delighted to honor, because he is so manifestly worthy of honor, was in Greensboro last week meting out justice to federal law-breakers. Judge Webb holds the scales of justice in a sympathetic, but steady hand. The first offense, if the guilty party has been violating the federal liquor laws, is generally punished with a good stiff fine, but if the offender ventures upon a second visit to the judgment seat of his honor, a prison sentence follows promptly and emphatically. Judge Webb, who attained so great eminence as a member of the house of representatives, is winning golden opinions as a federal judge in his native state.

**Funny Country.**  
(From Charlotte Observer.)  
The town of Newark, N. J., appears to have been excited over wild stories coming from one of the darkest sections of the Dark South about the confiscation of the persons of two esteemed citizens who had ventured their lives on an automobile tour into these dreadful regions, the aforesaid citizens having been captured by moonshiners and tied out somewhere to be slowly starved to death. And nobody down here knew anything about it. But at the same time, the neighboring town of Jersey City was agitated over the activities of a Catholic priest who had mildly protested that it was a little too much that the saloons in that city be permitted to keep open after 12 o'clock at night and on Sunday mornings. He had been trying to induce the police authorities to have the saloons closed to that extent, for the good of his people, and because this priest wanted a partial closing of the saloons, he was the recipient of a number of letters threatening his life. In one of these he was told that if he did not subside and let the saloons alone, he "would not live to say Christmas mass." Funny country, this. A priest who protests against open saloons on Sunday, is going to say his Christmas mass in heaven, and a band of wicked moonshiners down in North Carolina are going to deprive two esteemed Jerseyites from the enjoyment of their Christmas dram. They do not seem to have heard of Mr. Volstead up in New Jersey.

**Jazzing the Bible.**  
(From the Baltimore Evening Sun.)  
For 300 years vast numbers of people have drawn their religious and no little part of their literary inspiration from the King James version of the Bible. To have filled so important a place in human experience for so long a time ought and perhaps has so clearly established it to these many millions as the Bible that no other can supplant it. And yet that doesn't seem to discourage presumptuous individuals from persistent efforts to convert the chaste beauties of the King James version into present day speech. Dr. James Moffatt, of Scotland, is the latest to attempt the translation of the Bible into "modern" English. Advance notices indicate that phraseology and terminology, hitherto a great hindrance to complete understanding in these days of comic strips, saxophones and best sellers, have been reduced to the intellectual possibilities of the flappers and cowboys. So obscure a phrase as "The Garden of Eden," for instance, has been made easy for modern intellects as "a park." Perhaps in the next revised version there will be a parenthetical clause explaining that the term is not to be confused with reservations for standing automobiles. Perhaps that is the most striking absurdity in all of Mr. Moffatt's translation. It is to be hoped so. It may be that in some places he has achieved helpful simplicities. But the point of it is that the knowledge of the Bible which has been acquired through 300 years of familiarity with the King James version comes to naught if Doctor Moffatt's effort to substitute his own is successful. It becomes necessary to begin all over again, interpreting new phraseology and terminology, and perhaps theology, and it is extremely doubtful if this learned Scot in his lone capacity could contribute anything to Biblical history and literature that would justify so tremendous an upheaval.

**Society on the Slide.**  
(From the Detroit News.)  
Words cannot describe the country's agony at learning from one who signs herself or himself "Polly" that the second class, round, flight, convey, or whatever it is called, of New York society is going to the dingbats. This crowd, it seems, has waited patiently about, like Mary's little lamb, on the doorsteps of the Rensselaer Stuyvesants, hoping for an invite; and getting it not, they have established salons of their own, and have not been so particular as to whom they invited to these parties. Instead of asking only the best artists authors and musicians, they have gone into the purities, even into Bohemia, Greenwich Village, Flushing and Staten Island, and brought into their homes people who don't amount to anything, who aren't in the Blue Book, or even in Who's Who, whose ancestors didn't come over in the Mayflower, some of whom are suspected of having voted for La Follette. And these people, thus noticed, are so ig-

norant of good breeding that they eat and drink at these parties, and talk about Russia and other disgusting places. Thus they are corrupting New York's society's second ring, and undermining the foundations of civilization in the United States. "People are invited about in New York society far too promiscuously," says Polly. Perhaps the same thing is true in other cities. It is to be hoped that the publication of the income tax lists will correct this tendency.

**Soda-Pop for the Navy.**  
(From the Brooklyn Eagle.)  
The nautical bottle of rum is to be restored to the United States navy in principle. Soda water and pop are once more to be permitted on American battleships. When Mr. Daniels banished liquor, he threw soft drinks overboard at the same time on the ground of their bulk. Mr. Wilbur proposes to replace them. So our jolly tars, drenched with wintry seas, may refresh themselves aboard with a potio of gingerale or a swizzle of birch beer. The magnificent silver punch bowls that now stand tarnished and neglected in many a wardroom sideboard may be brought out and brimmed with sarsaparilla. Charged enthusiasm will know no restraint. Mr. Wilbur is to be commended for his breadth of viewpoint and his sane approach to a great problem. The solemn announcement is made that government experts have assured him our navy's health will not be jeopardized.

**Friends and Enemies Agree.**  
(From Asheville Times.)  
The New York Herald Tribune in discussing the \$40,000,000 gift of Mr. J. B. Duke declares sentimentally: "North Carolina is fortunate in the richest of her sons."

Mr. Duke has not lacked for critics in his native state. He was very bitterly assailed in the days when his American Tobacco company was at the peak of its monopolistic power. Even in his later and more placid years he has not escaped attacks from newspapers and individuals of North Carolina. The announcement of his munificent benefaction, however, places a new aspect upon the huge fortune which he has amassed during his life time. It makes his sharpest enemies discover in him virtues which they were unwilling to concede to him on other occasions.

For it is a notable thing which Mr. Duke has done in setting aside the well nigh incredible sum of \$40,000,000 for philanthropic purposes. It stands without parallel both in magnitude and in careful planning in Southern benevolences. Those who have been the freest with their criticisms of Mr. Duke's money-getting methods are the first to concede a smuch. They join with his friends in celebrating his gift as a truly remarkable benefaction.

**Happenings Around Elizabeth Section**

(Special to The Star.)  
Elizabeth, Dec. 17.—The Christmas spirit prevails throughout the community and the bright eyes of the little boys and girls already begin to sparkle at the thought of the approach of Santa and his reindeer. Elizabeth Sunday school is rapidly going forward under the earnest effort of the newly elected superintendent Mr. J. B. Allen, and the hearty co-operation of the pastor Rev. H. E. Waldrop. Plans have already been completed for a Christmas tree at the church on Christmas eve evening. The young ladies are planning to remember the unfortunate children of the community with small Christmas gifts. This marks the true Christmas spirit—the spirit of love within the heart. Mr. David Allen of Charlotte spent Sunday with his father Mr. I. B. Allen. Mrs. Lessley Owen, of Rosmond, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen, Mrs. Owen before marriage was Miss Mabel Allen. The community is very glad to see the erection of several new homes, among which are Messrs. W. H. Borders, J. C. Blanton and W. H. Long.

What the world needs is an anti-septic that won't wear off entirely until the surgeon is paid.—Rochester Times-Union.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**  
This is to hereby notify all persons holding claims against the firm of A. B. Webber and company of Earl, North Carolina, to file with the undersigned a verified itemized statement of same on or before January 17, 1925. And this is to further notify all persons indebted to said firm to make immediately payment of such indebtedness to the undersigned before said date.  
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**News Of Methodist Protestant Church**

Large congregations attended the services at the local Methodist Protestant church last Sunday. At the morning service a brief sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Way, on the subject: "Witnesses of Christ." Immediately following the sermon the Lord's supper was observed.

A large congregation greeted the pastor at the evening service when the sermon theme was, "God's Appointment with Men." The Sunday school is preparing a program of Christmas songs, recitations and other exercises which will be rendered probably Sunday night Dec. 21st. Sunday School children have been training for the Christmas service for the past two weeks. Mrs. F. H. Glenn and Mrs. C. B. Way are training the children for the service. A Christmas tree and treat will be features of the Christmas celebration at the local church this year.

The first quarterly conference, which is composed of the official members of the church, was held at the church last Wednesday night, December 10. Reports were made by the pastor and other official members and several important matters were considered. The financial plan of the church the every-member canvass, was adopted by the conference and the canvass will be conducted as soon as details are worked out. Revs. J. M. Morgan and J. D. Morris, of Fallston, were present and made interesting talks to the conference. Mrs. W. C. Wright was elected secretary of the conference for the coming year. Rev. C. B. Way, the pastor, is chairman of the conference.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will deliver a Christmas sermon, using as a subject, "The Advent of the World's Redeemer." Special music appropriate to the Christmas time will be rendered at this service. In the evening at seven o'clock the pastor will preach.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of the church.

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