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## Will Observe Thanksgiving Over County

Special Services in Churches Tomorrow and on Sunday. Thanksgiving Services for County.

Thanksgiving will be generally observed in Shelby and over Cleveland county tomorrow.

Many homes have made elaborate preparations for the home coming of children and far away relatives, while others will spend the holidays with parents and relatives in other sections of this and adjoining states. The local turkey market has enjoyed a rush and there will be many family dinners tomorrow among the home-folks.

### Stores Will Close.

Practically all of the local business houses in Shelby and those at Lattimore, Boiling Springs, Grover and other county towns will be closed during the day, with the usual holiday quiet prevailing.

### At Presbyterian Church.

Special Thanksgiving exercises will be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Hector N. McDiarmid. Following the custom no prayer meeting services will be held at the church tonight.

No services will be held at Central Methodist church tomorrow, but the service Sunday will take the form of Thanksgiving.

Prayer meeting will be held tonight at the First Baptist church, according to Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor, and no services will be held Thursday.

Thanksgiving services at the Second Baptist church will be held next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, it is announced by Rev. Rush Padgett, the pastor. LaFayette Street Methodist church, of which Rev. Mr. Raper is pastor, will hold special Thanksgiving services Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

### Hospital Shower.

Much interest is being shown in the town and over the county in the Thanksgiving shower for the Shelby Public hospital. Many gifts have already been brought in, it is announced by those supervising the shower, and many more useful gifts are expected during the formal hours of the shower, Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock.

Fruits, vegetables, jellies, canned goods, linen and such useful gifts will be received either at the hospital or at Central Methodist church during the afternoon. Last year the shower was decided success and meant much to the hospital. Every club woman and housewife in the county is expected to make a gift of some kind and the shower Saturday should exceed that of last year.

Today the city schools are making a collection of gifts to be distributed among the needy and unfortunate of the city. School books will be given children who do not have the money to buy them, and shoes and stockings and other necessities for the more unfortunate.

## Two Men Are Hurt As Scaffold Falls

W. R. Cochrane sustained three broken ribs and C. A. Dixon received painful injuries about his leg and body when the scaffold on which they were working on the A. V. Wray residence on N. LaFayette street fell under their weight Monday. Both men were employed by Spencer and company of Gastonia, which company has the contract to move the large two-story residence of Mr. Wray to the rear of the lot facing N. Morgan street. A scaffold had been erected about 15 feet high and the men were working on the sleeping porch when the scaffold gave way and precipitated them to the ground. Both were taken to Gastonia for treatment. Mr. Dixon is expected back in a few days to resume his work as his injuries are not so serious, but Mr. Cochrane will be incapacitated for sometime.

Mr. Wray has let the contract for the removal of his large two-story residence to the rear of his lot and on the site of the present residence he will erect a handsome two-story brick home with all modern conveniences. Mr. Wray had expected to erect his new home on S. Washington street to the rear of the College Inn property which he owns, but after reflection, he has changed his mind.

### Presbyterian Church.

A Thanksgiving service will be conducted by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid at the Presbyterian church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. A special offering will be made for the Orphans Home at Barium Springs. On account of the Thanksgiving service tomorrow there will be no prayer meeting at this church this evening. The public is urged to attend the Thanksgiving service.

## BIG WHOLESALE HOUSE FINISHED

A. Blanton Grocery Company Now Occupies One of the Largest and Most Modern Houses.

The handsome and spacious brick home for the A. Blanton Grocery Co., (wholesale) is now completed and is being occupied this week for the first time. It will take some few days however, before the large grocery stock can be transferred. Later there will be a formal opening of the store, according to Manager Charlie Young.

The one who wrote the prophecy that the time would come "when the desert place would blossom as the rose and would blossom abundantly," could see that prophecy fulfilled if he would come back to Shelby this week.

### Modern in Every Way.

In August there was a vacant lot on West Marion street facing North Morgan and the Southern railroad which from the kind of trees growing on it made it appear more like the scene of an oasis in a desert than it would resemble a lot to be used for the purpose it is today. This lot was purchased by the A. Blanton Grocery Co., wholesale grocers with stores at Shelby, Marion, Spruce Pine and Morganton. Work was started at once and today there stands on that lot a most beautiful spacious, well constructed building completely furnished and will be occupied by the owners immediately. A visitor to this building will find that it was most carefully planned for strength, dryness, cleanliness, light, ventilated rooms, conveniences, safety, economy in labor and for the general good and welfare of their employees. There are three floors each well adapted for the merchandise they hold. The building is damp, mouse, cold, water and fire proof. The brick used is Kingsport mingled shade tapestry. Inside mill construction, hardwood floors, wired glass and steel sash on all exposed sides. Roof made of Barrette specifications. A loading place for two trucks on inside, and unloading for two railroad cars at once, is provided for on railroad side. Matthews conveyor from cars to first floor is used and is a great time and labor saver. Building is wired through out in conduit and is equipped with 100 watt globes and large reflectors, inside the building painted white. A large Westbrook traction type elevator installed.

The building is also equipped with an automatic sprinkler system and has a two inch water main from the city's water system as a further protection against fire, the water system not only being a protection to the building itself but to the property adjoining.

43,000 Square Feet Floor Space.

There are five well lighted rooms and convenient offices reception, managers, shipping clerk, checking, bookkeepers and stenographer's, also a large vault built in and equipped with heavy fireproof doors. Offices well lighted with beautiful fixtures, equipped with lavatories and drinking fountain, heated by vapor system. Telephones to all parts of the building and connected to managers office. In addition to the lavatories and toilet rooms provided in the building there is a men's shower bath room included in the plan where three can take shower baths at one time. Garage holding eight trucks is located at one end of the building, equipped with gas and oil tank, air compressor, etc.

The building has a floor space of 43,000 square feet, was carefully planned and built. Mr. W. C. Rogers of Charlotte is the architect and the A. Blanton Grocery company themselves were the contractors and Mr. R. L. Hendrick foreman on the job.

Laying 6 Inch Water Main on Fallston Road

Contract has been let to L. Jand F. L. Wagner for the laying of a six-inch water main on the Fallston road from the old incorporate limits to the new limits, a distance of three quarters of a mile. Construction work started Monday of this week and will be pushed rapidly to completion. Property owners who live along this highway No. 18 have signed to install water in their homes when it is available and already 35 taps have been assured.

It is felt that others living along this highway will make connection with the city water system before the main is finished.

Minneapolis, and St. Paul are still at it. Something must be done about those two towns. This one comes from St. Paul.

A Minneapolis man drifted into the sister city, looking sycerulously at the fruiter's display picked up a big watermelon and asked with a sneer.

"Is this the largest apple you have in St. Paul?"

"Hey!" bellowed the proprietor. "Put that grape down!"

Messrs. Everett Dellinger, Dwight Shytle, and Malcolm Spangler spent Sunday in Rutherfordton.

Among those attending the Carolina Virginia football game at Chapel Hill, were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoey, Dr. and Mrs. Reuben McBrayer and Miss Virginia Hoey. They went via Greensboro and were joined there by Miss Isabel Hoey.

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## THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING



## BAD MAN ESCAPES AGAIN FROM PRISON

Otto Wood, Long Termer at State Prison, Now at Large. Hides in Carload of Piping.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—Armed guards were searching over a wide area of Wake and adjoining counties tonight, and police authorities in many cities were asked to be on the lookout for Otto Wood, long termer and notorious bad man, who effected his escape from the state prison here this morning.

Wood, who was serving from 2 1/2 to 30 years for slaying a Greensboro pawnbroker in December, 1923, concealed himself in a section of culvert pipe in a box car which a few minutes later was removed from within the prison walls to a railroad freight yard some distance away. His escape was not detected until the noonday check, which is daily taken just before meal time.

Wood, with a companion, made his first escape on May, 10, 1924, riding through the prison gate on the back seat of a Ford while holding a concealed pistol against the back of a prison guard who was driving. He was recaptured two days later in Roanoke, Va. During his short period of flight, he, with his companion, pressed an automobilist into service at the point of a gun for transportation to Winston-Salem where he forced his wife to join him. He then held up another motorist, took his car from him and drove it to Roanoke.

The prison was without any clue as to the direction taken by Wood tonight. Superintendent George Ross Pou expressed confidence, however, that the wide spread search which was instituted immediately after the discovery of his escape will result in his recapture. The prison has offered a \$50 reward and Governor McLean, for the state, has offered \$200.

Wood was a member of a squad of incorrigible prisoners working in the culvert plant, where the prison makes piping for the state highway commission. The plant this morning was engaged in loading a box car for shipment. The car was sealed before leaving the prison, but Wood managed to hide himself in a big pipe before-hand and rode out in the closed car.

When it reached the yards, an investigation disclosed, he bored through the car door with an auger and broke open the seal. The prison authorities found a crowbar, sledge hammer and auger hid in the car. They also found Wood's striped prison pants. Apparently he had managed to get hold of citizen pants, which are supplied the upper grade prisoners. He wore a khaki overcoat and his left hand is cut off at the wrist.

Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving! What a world of joy they bring to the heart! These are the three greatest festivals of the Christian church. Christmas fills the world with gladness and good cheer. Easter makes the soul radiant with a deathless hope. Thanksgiving fills it with gratitude and praise. These festivals are the gifts of the Christ and are found only in Christian lands.

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## Thanksgiving A Singing Soul

(Rev. C. F. Sherrill.)

"The waves of ocean crested high,  
So wildly free when storms are nigh,  
And pearls she shells, rosy-tinted;  
And jewels rare, with sunshine glistened."

Why farther question, farther seek,  
For games in nature more to meet?  
Throughout her realm in beauty rife—  
But one thing is fairer—a beautiful life!"

A singing, sunny soul is one of life's sweetest and holiest things. New blessings come with every golden morn and no night is too dark to strike the harp of praise. Such a soul sees the rainbow through the storm, hears in the shell the lark's sweet song, looks through winter's storm to the sunshine of the spring, and walks in the light of a new day.

How appropriate is the time of Thanksgiving. A golden glory rests on the woods. The barns hold the summer's treasures, for winter's use. The chrysanthemums, the queen of the fall swing their centers in reverence and praise to their Maker. Everything calls a redeemed soul to gratitude and praise and love.

"Upon the hills the autumn sun  
His radiance pours like golden wine,  
And low, sweet music seems to run  
Among the tassels of the pine;  
Around us rings the wild birds' scream  
Above, an arch of dark blue sky,  
While like a maiden's summer dream,  
The mists upon the meadow's lie."

True thanksgiving is of the lip and life, of the heart and hand. A noble grateful life is the finest psalm ever sung. The deaf can hear that song and the blind can see the beauty of it. No song of the bird and no anthem in the cathedral can ever make as sweet music. Such a spirit is the Indian summer of the soul. It is the finest praise that ascends to the Maker. With all such the Lord of glory is well pleased, and to hear it, if need be, He would still the harps of the angels.

"Back of the loaf is the flour,  
Back of the mill is the mill,  
Back of the mill is the wheat and the sheaves,  
And the sun and the Father's will."

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## Corn Cracker Says Hold-Up Imaginary

Philosopher of the Pen Declares the Density of Some People is Monumental.

Recently Mr. M. L. White, known over the state as Cleveland's "Corn Cracker" philosopher wrote a story regarding prohibition officers mistaking his Cleveland Springs sulphur water for liquor. Hereabouts, knowing Corn Cracker's wit, the story was thought to be imaginary as Mr. White usually puts over his ideas a la O. Henry, but over the state several editors were wont to indulge in remarks about prohibition officers who knew not the difference of sulphur water and firewater. To clear up the situation The Star addressed inquiry to Corn Cracker, who replies in this manner:

"You polite letter and request duly received, and permit me to say that the hold-up was altogether imaginary.

"As you know, the density of some people is monumental. A joke is regarded as a piece of sad news, and as both ungodly and unseemly. Some really good people are so materialistic that the realms of fancy are unexplored regions and always will be. They would be surprised to learn that the Arabian Nights is not strictly true, and that Mark Twain did not give way to tumultuous emotion at the tomb of Adam, or that he did not slay an infidel at the tomb of Godfrey with the keen Damascus blade of the doughty crusader.

"Of course I have some foundation for all these apocryphal happenings described in my correspondence; for I have at least the rudiments of an imagination."

EDUCATION WEEK OBSERVED IN SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

A report of education week in the Shelby public schools shows:

Schools	No. Homes Visited	No. Visitors
Central Elementary	170	109
LaFayette	212	41
Marion	265	193
North Shelby	275	325
Totals	922	668

The Eastside School will complete its program today.

tude tunes the heart for the Master's touch. A treasure beyond price is a heart "tuned in" to the Father's blessings and gratefully enjoys His gifts, in whatever form they come. Like the sunshine, this is the Father's great gift, and no "trust" can be formed upon it.

"Great God of nations, now to Thee,  
Our hymns of gratitude we raise!  
With humble hearts and bending knee  
We offer Thee our songs of praise.

Thy name we bless, Almighty God,  
For all the kindness Thou hast shown  
To this fair land the Pilgrims trod,  
This land we fondly call our own."

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## Look For Real Estate Boom To Strike North Carolina

Dealers In Florida Are Now Turning Their Eyes Toward This State. Mountains Being Developed on Huge Scale. Carolina is Coming

## EVENTS OF WEEK AT STATE CAPITAL

Allen Says North Carolina Has Tackled Education Problem From Wrong End. Cities Figures.

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, November 24.—The trial of Jesse Wyatt for the murder of Stephen S. Holt, the daring robbery of a local store by a bandit operating in daylight, the Baptist convention in Charlotte, and various other matters absorbed the interest of the Capital City this past week. Matters were unusually quiet in administration circles, the only event of importance being the issuance of the regular financial statement by the Governor showing snug balance for the State in the general fund.

The Wyatt trial, which ended in mid-week, resulted in a conviction of the former police officer, who shot one of Smithfield's prominent attorneys when he mistook him for a bootlegger, Wyatt claimed that it was an accident and that he fired into the air's signal. The preponderance of the evidence showed that he fired directly into Mr. Holt's automobile and the jury so held. The verdict, manslaughter with a recommendation to mercy, was satisfactory to the State though a second degree verdict had been asked. Judge Midyette suspended sentence until the December term of court and in the meantime the defense may perfect an appeal if they wish.

The most spectacular crime in many years in Raleigh took place when "Slim" Anderson of Memphis held up King and Holding's Clothing Store in broad daylight, took \$108 and made his getaway. Only for a brief period was he at liberty however, for after firing his way up a principal street and terrorizing citizens he was cornered in a basement and in an attempt to shoot his way to freedom was fatally wounded, dying in a few hours. He managed to shoot deputy sheriff Will Mangum in the pistol battle but the officer will recover.

The Baptist convention in Charlotte, aside from the interest which usually attaches to such events was particularly interesting to both Fundamentalists and Modernists because of his Modernist views. The fight on the open floor failed to develop though set of resolution known as the Barrett resolutions will place the election of trustees of the institution in the future directly in the hands of the convention. Before the meeting it was said by friends of the educator that this presaged a fight to remove him as president by naming trustees not as much in sympathy with his views as those at present on the board. This however, is a matter for the future to determine. Dr. Potteat at an alumni banquet at Charlotte reiterated his determination not to resign his position.

Jerry Dalton, young murderer of the mountain section who was saved from electrocution by Governor Morrison will have to remain as a state prisoner at least until the end of the McLean regime. Through the Pardon Commissioner, Mr. Sink, Mr. McLean has expressed the opinion that Dalton has received all he may expect in the way of mercy and that no further clemency will be granted. Numerous appeals have reached the governor in Dalton's behalf.

The monthly financial statement from the Governor for the month of October shows that the balance of the general fund had increased by \$24,484.63. The balance in the general fund now is \$329,726.60 and the revenue collections are more than meeting expenses. The "cash" system of financing seems to be succeeding fairly well.

The death of Senator W. A. Foil of Cabarrus was noted with regret in the Capitol where he was well known and generally liked. He stood for forward looking legislation and the Governor expressed the official regret of the State at his passing within a few hours after news had been received.

News of the gifts by B. N. Duke to Wake Forest of \$100,000 and Meredith College \$50,000 were received with gratification here by friends of the two institutions. They will aid

Asheville, Nov. 24.—"In more than 4,000 miles of travel during the past ten weeks all over Florida I found keen interest in every section concerning western North Carolina," states Major William D. Harris, who spent the week end in Asheville.

Not only were Floridians manifesting this interest, but people from the eastern and middle western states now in the Peninsular state were desirous of information concerning Asheville, and surrounding country, according to the former director. In fact, the entire state of North Carolina was the subject of considerable interest, especially on the part of real estate developers who are gathered in Florida from every section of the union and from some foreign countries.

Embrace All Sections. Ocean frontage in that section will eventually be reached in the great era of real estate activity now developing throughout the entire country, and especially in the South, if the observation of Major Harris is correct.

More information and wider publicity concerning the year-round climate and resources of North Carolina, to be broadcasted during the next six months, was urged by the former conservation head, for an adequate realization of the tremendous opportunities now within the grasp of the state. There is a great southward movement of population and capital, at this time particularly directed toward Florida but which will spread to all of Dixie, he said, North Carolina, on account of its midway geographical position and its outstanding progress in the development, of industrial establishments, highways and schools, has a strong attraction for thousands of good citizens from the east and middle west. Comparatively few people from other sections realize that North Carolina not only has a comfortable summer climate, but also has mild winters.

Coming to Carolina. Major Harris stated that scores of real estate firms now in Florida were planning to operate in western North Carolina next summer. The more money made in the far southern states this winter, the more will be invested in North Carolina. The Florida boom should be encouraged and not given knobs by Tar Heels, for it is the greatest stimulant ever given the development of the South, he believes. Co-operation and better acquaintance between Carolinians and Floridians should be fostered by the various state, commercial and civic organizations, he declares.

As legal assistant and later by appointment of Governor Angus Wilton McLean, head of the department of conservation and development, Major Harris has been in touch with the state's work in relation to water power, forests and mineral resources. He believes that these natural resources, with which western North Carolina is richly endowed, will lead to a sound and permanent development, unequalled in intensity in any other section of the United States.

He mentioned the opinion given him during the Southern exposition last May by editors of the leading financial and commercial journals in New York, such as the Wall Street Journal, Forbes Magazine, The Journal of Commerce, Commerce and Finance, and the New York Commercial that North Carolina, and especially the western portion, was soon to see a tremendous era of industrial and resort development that would result in a sound and permanent prosperity. Besides the rich natural resources and equable climate in North Carolina had the soundest and best racial stock with which to build a great civilization.

Vickers Given Prison Term in Murder Case

Charlotte Man Convicted of Murdering Rogers—Circumstantial Evidence

Charlotte, Nov. 22.—J. C. Vickers, young white man of this city, Saturday faced a sentence of 10 years in the state penitentiary for the murder of Ellison Y. Rogers, while his attorneys debated the question of an appeal.

Vickers was convicted late last night of second degree murder and was sentenced by Judge Webb to state's prison for 10 years.

He was found guilty by a Mecklenburg county jury of the murder of Rogers, Union county white man, on a lonely road near this city early in October. There were no eye-witnesses to the killing and he was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence.

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