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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 1925.

In these days of 'Red' Grange and other celebrities we had almost overlooked him, where is Tom Jimison?

Divorces are granted so easily nowadays one wonders why we cannot be divorced from Congress.

'Living Costs in Spain Are Jumping,' reads a headline. They are doing the Charleston somewhat over here.

South Carolina's Irish potato crop of 1924 ran over three million dollars. One wonders if the South Carolinians also pay a tax on "spuds."

Watch that boy who is just 21 and the girl now reaching 18. Statistics show that the chances are they'll get married at that age if they live in Cleveland county.

When Burke county runs out of news the reporters turn to the Brown Mountain light, but hereabouts the reporter does not have to do any turning when news gets dull. Instead something new turns up in the Francis-Philbeck romance.

Some of these philanthropists, or whatever y'call'em, who give big peace prizes and such, should offer one for the town where homefolks trade at home. From remarks added to ours at Gastonia one derives the idea that they also go out of Gaston for their gifts.

Men that deal with surmess and success in the dull details of business and finance seldom receive the ballyhoo because business, just business, usually lacks color. But don't for a minute think North Carolina has not noticed Governor McLean's feat in disposing of State bonds at more than par.

PRIVATE CHRISTMAS JOY. Other than the Keweenaw and a few church organizations there are no movements publicly known wherein the aim is to provide a suitable Christmas occasion for the poor and needy of the city. However, there may be other organizations planning to make the greatest of holidays brighter in homes where the spirit of the season might not have entered.

This plea, though, is not to organizations, but to individuals. If every Shelby person of means—and that does not necessarily mean millionaires—should take a little of the spare finances left over after laying in the family Christmas and scatter extra cheer in homes in the poorer sections, all Shelby would be covered.

Picture to yourself the opportunity offered: Vision in your mind a Shelby home where ill-fate has visited and poverty is the reigning power; where the father is ill and unable to work and the mother struggles extra hours to make ends meet in the bare necessities of life. There are children, and when has there been a child, rich or poor, who did not believe in Santa Claus. For weeks they look cheerfully ahead to his visit, expecting some little trinket, playing of necessity that would bring delight. Christmas morn comes. The empty stocking hanging over the hearth is still empty—there were no extra dimes in the home, it had to be thus. See the little girl in her threadbare nightgown, as she peeps expectantly into the room, watch the smile fade into a sorrowful stare, the eyes grow misty, the little chin tremble. After all there's no Santa, comes the disheartening thud of the thought to her mind. In his bed, where sickness has held him for months, the once strong shoulders of a father

shake as he sees the sadness of the realization spread over the face of his child. The mother turns her back to hide her tears. Half of her heart would she have given to prevent such. And the little girl looks, and looks again. It's hard to comprehend. It can't be there's no Santa. Last night before crawling into her little bed she prayed for her dollies, the things that Santa might bring. She had been praying for many nights before. Her prayers were unanswered. Picture that scene. Let it impress itself on your mind. That cruel sketching of fate on life's canvas. A masterpiece of its kind, depicting as nothing else, a scene of a dream realized, a hope forlorn. Etched on the smiling face of a child expectant, dreaming eyes, a mind that hoped for things with a desire unprolested by guile and sincere. A soul young, clean, and white, that longed, but in vain. A life marred in memory at the beginning, but through nature to live on and endure. A scene, yes, for the empty space between the holly over the mantel in your drawing room as you enjoy the merry things of the season.

These are dozens such homes in Shelby, different perhaps from the one pictured, but similar in disappointment and dejected realization. No doubt in the sluggish, satisfied feeling of our own contentment we have overlooked them, but they are here in Shelby.

Nine mornings from this one there will be many happy homes in Shelby. Joyful children; longed holly and cedar trees, twinkling colors, happiness—scenes ideally laid for pleasant retrospection and encouraging views ahead. But scenes like this, could they not mean more and bring greater joy of satisfaction if those enjoyed the best the season offered could gaze across a street or so into the first home noticed and see the little girl take from her stocking that for which she had prayed? A needed gift or two for the loyal mother, and something to brighten the existence of the father as he tosses with pain on his bed?

Many neighboring towns start some weeks before Christmas a public roll whereby gifts are collected and through welfare agencies distributed in such homes as these. No such movement has Shelby, but individually it can be made up for. Welfare Officer Smith and numerous others about town can tell you whom such contributions are needed most. Their work for all.

This could be made the best Christmas Shelby has ever known. Will it?

Broad River Items Of Late Interest

Christmas Entertainment For Mount Sinai. Personal Mention of People on the Move.

(Special to The Star.) Shelby, Dec. 15.—The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson McSwain was buried at Mt. Sinai Baptist church Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

Our Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. meet regularly and are doing some excellent work.

The members of these organizations are very busy at this time preparing for a Christmas tree program to be given at the church on Christmas eve.

We are sorry to note that Mr. J. H. Hawkins has been suffering with rheumatism for some time.

Mr. Hugo Bridges who for some time has been working in Shelton, S. C., came home last week and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Champion spent the week end in Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges spent Sunday in Kings Mountain with Mr. and Mrs. Glee A. Bridges.

Miss Maude and Dr. Dewey Rollins were visitors in Gaffney, S. C., Saturday morning. Miss Maude remained over until Sunday being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Weaver.

Mr. Hugo and Milan Bridges were visitors in Kings Mountain Sunday.

MISS EFFIE SPANGLER TO MARRY MR. KISTLER

Invitations have been issued readings as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spangler, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Effie to Mr. Oscar Paul Kistler, on Thursday, December the twenty-fourth at two-thirty in the afternoon nineteen hundred and twenty-five Shelby, North Carolina, R-6. At Home Saturday, December 26th, Lawndale, N. C. The wedding will be one of the leading social events of the holidays. Miss Spangler being the attractive daughter of Mr. Tom Spangler of the Double Shoals community while Mr. Kistler, the groom-elect is the son of Squire and Mrs. Zemri Kistler of Cleveland Mills section.

LATTIMORE SCHOOL DOING FINE WORK

Four Speaking Contests for the Year. Professor Taylor Teaching Farm Boys to Farm.

(Special to The Star.) Lattimore, Dec. 15.—To assist our Literary societies in encouraging the boys and girls in learning to speak the school gives four speaking contests each year; two declamations for the boys, one at Christmas and one at commencement; two readers' contests for girls, one at mid-session and one at commencement. These contests have already accomplished much good. The girls contest will be held in the Lattimore school auditorium Friday December 18th at 7:30 p. m.

Prof. V. C. Taylor, our efficient agriculture teacher is doing some great work in his department. Already several fathers have said that their boys go about work around home with renewed interest; moreover they say that their boys seem to love home and farm better as they learn more about them.

Back to Farm. We consider this increasing the love and appreciation for home and farm simply great. For a long time America has been urbanizing her rural life, and as a result we are educating away from the farm rather than to it. No wonder that one out of every six of the New England rural homes is vacant. No wonder that so many have left the rural districts of North Carolina when we are imposing city ideas and city ideals upon the countryside on every hand.

For the sake of state and nation, we must show and teach the greatness of country life and country ideals. We must show that the country has a wonderful value in itself. We must develop a rural philosophy. Then and not till then may we stop the cityward drift and check the urbanization of the countryside, and then a people will grow up in our rural districts who choose their calling because of the wonderful life and stupendous advantages that agriculture offers.

Praise For Taylor. As an eye witness, I can say that Professor Taylor with the agricultural department in the Lattimore school is instilling those healthy ideals that will inevitably develop the farm life in our county. It is interesting to visit the shop and see the boys making the many useful things needed on the farm.

Mr. G. B. Francis and family visited in Chimney Rock Sunday.

Athletic Results. On December 3rd the Lattimore quintet opened its basket ball season, the first game being played on foreign ground. Ellenboro was the first team played and at times it seemed as though it was anybody's game but during the last few minutes of play the Lattimore team began to get under way in an offensive that seemed to remind her followers of the last year's quintet. The final score being 30-13 in favor of Lattimore.

On December 5th the Ellenboro team came to Lattimore where Lattimore easily defeated her in a one-sided contest. The final score being 61-11.

Then on December 10th, the Cliffside town team was played on the Cliffside court. They too were doomed to lose to Lattimore by a score of 63-21. The entire Lattimore second team was substituted at the end of the third quarter.

The members of this year's team are: McSwain captain; Champion, Gardner and Melton, forwards; Harris and Kennedy, centers; Harrill, M. Entire, Weaver and Falls guards.

To Present Operetta. "In the Garden of the Shah," will be given at the Lattimore high school auditorium Tuesday night December 22nd at 7:30.

This operetta, or musical comedy is the story of a snappy romance between an American mining engineer and a Persian princess, and the theme as well as the music affords interesting entertainment. The costumes and set settings are Persian.

In an essay contest which was conducted by the Mooresboro Creamery company Lyman Martin of the Lattimore school won a five dollar prize.

Boiling Springs Has Good Preaching Days

Congregation Welcomes Return of Preacher Suttle. Wall and Padgett Make Welcome Visits.

(Special to The Star.) Rev. J. W. Suttle our beloved pastor filled his regular appointments here Saturday and Sunday. We were glad to have him with us again after an absence of several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Cabanis, of Hartford, Conn., who has been seriously ill. On Sunday morning he preached from Isaiah 26:9: "With my soul have I desired Thee in the night." He showed very strikingly that in the nights of our sorrows, our doubts and our fears we reach out after God.

On Sunday evening he delivered a timely message from Mal. 3rd chapter. "Will a Man Rob God?" The crime wave that is sweeping the country with its thefts of every description was pictured very vividly. But the greatest robbery we were told, is the robbing of God. Church members rob the Lord of faith, love and service, but greatest of all "In tithes and offerings." A series of meetings was held at the church this

week, preparatory to the launching of the 1926 program. We had with us Monday night, Rev. Rush Padgett, of the Second church, Shelby, and on Tuesday and Wednesday nights Dr. Zeno Wall, of the First church, lectured to the people. Our people were delighted with the messages of these men and our members are determined to go into the new year's work with a renewed energy.

We regret to note that the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gillespie, has been sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Philbeck are the happy parents of a baby daughter, Shirley Greene. Before her marriage Mrs. Philbeck was Miss Beuna Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Greene.

We are glad to welcome into our midst Mrs. Alec Wilson and family, who have recently moved into the house vacated by Charlie Barrett.

Mr. Coen Carpenter, of the New Prospect community was a visitor at the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Canine, of Lattimore, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Washburn, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hamrick, and daughters, Phoebe Louise and Sara, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn, Sunday.

Mr. C. A. Hamrick has recently remodeled and repainted his house which adds greatly to its appearance. Mr. J. C. Washburn, was indisposed Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Hamrick, has been confined to her bed for a few days. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

The two Junior B. Y. P. U. s will give a playlet at the church next Sunday night.

If you've been used to the other kind soft coal doesn't turn away wrath.

It is easy to recognize the peak in the stock market. That's where the suckers go in.

YOU CAN EAT BUFFALO MEAT -at- HEAVY'S CAFE Friday and Saturday Served Right

DAD'S FAVORIITE 'SMOKES' FOR CHRISTMAS! You know what DAD always says—"give me the ol' newspaper, a soft chair and a GOOD CIGAR at the end o' the day and I'm happy!" So you see its' just kind of natural for him to be expecting some one to remember him this Christmas with a box of good "Smokes!" Don't dissappoint him—stop at the next good cigar counter and let them provide you with his favorites, such as— HAVA-REXA— COLONEL SHELBY. Ask for the Christmas Boxes Rex Cigar Co.

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