

Sidely Sidelights

Around Our Town
By Renn Drum

It's a hard matter to write a column full of chatter with Christmas just three days off and just three dimes in our pocket. Yet the column hasn't written its annual letter to Santa Claus. So here goes:

Dear Santa:

We have several friends scattered about Shelby who are not even being helped by the Associate Charities and perhaps if we get you to give them everything they want we will not need anything ourselves.

Clint Newton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, journeyed to Casar recently and located one of the big wool socks he wore when a boy. Those who have measured the top of the sock say that it is just large enough to take in the eight extra miles of the P. and N. railway extension. If you'll bring the extension along it is said Clint has a lot up in the ozone of the mountains that he'll let you take along to give some other poor little fellow. What's more, we suppose, he'll be charitable enough to let you take over several other little things that go with it. (Note: We have one too if you find anybody shy of dirt).

The members of the town's ministerial association say that they have several empty pews in their church they wish you would fill. "Never mind about the socks. If Santa will fill the pews, we'll do the socking," that's their own message.

One of the farm readers, speaking for his profession sends along the message that "We farmers will not ask much this year seeing how times are sorter hard. Just bring us a tip telling us of a cotton market where we can get 25 cents per pound. We'll have about 40,000 bales to deliver."

The real estate agents of Shelby want a little red horn. Yes, we know a lot of youngsters are asking for horns this year and you may be somewhat shy, but they are asking for one that will toot a little louder than the one they used last spring.

He didn't say so, but the colyum particularly asks that you leave some apples and tangerines in Boyce Dellinger's golf hose that will be larger than "the largest in the world" he has advertised in his display window.

If you have any youngsters in your pack that can throw and hit a

baseball like Cobb and Speaker, Casey Morris says that he can find them for he's fostering a secret plan of winning Shelby's third state baseball title in the spring.

Ebeltoft—y'know him—wants a deer that will go shut in winter by itself. He has a lot of customers who must have been brought up in a—Oh, you know the rest of that old joke. If there's any room left in his sock he'll take a sign that will convince several score middle-aged flappers that the "True Story" magazines have not arrived yet.

Charles L. Eskridge would like an itemized list of births in Cleveland county for the year. He hasn't made out his sales record for 1926 yet.

Squire Cling Eskridge isn't asking anything direct, but if you'll send a couple more couples jogging along to his office to be married he'll get his own Christmas.

Ike Griffin, the junior, is departing three days after Christmas to take up his abode in Greece and he'd like to have a book from which he can pick up the Greek language in a few hours. He knows a little bit of the language already. What he knows goes like this, it may be the greek alphabet, or omega-bet: "One apple, da nick— one apple, one banan, da fifteen cents—apple, banan, cafe and peanut stand—da meellonaire." George Symrnios has been helping him with his omega-bet, but George is too blooming big-hearted to have the American-Greek lingo down pat.

Which'll be all unless you find it convenient to leave a club in our boss's golf bag that will turn in a par score at Cleveland Springs, and Buck Hardin would appreciate a new book with the latest in American slang—especially words that convey strong feeling, Buck having used what he does know so much that they are frayed on the

edges. Ike, of Casar, the power behind Ike's Tale, ought to be included in the list, but anybody who lives as near as Ike does to Deputy Platford's activity isn't due to want anything, provided he can beat the officer to it for it is said as how a few swigs will make a fellow feel like he has more than Santa Claus.

And, by all means, don't leave out a thing all these youngsters are asking for in their letters transmitted to you by The Star. If your sack is too small to bring the entire list you might ship them over the P. and N. extension, or have the Seaboard double racked, and the Marion-Rock Hill division made into a main line.

Faithfully yours until A. D. J. becomes a brunette and soot in the chimney turns to snow.

Wants Doll That Will Sleep.

Dear Old Santa:

I thought I would write you as I am a little girl eight years old, am in the third grade. Santa bring me a doll, that will go to sleep and say Mama, also some apples, oranges, candy and a box of raisins and Santa, please remember aunt Myrtle. She is at Hendersonville at the Patton Memorial hospital nursing sick people, and remember my little sister Ruby Maie, bring her just what you bring me. And visit all the little orphan children, especially Dr. Lackey's little children at Fallston. May God bless you old Santa.

MAGGIE MYRE CHAPMAN, Shelby, N. C.

What is the use of a divorce trial if the actress-wives lose the publicity.

The churches want stronger prohibition laws and the wets want stronger liquor.

Mt. Sinai Section News Of The Week

(Special to The Star)

Shelby, R-2.—Despite the cold weather a large and appreciative audience was out to hear the fine sermon delivered by Rev. Rush Padgett at Mt. Sinai Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A number of visitors from Earl were present. We were glad to have them with us.

The program which will be given by the young people of the community at the Christmas tree will begin Friday evening at six o'clock.

Mr. Grady Putnam of Charlotte spent the week-end with relatives in this community.

Mr. Jim Owens recently moved with his family into this section.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Weaver were here from Gaffney Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. P. Hughes is spending some time with her brothers of Ellenboro.

Mr. C. V. Harrill is at home from Smithfield where he has been teaching and will spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harrill.

Mr. Dewey Rollins was a visitor in Gaffney Sunday afternoon.

Broad River school will close Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

Misses Ural, Norine and Bunn Rollins and Mr. Dewey Rollins went to Rutherfordton Thursday to visit their mother who is in the hospital there.

Double Springs Items Of News

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick, of Wake county have arrived to spend the holidays with relatives in this community. They were the guests of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Gardner, Sunday.

Mr. J. L. McSwain, was carried to the Rutherfordton hospital Sunday for treatment and possibly an operation. For several months Mr. McSwain has been in bad health. His friends and loved ones wish for him a speedy recovery.

The senior, intermediate and junior B. Y. P. U. visited the B. Y. P. U. at Union church.

Mr. Truman Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Simon Davis, and Miss Martha Bridges, were married Saturday. These popular young people have the best wishes of the hosts of friends of this section.

Mr. Fred Falls, is at home for the holidays. He has been in school at Wake Forest.

Mr. Yates Harrill who had an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago has returned home. His many friends are glad to see him.

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