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TWINKLES

Add to the North Carolina "firsts" that of tobacco production.

A gift or two to the needy of Shelby will make your holiday the brighter.

Modern murderers instead of going to the electric chair merely go insane for a time.

In another week and a half use a pencil that has an eraser, you'll write it 1926 more'n likely.

It is just about time for Shelby to take another growing spurt and the securing of the P & N extension would just about set off the fireworks.

Kings Mountain is to have a new newspaper, a new athletic field and several other new projects according to information coming over highway 20.

THE MODERN DIALOGUE

It is with interest that this paper notes the schools of Cleveland county will contest in one-act dialogues, known in modern education as dramatics.

It is said that modern youth knows as much about the world at 16 as did his father at 30.

Zion Community News Of Interest

Christmas Program and Tree December 25th School Pupils Home for Holidays.

(Special to The Star.) Our Sunday school is progressing nicely, having fine attendance for the weather.

We were very glad indeed to have back with us last Sunday Miss Lydia Poston, who has been ill for some time.

Mr. G. T. Cabaniss, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cabaniss Jr., were Charlotte visitors last Tuesday.

Miss Zelma Hord was the pleasant guest of Misses Madge and Ruby Irvin this week end.

Miss Clara Royster was the delightful guest of Misses Margaret and Pearl Cornwell, Sunday.

Mr. John Cornwell came home Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Cornwell. He is a student of Wake Forest.

BOILING SPRINGS NEWS OF YULETIDE

Mrs. O. E. Lee Entertains Younger Set. Students Home for the Holidays From School.

(Special to The Star.) Boiling Springs, Dec. 21.—Miss Corrine Putnam returned to Winston-Salem Tuesday.

Mrs. O. E. Lee most graciously entertained a number of the younger set Wednesday night in honor of her brother, Don Jolley, who has been visiting here.

THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL

The little red school with its one teacher is no more, our orators and boosters would have us believe.

The little red school on the hill is already the topic of many poems, and is often used as an illustration to picture to the modern generation one that preceded it when North Carolina knew no "firsts" except in the production of good "cawn liker" and in illiteracy.

But apparently a mistake has been made. With other school problems clouded by the controversy of the eight months term the remaining little schools go unnoticed.

Which is nothing but a friendly tip to some of our orators who should get away from the "little red school" basis for presenting the transformation of the Old North State into the New North State.

NEWS IS CHANGING

It may be that the trend of this puzzling age is to create a new idea of news values. Judging from the individual worth placed on events by a range of people the new idea has already arrived.

The newsboy who attained the headlines recently because he yelled of the "ad bargains" wasn't so much of a freak. He had merely heard the folks talk and struck up on an idea that deplored his pile of papers.

Arthur Brisbane writes in his daily column of the comments he heard on the Fall-Doheney verdict. Little more than passing interest was displayed by the general run of readers.

Suppose through some method the price of cotton should suddenly jump to 40 cents tomorrow what would be considered bigger news by readers of The Star than that information? From the standpoint of interest, and having a contact with Cleveland county generally what news story could surpass it?

America perhaps is getting commercial, or, rather, has arrived at a high peak of commercialism. But it is an old saying that "most people never yell until their own pocketbooks are touched."

Christmas tree at the church Friday night. The public is invited. Pictures were taken of the Sunday school teachers, the secretaries the department superintendents and the class officers Sunday.

Little A. G. Whisnant jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Whisnant has been seriously sick but is some better now. Mr. Charles J. Hamrick continues to improve.

Miss Bess Jackson is visiting at the home of Rev and Mrs. J. M. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McClure and family of Gastonia visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Green Saturday.

Will Mouldeh Dean Of Prisoners Now In Prison Of State

McDowell Negro Only One Who Can Count His Years of Servitude in Terms of Score

Raleigh.—Of all the fifteen hundred odd human beings composing the population of state's prison there is only one who can count his years of servitude in terms of a score.

That is Will Mouldeh, who was sent up from McDowell county in 1907 to serve thirty years for murder. He came to prison as a lad of 23.

Now, past middle age, he cannot count a single prison acquaintance but who is at least five years younger in prison ways than himself. Will is the acknowledged "dean" of the prison.

"He has never escaped—never given any trouble at all. I believe he'd be homesick if he left, declared Supt. George Ross Pou, praising this veteran.

Will is now working at a rock quarry in Forsyth county, and counting time off for good behavior, is nearing the end of his sentence. Friendless when he was convicted, the negro has lived his prison life without aid from the outside.

Why not resolve to buy at home during 1927?

Pressure, invariably brought to bear for paroles for better connected or wealthier prisoners has been conspicuously lacking in the case of the McDowell county negro.

Next in length of sentence to Will comes Jake Graves, negro committed from Cherokee county in 1912 for murder. Prison life didn't fit in with Graves' wild mountain associations and he went crazy. He is now in the State negro insane asylum at Goldsboro.

The woman's division, while not so populous, also numbers its veterans.

Best known by far in this section is Ida Bell Warren, the Forsyth county husband killer, who was recently denied a parole by the Governor. She bears the distinction of being the only North Carolina woman ever sentenced to die in the electric chair—a fate from which she was snatched by the tender mercies of Governor Bickett—but she isn't the "dean" of women prisoners.

That distinction falls to Macy Kerley, also a murderess. She came to prison in 1912 from Swain county with a thirty year sentence over her head. Both these women veterans are employed in the needlework divisions of the prison and the fingers once used to kill are applied to fashioning garments for convicts to wear.

Many prisoners come with long sentences hanging over them. Some young men, saved from death in the electric chair, go into the prison enclosure with life sentences but few stay more than 20 years. Death overtakes, paroles are granted others, and a few escape.

So short is the average term that the annual turnover, that is replacements due to admittance and discharges, amounts to more than one-third of the average daily population.

Last year this daily average was 1,486, 598 new prisoners were admitted and 337 were discharged due to expiration of sentences. Sixty-eight were paroled or pardoned and 45 escaped, but of this number 38 were subsequently recaptured. Five died and two were killed trying to escape.

Very, very soon, its going to be too late to shop early for Christmas.

A good job for this winter will be to thin out the dead and weed trees in the farm woodlot. The straight, rapid growing trees will then make better growth next year.

Swap the cotton seed for meal for cattle feed and fertilizer. Thrifty farmers are strengthening their terraces and otherwise improving their fields this winter. They must raise wild brides in Texas.

The Christmas Store Beautiful GILMERS FROM MILLS DIRECT TO YOU FAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS. Includes lists of goods like stationery, toys, linens, dolls, kitchen cabinets, pianos, tea sets, handbags, slippers, gloves, mens suits, hosiery, and dresses with prices.



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