



SOCIETY

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First Christmas Carol Fear not for behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

Christmas Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight; Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine, Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright, Christmas everywhere, Christmas tonight. "Merry Christmas"—Phillips

Alumni And Dance Attended Alumni banquet of U. N. C. given at the Cleveland Springs on Wednesday evening was attended and much enjoyed. A number from Gastonia and surrounding towns attended the banquet. A delicious repast was served and the dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Taylor of Chapel Hill was the speaker.

Christmas Eve Tonight Ushers in the beautiful given by the Shelby Cotillion at the Cleveland Springs. The lobby and dining hall were decorated most beautifully for the occasion. A lovely Christmas tree stands in the hall from which the favors were given. A large and representative crowd will be present, and music will be furnished tomorrow Cleveland Springs at the scene of the Te Deum from 3 to 6 o'clock. This is anticipated with much interest.

Ruth Thompson Entertains Cecelia Christmas with all its lovely decorations was portrayed at the home of Mrs. Ruth Thompson on Wednesday afternoon. She was a most delightful hostess to the members of the music club. Holly and poinsettias and lovely potpourris graced the tables. A piano and the red glow softly in between greenery making a charming scene. A large number of the members were present and after all call, a most beautiful Christmas program was given. Ruth Thompson a gifted musician and a daughter of Thompson played two lovely selections. The club then "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Mrs. Cline Lackey, a most gifted musician, played exquisite Christmas Phantasies. Mrs. Wall, of Lexington, gave McDowell's difficult and full pieces. Mrs. P. L. Henderson played charmingly and such expression a medley of songs and selections. U. Holland then closed the evening by a most interesting subject being, "Christmas Legends." After the program all hour was enjoyed and the beautiful and delicious Christmas was served by Mrs. Thompson and Miss Ruth Thompson. This was a most delightful meeting which closes this year's work in again in January.

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an aisle. The stair way from which the bridal party descended was twined with ivy and holly. In the hall and gift room, beautiful Christmas decorations were used. Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Dobb, of Lattimore, sang charmingly "I Love You Truly" and "Oh Promise Me." To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march softly played by Miss Ruth Yelverton, of Clayton, preceded by Dr. Morris the best man Dr. Walter Luckey entered with the groom.

Next in order came the maid of honor and only attendant Miss Roberta Royster who was beautifully gowned in dark blue crepe black satin, and silver hat and carried an arm bouquet of red roses. The bride then entered and was radiantly beautiful in handsome imported spring model of the latest shade of blue, she wore a spring model hat in soft shades of gray and blue, and her coat was crackle head blue with fox collar and cuffs. She carried a lovely bouquet of red American roses. During the ceremony, "To a Wild Rose" was exquisitely played by Miss Yelverton. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held and receiving at the front door was Mrs. W. F. Hamrick and Mrs. Ves Royster. Inviting the guests into the parlor were Mrs. C. C. Falls and Mrs. Tom Falls. Receiving in the parlor were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cline and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lackey. In the gift room were Mrs. Robt. Cline, Mrs. Ed Cline who presided over the register. Serving a delicious ice and sweet course with coffee were Misses Janie Stamey, Annie Mac Lackey, Charleen Stamey, Kathleen Beam and Mrs. Horwan Beam. Mrs. Lackey is one of the county's most charming and prominent young women. She was a valued member of the bank force in Fallston and has many friends. Dr. Lackey is most prominent and is a splendid young dentist at Fallston. After the reception they left by motor for Atlanta and other southern points. They will be at home in Fallston after the holidays. Among the Shelby people who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. A. Cline, Mr. C. C. Blanton, Mr. Paxton Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Holly Ledford and Miss Margaret Anthony.

Hamrick-Hammer Wedding Of much cordial interest in Shelby and Alabama was the wedding of Mr. Howard P. Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hamrick here, and Miss Louise Hammer, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Tuscaloosa. Miss Hammer is a most popular and charming young woman and bright and attractive. For past year she has been teaching domestic science. Mr. Hamrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hamrick and is a splendid young man of many parts. They will arrive in Shelby tomorrow to spend Christmas here with Mr. Hamrick's parents.

Rastus—Man! You should ought to see dat car ch mine! got all de fixin's on it an' a swell horn dat scares obere one out ob my way when I blows it. Sambo—Boy, yo' ain't got so much. On mah car Ah don't need no horn. Ah has it writ right on the front, 'Dodge, brothers.'

AT THE MOVIES

Milton Sills in "The Silent Lover" is the Christmas day bill at the Webb theatre. A spirited story (such as Sills always selects) of desert regeneration. A colorful love story is woven into the narrative with Viola Dana in the supporting role.

Vaudeville will be offered both at the matinee and night performances.

Mr. Webb had advertised "Tin Hats" as the holiday picture attraction at the theatre, but at the last minute got the opportunity to secure this latest Milton Sills film, and took it.

Here is the press sheet's cryptic description of "The Silent Lover." Thee loves awaited him—one loved him—one he loved, and one he could not forget. (Which should he take—which could he take!—alone on the desert among hostile sheiks, whose only code was strength! Never a romance so thrill-packed as this story of a handsome young lieutenant of the famous Foreign Legion on the sun-drenched Morocco sands. Majesty of the desert burning color of the caravans. Staggering death fights—superb horsemanship—one solid hour of high adventure.

Seats Are Now Selling For The MIDNIGHT SHOW AT PRINCESS Shelby, N. C. All Seats Reserved. Prices 50c — 99c

Let Nancy Hank Alone.

Monroe Journal. A number of people have lately been busy proving that Lincoln was born in North Carolina and hundreds of deluded people believe in it. Yet there is not a single word of truth in it. When Ida Tarbell was cobbisoned to gather the facts about Lincoln she found that at least half a dozen different communities in the country claimed to have had a woman among

them by the name of Nancy Hanks, and each made the same plausible argument about the mating of this Nancy Hanks with some local character and that thus Lincoln was born out of wedlock. She of course set one against the other and proved them all false. Lincoln's parentage was honorable and he was the son of Thomas Lincoln and his lawful wife, Nancy Hanks. It is a sorry comment on the human mind that we often take pains to besmirch the characters of the moth-

ers of great men. To hint that there was something scandalous in the early life of some great man is a choice morsel with many people. In the name of decency we ought to let the name of Nancy Hanks rest in peace. Fliv within your income, if you get what we mean. People who dare to tour over dusty roads are full of grit.

Merry Christmas To All Our Friends Sincere appreciation prompts us to express to you our thanks for the business with which you have favored us during the past year and we extend to you our heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and most prosperous New Year, with the earnest hope that our pleasant relations may continue. W. L. Fanning & Co. Includes illustration of a woman playing a trumpet.

GREETING! That you may have a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year is our sincere wish. Our patrons have made it possible for us to have a very profitable year, and in '27 we are going to endeavor to further merit your trade and confidence. PIGGLY-WIGGY Includes illustration of a pig and a woman.

THESE WANT AD'S BRING RESULTS WANT AD'S

Rates For Want Advertisements In This Column. Minimum Charge For Any Want Ad 25c. This size type 1c per word each insertion. This size type 2c per word each insertion. Ads that run less than 25c, will be charged 25c for first insertion and above rate on subsequent insertions.

LOST SATURDAY ON Street in block between Woolworth's and First National bank, ladies black patent leather handbag. Reward if returned to Star office or City Cafe. 3t-20p

LOST WHITE AND BROWN spotted hound dog. Reward if returned to J. V. Martin, R-2, Grover. 6t-20p

GENUINE FORD batteries, new and guaranteed, for only \$12.00 installed in your car. Charles L. Eskridge. 6t22c

REPAIR WORK ON ALL KINDS of automobiles, trucks and tractors. Prices reasonable. R. G. Stockton, Bust's old bakery stand, West Marion street. 1t-16c

BLACKSMITH SHOP WILL open Monday, December 27th in W. P. Kings' place. All kinds of repair work. O. S. Lipscomb, owner. 8tp

BIG VARIETY OF FIREWORKS to select from at Champion's Fair-ground garage and filling station store. Come out and make your selection. 1t-8c

WOOD IN ANY QUANTITY and quality. Prepared for stove or fireplace. Morris T. Tompkins, Phone 406. 1t-7c

FOR SALE—ONE UPRIGHT mahogany piano. Bargain for quick sale. Phone 585 or write box 374 Shelby, N. C. 3-20c

MAKE NO MISTAKE PLANT-BASS BRED UP PECANS Sue T. H. Abernethy. Thomason Realty Co., on Court Square, Shelby, N. C.

DRIVE OUT TO THE FAIR-ground filling station and buy your fireworks for Christmas. Champion's garage and store. 1t-8c

FOR RENT MODERN SIX room bungalow on W. Marion St. Phone 2921. 2t-2p

WOOD FOR SALE DRY PINE ready for stove or fire place. Will deliver any amount call. Howell Transfer Co., Phone office 718, residence 124-R. 1t-10c

FIRE WORKS FOR SALE. BUY before Christmas at Champion's Fairground filling station. 1t-8c

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LOST BLACK AND TAN FEMALE hound near Dirty Ankle above Casar. Notify John Cook, Casar or C. P. Bumgardner, Gastonia, R-4. 4t-24p

FOR RENT—ALL NEW FIVE-room apartment. Modern conveniences. Close in Garage. Phone 551. 1t-24c

A COMPLETE LINE OF INGREDIENTS in stock if you care to mix your own seeds. A. B. Suttle Hatchery. 1t-24c

A COMPLETE LINE NEWTON and Washbone brooders in stock. A. B. Suttle Hatchery. 1t-24c

BABY CHICKS FOR DELIVERY every Tuesday beginning January 4th. A. B. Suttle Hatchery. 1t-24c

FOR RENT SIX ROOM HOUSE and five acres land in the town of Lattimore, N. C. Possession at once. Write Mrs. A. H. Davis, 371 Chatham Ave. Rock Hill, S. C. 5-15c

WANTED POSITION AS STENOGRAPHER. Call Star office. 2-22c

WE ARE PREPARED TO thresh your peas, cane seed, soy beans at rear of office every Saturday until further notice. Morrison Transfer Co. 1t-p90

LOST, BROWN SUITCASE between George Spurling store and Lafayette Roberts on Kings Mountain highway. Reward. G. L. Bridges or Star office. 2tp

WHY WEALTH ON FARMS IS DOWN

Farming Industry Suffered Thirty Billion Dollar Loss During Period of Depression

Manufacturers Record. Thirty billion dollars of loss was brought upon the agricultural interests of the country between 1919 and 1922, the most stupendous loss ever suffered by any industry in this or any other country. The decrease in the value of farm property in that period was \$18,000,000,000, and the decline in the value of the crops of 1920 and 1921 as compared with the value of 1919 was over \$12,000,000,000, although these crops had been raised at a very high cost, the farmers having been urged by the government to put in the largest acreage possible. Following this effort of the government, they planted for big crops, raised at a higher cost than ever before. The failure of many Western banks recently is merely the inevitable outcome of this situation. These banks have been carrying farm loans for years, hoping eventually to save themselves but every farm sold under mortgage lessened the selling value of every other farm in the community. Many banks could not continue to stand this steady shrinkage in their assets.

In 1920 the Treasury department and the Federal Reserve board, working in harmony, began a deflation campaign which wiped out this \$30,000,000,000 from agriculture, and probably not less than \$20,000,000,000 from the industrial and general business interests of the country. Despite all this, some of the men who were responsible for this fearful blunder, or crime, whichever it may be called, still attempt to ignore the facts and try to excuse themselves. This tremendous loss, more than the total cost of the war to the United States, even including the money loaned to the allies fell upon agriculture with such a devastating power that the farmers of the country have never yet recovered yet. Hundreds of thousands saw the accumulations of a lifetime wiped out. As a whole, the farmers of the country are still struggling under the indebtedness incurred at that time. In a vain effort to save themselves by increased production, they have been raising more of corn and wheat and cotton and other products than they could sell at a profit. Many of them have found themselves the poorer because of this heavy increase in production.

Primarily, the depression in agriculture, which is bringing forth a thousand and one suggested remedies, most of which are chimerical, is due to the burden of \$30,000,000,000,000 of losses which the farmers incurred in two years of deflation in 1920 and 1921. It is impossible for the government to wipe out the indebtedness thus incurred, although the Government itself was responsible for this financial crime, because it was the combined act of the Treasury department and the Federal Reserve board.

Manufacturers and business men generally suffered almost as keenly as the farmers, but they could the more easily adjust themselves by the reduction of their output and, therefore, could the more quickly get back on their feet financially, but their losses were also staggering. The farmer cannot so readjust his business and, therefore, his suffering has been longer continued.

In studying all of the problems connected with agricultural interests it should be borne in mind that no new legislation, no new plan can be devised which will ever overcome that \$30,000,000,000 of loss. Agriculture must of necessity suffer long and endure much before it can be restored to the conditions existing prior to deflation. Increased industrial employment, drawing men away from the farms will be helpful, for we are producing more than we can sell at a profit under present conditions. With a cotton crop of over 18,000,000 bales, it is absurd to think that the world will take it at a price in keeping with the real cost of production for the average tenant farmer, and the bulk of the cotton crop is raised by tenant farmers and small farmers producing only five or six bales each. The West, however, seems to be suffering far more than the South, and the cost of living for Western farmers by reason of their intense winters is far greater than for Southern farmers.