



SOCIETY.

All items intended for this department must be telephoned or sent in to the Society Editor before 11 a. m., the day before publication. All news items of interest to women are welcomed.

U. D. C.'s To Meet.
The United Daughters of the Confederacy will have their regular monthly meeting at the club room Tuesday at 3:30 o'clock.

Music and Arts To Meet.
Miss Elizabeth Roberts and Mrs. Tom Fetzer will entertain the Music and Arts department of the Woman's club at the club room on Wednesday December 14 at 3:30 o'clock, instead of Wednesday December 21.

Mrs. M. P. Coley Has S. S. Class.
The home of Mrs. M. P. Coley on N. Morgan street was arranged with Christmas decorations on Tuesday afternoon when she entertained her Sunday School class of twenty eight girls of the Methodist church with a "Bingo Party."

Miss Sara Palmer was winner of the big prize, a pair of silk hose. Fourteen smaller prizes were given. Canned salad, sandwiches and coffee were served.

Young Peoples' Party
Messrs. H. Clay Cox, Don Hulick, and Carl Dellinger entertained about fifty of their friends on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dellinger on West Warren street.

During the intermission and between dates in progressive conversation hot cocoa and cakes were served.

After numerous games and stunts pulled off by the hosts ice cream, candy and nuts were served.

Division No. 2 Entertained.
The afternoon division No. 2 of the Woman's club was entertained at the club room on Wednesday afternoon by Mesdames M. P. Coley, Hershel Blanton and Miss Ollie Hamrick.

The Christmas suggestions were carried out both in decorations and refreshments.

Mrs. J. T. Beason was leader in the absence of Mrs. Rush Stroup. After a short business session Mrs. Talmadge Gardner read a paper on "The Negro in Recent Literature."

Mrs. J. W. Doggett gave a synopsis of "Green Thursdays." Miss Marie King concluded the program with two beautiful readings. A chicken salad course and coffee were served.

Mrs. Frank Hoey Hostess.
At her home in South Washington street Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Frank Hoey was a delightful hostess to the South Washington Bridge club. Home was bright and full of Christmas cheer with holly and poinsettias, the dining table was centered with a Christmas tree draped in tinsel with tiny burning candles.

At each corner of the table were silver candlesticks holding tall red tapers. Dainty hand painted score cards directed the guests to the four bridge tables where high and score prizes were given at each table.

Mrs. Felix Gee and Miss Adeline Bostic assisted Mrs. Hoey in serving a salad and ice course.

Mrs. B. M. Graham Gives Bridge.
Mrs. B. M. Graham was hostess at a lovely bridge party Wednesday afternoon at her home on N. Washington street, in honor of Miss Bessie Brake bride-elect of this month.

Mrs. H. S. Plaster and Mrs. John Mason. The rooms where the eight bridge tables were placed were arranged with Christmas decorations small Christmas trees decorated with tiny lighted candles, each table held crystal vase of poinsettias and dainty ferns. A color note of green and red was observed in the score cards also. The top score prize a bridge bell was won by Mrs. Renn Drum.

Miss Mildred Thomas was given a miniature ship, holding a tape measure for her score.

was given a box of Madeira handkerchiefs.

Little Patsy Honeycutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Honeycutt, dressed in pink crepe de chine pulled in a little red wagon piled high with Christmas packages for the bride.

Mesdames Rush Thompson and Carlos Grigg assisted the hostess in entertaining and serving a salad and sweet course.

Mrs. Ernest Johnson Gives Party.
At her home on E. Sumner street Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Ernest Johnson entertained fifteen little children honoring her young daughter Mamie Irene on her third birthday day.

The dining room was arranged with Christmas decorations the center of the table was graced with a large white birthday cake with three pink lighted candles. After many merry games, ice cream, cake and candies were served, fancy nut cups and Christmas favor were given.

Little Mamie Irene received many pretty and useful gifts.

WHY GAS PRICES SHOULD VARY SO MUCH IS ASKED

Survey of 22 Cities in the South East Shows No Set Price Anywhere
(Lenoir News-Topic)
Gasoline prices in a number of towns and cities in Western North Carolina, including Lenoir, have developed into quite a subject during the past few weeks.

Automobile owners are wondering why it is they have to pay anywhere from one to five cents a gallon more than other places or sections of the South. At only two other cities, Chattanooga and Knoxville, is the price more than it is in this section.

Facts regarding the selling price of gasoline in 22 cities were gathered last week. The figures show that the average price from these 22 points is 17 1-2 cents. In Lenoir and in this section it is 19 cents, exclusive of the 4 cents per gallon tax.

A survey of gasoline prices reveals the following range in the principal cities of the South. (Tax is not included):

Atlanta 12c
Durham 15c
Memphis, Tenn. 15-16 1-2c
New Orleans, La. 15 1-2c
Mobile, Ala. 16c
Lexington, Ky. 16c
Jacksonville, Fla. 16c
Jackson, Miss. 16c
Richmond, Va. 17c
Birmingham, Ala. 17c
Montgomery, Ala. 17c
Macon, Ga. 18c
Columbus, Ga. 18c
Augusta, Ga. 18c
Charleston, S. C. 18c
Greenville, S. C. 18c
Miami, Fla. 18c
Columbia, S. C. 18c
Norfolk, Va. 19c
Palm Beach, Fla. 19c
Charlotte, N. C. 19c
Asheville, N. C. 19c
Chattanooga, Tenn. 19 1-2c
Knoxville, Tenn. 19 1-2c

No explanation for high priced gasoline in Lenoir and Western North Carolina can apparently be made. The arguments that cheaper transportation sets the price falls when it is shown that the price in Savannah, 15 cents and New Orleans, 15 1-2 cents, is practically the same as the 16-cent price in Raleigh and Lexington, Ky., neither of which cities has water route transportation.

Nor can it be shown that the size of the city, through quantity of consumption, regulates the price. The Raleigh and Lexington prices are a cent lower than that of Birmingham and only a half-cent higher than in New Orleans. State boundaries apparently have no weight. There is three cents difference between the price in Asheville and Raleigh, and a cent and a half between Knoxville and Memphis.

Texas and Oklahoma, both oil producing states, were not included in the list. In Memphis all gasoline sells for 15 cents except Standard, which brings 16 1-2 cents.

Belloc, the writer, predicts "the demand for a hell will return soon." Well, there's a great supply ready when the demand arrives.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

WE ARE READY FOR ANOTHER Big Saturday — AT — The Paragon Department Store

Extra Clerks and extra bargains. We are all dolled up for Christmas and cordially invite you to come in and see our store and the many Christmas Gifts now on display.

CERTAINTEED RUGS

Size 9x12
--- \$5.95 ---

IN THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

We have just 50 of these Certainteed Rugs we are going to sell for \$5.95. First come, first served. Don't wait, if you want a red hot bargain drop down to our Basement and make your selection. We'll lay it aside if you are not ready to have it delivered.

\$5.00 WOOL MIXED BLANKETS

Size 66x80 — Special at \$3.48.

Two more cases of these wonderful blankets. We could not think of selling these for less than \$5.00 if we hadn't bought them in large quantities. They make lovely Christmas Gifts. You can't possibly find a better blanket anywhere than these at \$3.48.

44 MEN'S ALL-WOOL SUITS

TO CLOSE OUT — \$10.00 — \$14.50 — \$19.50

We have just 44 more of these all-wool suits carried from our August Sale and the prices we have on them are less than half on nearly every one. The styles are good and fabrics are excellent.

WOMEN'S COATS

HAVE BEEN GREATLY REDUCED — NONE RESERVED — EVERY COAT IN STOCK NOW ON SPECIAL SALE.

\$10.00 COATS \$7.85
\$20.00 COATS \$11.85
\$29.50 COATS \$19.50

OTHERS REDUCED FROM \$10.00 TO \$20.00.

A thorough determination to clear our racks of every remaining Fall and Winter Coat — We cut our prices on them all. You can't beat these for real values.

THE PARAGON DEPARTMENT STORE

"FULL OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS."

- PENNY COLUMN -

GET THE BOY A CAP PISTOL for Christmas. 7-30p

FOR SALE FRUIT CAKES, MRS. R. E. Ware. 1f-2c

FOR SALE — REASONABLE price. House and lot in South Shelby. Close in. Three mills nearby. 100 feet front. Six rooms. D. W. Alexander, Connelly Springs, N. C. 1f-2c

JUST THE THING FOR MOTHER or wife's Christmas present, a \$100 electric sewing machine for \$57.50, only two left. W. A. Pendleton. 3-5c

REAL FARM BARGAIN TWELVE miles north of Lenoir and four miles north of Alexis. \$18 per acre. It will cut 18 or more thousand feet of good pine timber. Good strong land and one of the best bargains ever offered. J. E. Reinhart, Newton. 3-5p

IF YOU HAVE A NICE GRADE Jersey male calf from 8 to 12 months old for sale, write T. P. Hamrick, Shelby, N. C., R-44 3-5p

FOR SALE CHEAP NEW HAY, straw and oats. Morrison Transfer Company, phone 406. 1f-2c

READY CUT STOVE WOOD, ALSO oak wood. Phone 132-J, Shelby, 6-23p

WE START OUR Machines Dec. 12th and can set 40 eggs cheaper than you can set 15 under a hen. Reserve your space immediately. Suttle Hatchery. 3t-5c

FOR 10 YEAR LOANS ON city property see Bert Price. The Royster Co. 1f-20c

TWO \$145 EDISON PHONO-graphs specially priced at \$100 each. W. A. Pendleton. 3-5c

BOOKING ORDERS FOR chicks—Racks, Minoras exhibition. Chicks 30c each. Utility chicks 15c each. G. Melton, Boiling Springs. 3t-7p

CHRISTMAS FIRE WORKS FOR sale at Fairground Filling Station. All kinds. Get your supply early. J. D. Allen & Son. 12-28p

WANTED—MATTRESSES TO renovate. We make them like new. Also make new ones. Cleveland Mattresses Works, just off W. Warren Street near Rush Thompson's garage. 2t-7p

A BARGAIN—ELECTRIC SEWING machine motor. Will attach to any machine. Telephone 199. 7-1c

FOR THOSE FLOWERING shrubs and evergreens needed in your landscape plan, see Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Grigg, 4 miles west of Shelby, on R. 2. 1t-9pd

FOR SALE: ALL MY household furnishings, including rugs, etc. Dr. Reuben McBrayer, telephone 633. 2t-7c

WE HAVE A VULCANIZER FOR repairing inner tubes next time you have a puncture bring it to the Arey building or call phone 40, and we will send a man to repair it. A. B. C Tire Shop. 1f-20c

FOR SALE 80 ACRE FARM located in Catawba county on Shelby-Newton road. Six room house, good new barn. 12 1-2 acres good bottom plenty timber. Will sell for \$3,500, half cash and balance in five equal annual payments. This is a real bargain. C. E. Johnson, Vale, N. C. 6-30p

COTTAGE FOR RENT. J. LANE PUTNAM. 2t-9p

THE MARYLAND FIRE WORKS Co. have opened their place on Route 20 near Cleveland Springs with a complete line of salutes, Roman candles, sky rockets, bomb sticks, cap pistols, devils fire torpedos, sparklers for Little folks. 7t-30p

MAKE THAT NEW HOUSE A home by planting flowering shrubs and evergreens. Nice strong plants at reasonable prices for sale 4 miles west of Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Grigg. 1t-9pd

WANTED RENTER FOR ONE-horse farm near Pleasant Hill church. I will furnish stock. Amos Gantt, R-7, Shelby. 4-7p

FOR SALE 100 WHITE LEG-horn pullets. Guy Walker, Ella Mill Farm house. 2-9p

STRAYED FROM JOHN E. Hoyle's Jersey colored muley steer weighs 500 pounds. John E. Hoyle. 2-9c

FOR RENT 8-ROOM HOUSE, third block W. Warren St., Rush Stroup. 3-9c

FOR SALE 8-ROOM HOUSE ON 100 foot lot W. Warren street. Rush Stroup. 3-9c

FOR SALE ALL MY PERSONAL property, including corn, fodder, etc. next Thursday, Dec 15, 9 a. m. Ed Gausby, near Buffalo cotton mill. 2-9p

- PENNY COLUMN -

I AM REPRESENTING HIGH Point Co. Loans made on city property, long time and quick action. J. W. Michael, office with Attorneys Newton and Newton. 12-28p

I HAVE A WHEAT BINDER TO sell at a bargain, or trade. Lon Byers Shelby N. C., R-7, Box 100. 2-7p

FOR SALE—1 NATIONAL CASH Register, 2 show cases, oil bottles and Rook, 1 drum of Whiz Anti-Freeze, 1 lot of small tools and fittings for Auto and are Atomic Greasing outfit. H. R. Shilford, Shelby. 6t-28p

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DEEDS, DEEDS OF TRUST, mortgage deeds, crop liens, chattel mortgages, church letters and other blanks on sale at The Star Office. 1f

GET YOUR FIRE WORKS early while the stock is complete now. On sale near Cleveland Springs. 7t-30p

FOR RENT—SIX ROOM HOUSE water and lights on North Morgan street. See F. H. Grigg at Shilford. 3t-7p

CHRISTMAS CARDS, MADE TO order and beautifully engraved. Our process is much cheaper and the line is the most beautiful you ever saw. A hundred people in Shelby bought them last year and were pleased. Call The Star No. 11 or Mrs. Ruth Andrews at phone 620 L3. Samples will be brought to your home for you to see. 1f

FOR SALE ONE FORDSON tractor. Price \$100. T. F. Sellers, Kings Mountain, N. C. R-1. 9-25p

SAVE YOUR RADIATOR from FREEZING. We furnish Alcohol at \$1 per gallon. Cleveland Drug Co. Phone 65. 1t

MONEY TO LEND—AM IN position to handle farm loans promptly. All applications are first approved by First National Bank of Shelby, then submitted to a local appraiser who is familiar with land values in this vicinity. Reasonable charges. Bynum E. Weathers, Atty. Office next to Shelby Public library. 4-7c

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FOR RENT MODERN SIX-room bungalow on W. Marion St. Phone 317. 2-7p

FOR RENT, STORE ROOM within a few hundred feet of court square. Good business location and interior newly painted and equipped with new counters and shelves. Lee B. Weathers. 1f-30

YOU CAN GET ALCOHOL Also Texas Gas and Oil at A. B. C. Tire Shop. Goodrich tire dealer. Arey Building. 1f9

PUBLIC HAULING ANYWHERE Nothing too large or too small. Trucks a specialty. Phone 100. Ellis Transfer Co. 1f-2c

FOR SALE—MAIL ORDERS wanted for frost proof Charleston and Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage plants. \$1.15 per thousand delivered. Fine Plants, quick delivery. Spartanburg Plant Farm, Spartanburg, S. C. 3-7c

WHEN PLANNING YOUR HOME grounds see Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Grigg, 4 miles West of Shelby, for flowering shrubs and evergreens. 1t-9pd

FOR SALE—ONE OF THE MOST desirably located homes in Shelby directly in front of Judge Jas. L. Webb and the location is such that will guarantee enhancement in value. Shelby Hardware Co. 2-7c

GOODYEAR TIRES Speedway — 30x3 1-2 — \$5.25; 29x4-40—6.50 — Alcohol per gallon—\$1.00. Crane's Vulcanizing Plant. 2t9p

HOWELL TRANSFER — ALL kinds of hauling, day or night. Moving household goods a specialty. Give us a trial office phone 718, residence 124-R. 1f-9c

CLOSING OUT SALE Entire stock of shoes, dry goods and notions at LESS THAN CASH

Also complete line of groceries at cost. Sale begins Saturday, December 10, 1927. Riverside Mercantile Co., Lawndale, N. C. 2t-7p