

(By International News Service) Washington, D. C. Dec. 20.—A driving gale drove heroic rescue fleet from the scene of the S-4 into the shelter of Provincetown harbor shortly before noon today, the Naval Bureau was advised in a message from Admiral Frank P. Brumby, in command of the rescue fleet. A severe northwest storm is sweeping the Atlantic seaboard south of Portland, Maine.

Local merchants were preparing today, securing extra clerks, etc., to handle one of the biggest shopping rushes in the town's history from now on until the end of the week—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bombing Bridge

Albermarle, Dec. 20.—(INS)—Tests and observations by the U. S. Army air forces on the Swift Island bridge, near here, continued today after scoring only one hit out of 38 trials yesterday. The first group of planes were somewhat delayed. Only sand bombs were to be dropped today, explosives later. Better marks are being scored, however, at a late hour this morning the bridge hadn't been hit. Four thousand six hundred pounds of sand bombs will be dropped today.

QUINN WANTS ALL MAIL ROUTES IN COUNTY IMPROVED

Postmaster Says Some Progress Made in Painting and Lettering Boxes. Wants More

"It will be recalled that the Cleveland County Service Council of the Post Office Department at its last meeting in October resolved to use every effort at its command to secure the early painting and lettering of all mail boxes and posts in Cleveland county. Substantial progress has been made on several routes but much remains to be done," writes Postmaster J. H. Quinn.

"The Postoffice department is making an active campaign throughout the United States to have all posts and boxes repaired and relocated, where needed, and then painted white and names painted, but no county has reported all boxes in county painted. We earnestly appeal to every patron of a rural route in Cleveland county to join hands with the carriers and postmasters in getting all repairs and relocating of posts and boxes done, where needed, and then painted and lettered. It can be done with very little expense where the patrons of a route will cooperate. Nothing will attract more attention and make a more favorable impression upon the traveling public than to see all mail boxes and posts in good condition and painted and lettered. The traveler is always interested in knowing the name of each box holder along the road.

"Mr. G. V. Hawkins, carrier on rural route No. 2, Shelby, recently issued a very interesting and important circular letter to all patrons on his route and has made a proposition that should be accepted by every patron without a moments delay or hesitation. In substance it is as follows: For the sum of 20 cents per box, he will guarantee to furnish best grade of paint and have all boxes and posts painted white and the names of owner, painted or stenciled in black on each side of the boxes, provided the patrons will erect boxes, at proper places, 46-inches above wheel-tread, posts to be of heart pine or hard wood. Evidently it will cost more than 20 cent per box to do this painting but Mr. Hawkins proposes to pay all excess, if any. In addition to this he proposes to give cash prizes for best arranged boxes on his route—\$3.00, \$2.00, and \$1.00. Surely the fine progressive people on Route No. 2 will not hesitate a moment in accepting the proposition of their carrier."

"I understand the other rural carriers from the Shelby office will soon make propositions along this line to their patrons. We are very anxious to see which of the eight routes from the Shelby post office will be the first to announce all boxes properly erected, painted and lettered.

"Many patrons in Cleveland county have their mail boxes attached to trees or telegraph or telephone poles. This is strictly a violation of a ruling of the Postoffice department and should be corrected at once, whether painted or not. In serving boxes so erected, the carrier endangers his life and property in case of stormy weather. Again, the slovenly haphazard way in which mail boxes are often grouped is a reflection upon the owners and upon the carrier. Nothing surpasses a neat properly erected bench for grouping boxes.

"In this connection, the attention of the patrons of Route No. 3, Shelby, is called to the proposition of Mr. J. L. Putnam to give six months subscription to The Cleveland Star for the best arranged mail box on route No. 3 and to the like proposition made by the editor of The Star to the patrons of all rural routes in Cleveland county. It is to be hoped that many will compete for these awards."

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Final Survey Being Made For Christmas Charities

Cash Nears \$500 Mark. Fund May Help in Coming Winter Months. Total Contributions.

Welfare Officer Smith is making a complete survey of all cases that have been reported, making a detailed report on the conditions he finds to obtain in each home, how many wage earners, how many children and the particular needs of each individual in that home. On this report Mr. Smith is recommending just how much the Christmas charity fund can help and the nature of the things to be given. There was another meeting Sunday of Charity committee and at the time Prof. I. C. Griffin was appointed to assist Mr. Smith in passing upon the cases. The distribution will be made through this week and next and if anything is left of the fund, it will be used during the severe winter months that are ahead.

Churches Will Help

Funds have been raised at each of the churches, but these contributions will not pass through the general committee, but be distributed by the churches. Members of their own congregations will first be taken care of, then if there is anything left particular cases will be selected and looked after. These cases that will be reported to the general charity committee which will mark them from their list so there will be no duplication or overlapping.

At Central Methodist church Sunday the Men's Bible class raised about \$80. The Presbyterian church at its beautiful Christmas cantata Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock took a collection which amounted to about \$35. The Baptists are securing a fund for individual cases.

Additional Cash

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Kiwanis (\$37.50), Order of Red Men (\$5.00), Eleanor Hoey (\$1.00), W. A. Crowder (\$2.00), Mrs. Josie Stockton (\$1.00), B. S. Greene (\$1.00), D. W. Hardin (\$1.00), Mrs. Walter Fanning (\$2.00), Hard cash (\$2.00), Robert Hord (\$1.00).

Total cash \$430.15 Additional merchandise—Eagle Roller mill, 1 barrel flour. Quinn's drug store \$2.50 medicine. J. C. McNeely, merchandise \$20. Mrs. George Gold one box for special case.

TABLEAUX ON AT CENTRAL CHURCH

An unusually interesting presentation of the Christmas story will be presented at the Central Methodist church here Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. The Christmas story will be presented in colorful tableaux form and 30 characters will participate in the presentation, coming from various departments of the church. In addition to the story there will be special Christmas music by a specially ranged choir.

MOUNT GILEAD WOMAN KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Mount Gilead, Dec. 19.—Mrs. O. C. Bruton 45, died here tonight as the result of burns sustained when a stove in her kitchen exploded while she was pouring kerosene upon the flames. Mrs. Bruton lived about nine hours after the explosion. She leaves her husband, seven children, two brothers and a sister. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Problem is to make money first and then to make it last.—Wall Street Journal.

A BIG HEART IN A CHILD

This is a story that may make you think. Perhaps not, nevertheless it is a true story.

A little girl pushed up the latch to The Star office door yesterday afternoon and timidly stepped her way up to a desk. In her arms, clutched tightly in the fingers reddened by the chill of a December dusk, she held a little doll, of the colored race. "I want to give this doll to some little girl who hasn't got any. I got more for my Christmas," she stammered out. And after a question or so she opened the door and started on her journey home. No, her father was not waiting for her at the door, for she hasn't a father herself, but she has a mother and several

Gin Report Slightly Above 12 Millions

Up to December 13 there had been ginned 12,071,799 bales of cotton in the belt against 11,742,000 up to the same date a year ago, according to the report of the census department of the bureau of agriculture issued this morning. This was about in line with what had been expected. While cotton advanced from 10 to 20 points, it had lost most of its gain around 11 o'clock. It is now generally conceded that the last estimate of the crop made by the government is about right. The total yield will be to twelve million seven hundred and twelve million seven hundred thousand with many believing that the crop will not be above twelve and a half million bales.

Couple A Day Gets Married

So Far in Christmas Month Registrar Has Issued One License Each Day

A wedding a day as long as Santa stays away—that's the December slogan of Andy F. Newton, Cleveland county register of deeds.

Up until today Register Newton had issued license for the marriage of 19 couples during December and so far there have been 19 days in the month. Today is the 20th and ere dusk Register Newton hopes to main tain his record.

"It will drop off after Christmas, but business is good now," he says. License was issued Saturday to six couples.

Couples to whom license has been issued recently are: J. W. Harbison and Bessie Clark, both of Cleveland county; Richard Walker and Verna Mae Tiddy, Cleveland county; John H. Belch, Robeson county; and Jennie Alexander, Lincoln county; Johnnie Richard and Annie Lou Ivester, Cleveland county; Jessie Lee Mode and Madeline Weathers, Cleveland county; Dixon Buff and May Self, Cleveland county.

Lindy's Mother On Way To Young Flier

Ready to Leave St. Louis for San Antonio on Flight to Spend Christmas With Son.

(By International News Service) St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh was on the flying field here ready to take off for San Antonio, Texas this morning. The next stop on her way to Mexico City when it was learned that some part of the plane was out of order and the take off was postponed. Mechanics were immediately set to work to repair the weak spot and the plane was expected to take off at noon.

Loses Leg in Blast

Gastonia, Dec. 19.—An exploding flywheel from a small sawmill severed the left leg of Henry Messner, 68, as he was engaged in sawing wood at a house in a mill village here. Mr. Messner is in a local hospital for treatment. A heavy fragment of the wheel clipped off the leg and hurled it 100 feet to the top of a coal pile. Another fragment, weighing 29 pounds was thrown 300 yards against a water tank, and a third piece went through the kitchen of a house 100 yards away.

CONVERSE GIRLS OUTLAW PAINTED LIPS AND FACES

Spartanburg.—Makers of lipsticks and compact face a long hard winter if they depend on Converse college girls for customers.

These supposedly necessary articles to feminine makeup have been banned by a unanimous vote at a student meeting. The action came about after Miss Mary W. Gee, dean of women, had told the meeting that the outlawing of rouge and lipstick would be the most appreciated Christmas present the girls could give her. She also suggested that Converse girls had set fashions in the past and that if such action were taken, other places might follow the examples. The motion to ban the articles was quickly made and passed. The girls' action became known today when the "parade" of local theaters and shops revealed only a natural color lips and cheeks.

Her Game, Too



With the basketball season under way, hundreds of girls' college, club and professional teams are showing the boys they can play, too. This fine type of American girlhood is Hazel Johnson, captain and forward of the Hunter College team, New York City.

HOUSE WILL SPEAK TO CAROLINA ALUMNI AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Christmas Gathering Of County Alumni To Be Held at Cleveland Springs, December 23

The Cleveland county alumni and students of the University of North Carolina will gather for their annual social meeting at Cleveland Springs hotel on Friday evening, December 23. Plans have been made by the Carolina men for the biggest meeting ever held, and questions which have been discussed recently that are of great interest to them and to the welfare of the university are tending to bring them together in full force.

Col. R. B. House has been secured as the chief speaker. Colonel House is the executive secretary of the university, and is looked to as the official spokesman of President Chase. He is an alumnus, and before taking up his work in the university's administration was with the North Carolina historical commission at Raleigh. His close relationship with the business and plans at Carolina should make him a valuable feature for the occasion.

These sons of Ye Old Tar Heel will renew the pledges taken around the shrine of Davies Poplar and sing with new gusto their sacred "Hark the Sound." They will bring with them their wives and friends for the Christmas gala event.

Following the banquet a dance will be given by the Carolina Buecaner, a university orchestra, and those of dancing inclinations may join in for the rest of the evening.

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RYBURN AND HOEY CHANGE OFFICES AFTER 24 YEARS

Oldest Law Firm Takes up New Quarters in the Hoey Building Occupied By Rose Store.

After twenty-four years in one location, the law firm of Ryburn & Hoey moved yesterday from The Star building to the second story of the old Masonic building owned by M. Hoey but leased to and occupied by the Rose five, ten and twenty-five cents store. Ryburn and Hoey occupy four rooms on the second floor of the old Masonic building which was recently remodelled and improved with a heating plant in the building.

Ryburn and Hoey constitute the oldest law firm in Shelby and one of the most reputable firms in the state. When The Star building was built by Mr. Hoey in 1904, The Cleveland Star was moved to the ground floor and the law firm occupied a part of the second floor. Mr. Hoey continued for about three years to edit the paper and practice law. His law practice demanded all of his attention so the late Mr. H. T. Hudson became editor, serving in that capacity for four years. Seventeen years ago Lee B. Weathers the present editor took up the helm and has continued since.

The removal of the law firm was occasioned by a need of more room at The Star. For the past two years, the editor, Mr. Drum the news editor, Mr. James advertising manager and Miss Bertie Crowder the bookkeeper have been working in a small office 18 feet square. Ryburn and Hoey's former office in The Star building will be converted into advertising and editorial rooms, while the business office of The Star will be continued on the ground floor.

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235 Cotton Bales Made On 200 Acres

Five Hundred and Seventy-Six Pounds Lint Per Acre—Farmers Need Protection

Speaking of cotton yields, a number of which have been reported in recent issues of The Star, Mr. W. A. Crowder of Lattimore made a record this year which is not to be sneezed at. Mr. Crowder is one of the county's biggest cotton farmers and he has a son Forrest who is following in his footsteps. But Mr. Crowder himself on 200 acres made 235 bales, and average of 575 pounds of lint cotton per acre. This splendid yield was accomplished with only nine mules, giving about 26 acres of cotton per mule. In addition to cotton, Mr. Crowder made more than enough corn to feed his stock and made other crops in accordance. Mr. Crowder is strongly of the opinion that the time is fast approaching when the farmers will make two bales per acre by applying business methods. On these 200 acres he used 790 sacks of fertilizer at a cost of \$1,975. But farmers need protection from the fertilizer factories, thinks Mr. Crowder. Not always do the farmers get the analysis they buy and pay for. Too often the analysis is short and there is no recourse except to take the difference in price. In a big cooperative purchase recently Mr. Crowder had the fertilizer analyzed and found it shy 90 cents per ton on analysis. It takes time to get an analysis and often the fertilizer is in the ground, shy of the ingredients which the farmer thought he bought.

JUDGE BLAMES EVE AS HE PAYS TRAFFIC FINE

Davis, Calif.—"I was talking with my wife and didn't see the sign" was the excuse of Justice of the Peace W. H. Scott of Davis when he fined himself \$2.50 for failing to stop at a boulevard here. "That's right, Adam, blame it on Eve!" came a voice from the first to violate the new stop ordinances. "I'm going to make a strict example of myself," he said from the bench. It's entirely proper to give our murderers plenty of rope, provided the rope is properly applied.—Arkansas Gazette.

Brutal Slayer Of Little Girl Seen Near Police Station In Los Angeles

Lindbergh Flies to Mexico



Colonel Charles Lindbergh, emissary extraordinary of good will, is shown here just before his take off at Bolling Field, Washington, on his non-stop flight to Mexico City. He is shaking hands with Major Harvey Burwell, commandant.

Gasping Men In Sunken Submarine Losing Hope

Last Faint Message From Corpse-Strewn Hulk Under Water Asks If There Is Any Hope

(By International News Service.) Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 20.—Hope rode out toward the distant horizon today astride lashing gales as six men gasped for breath in the corpse-strewn darkness of the torpedo room of the sunken submarine S-4.

Mercury in Tumble Here Monday Night

"Not so hot," remarked the flapper as she closed the door on her date as he started homeward last night, or maybe it was in the wee hours of the morning. She referred to the weather. Monday night and early Tuesday morning classed with the coldest of the years. The mercury in Ebeloff's thermometer tumbled to 22 late in the night and clung desperately around 21 and 22 above until the sun began to smile, climbing back to 30 by 9 o'clock today. It will be cold throughout the day with some let-up tomorrow, the weather man says. Fair weather is also predicted for Wednesday.

INTERURBAN HITS LATTIMORE AUTO

Dr. and Mrs. Lattimore Have Narrow Escape, Not Injured. Judge Falls in Crash

Three Shelby citizens had rather narrow escapes in auto crashes Monday night. Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Lattimore, both only slightly injured, had the narrow escape of all. While coming home from Charlotte last night the Lattimore car was struck by a P. & N. interurban train at the Belmont grade crossing, the smash taking place about 7 o'clock. The auto was considerably damaged, but with the exception of bruises and being shaken up Dr. and Mrs. Lattimore escaped without serious injury. Dr. Lattimore was at his office this morning and Mrs. Lattimore was said to be getting along all right. Hill Falls Car About 5:30 Monday evening just after Judge B. T. Falls, county representative in legislature, had backed out of the driveway from his home into West Warren street, a car coming east is said to have ploughed into the Falls' car. Both cars were considerably damaged, it was reported today, but the occupants of neither car seemed to be injured. The other car, a Pontiac, driven by a man who gave his name as Jones, of Forest City, seemed to have received the most damage hurtling on down the street after the crash. Jones and another man with him were apparently uninjured, and Judge Falls, who was in the car alone coming uptown after his family, was not injured and was at his law office today.

BANK MESSENGER SUSPECTED CRIME

"The Fox" Bought Gas Under Very Nose of Police. Is Chased By Service Employee

(By International News Service) Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—"The Fox," murderer of little Marian Parker, is still in Los Angeles where he committed his brutal crime. At 4:25 this morning the kidnaper-slayer was within 50 yards of the central police station, police are positive.

This startling information was supplied by Jack Ward, filling station attendant, who sold "The Fox" gasoline and then pursued him a dozen blocks.

Ward identified the man he vainly sought to capture as William Edward Hickman, 18-year-old former bank messenger, whom police had earlier declared to be the murderer of the Parker girl.

Crime Reviewed

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—The horrible story of the kidnapping and brutal murder here of little Marian Parker is one of the blackest crimes ever related in America and has attracted nationwide interest.

Since the first note was delivered to the distracted father of the girl last Friday, he has defied and even taunted an army of police and detectives while restive citizens have contributed the large sum for his apprehension. Four thousand officers have raked Los Angeles and nearby cities since the torn body of the girl was picked up from the street into which "The Fox" had tossed it.

The net result of the huge police operations has been the arrest of more than half a hundred persons, but only four of these are being held.

The kidnaper struck last Thursday morning while Marian and Majorie, twin sisters, were on their way to school they noticed a stranger watching them from a cove about a block from their home. He attempted to speak to them.

Works Clever Trick During the noon hour a stranger appeared at the Junior High school and told Mrs. Mary Ward Holt, attendance officer, that Marian's father had been hurt and was calling for her. It was a perfect piece of trickery and Marian was unwittingly released to a fiend who took her to a horrible death.

When Marian failed to return from school at the regular hour her twin sister told of the stranger and the search was begun. Shortly afterwards, two telegrams—one from Pasadena and the other from Alhambra, both nearby cities—warned the father not to attempt to interfere with the kidnaper's plans.

The next morning the frantic father received a special delivery letter which instructed him to obtain \$1,500 in \$20 bills and await further instructions.

Early in the afternoon there came a second letter—a pitiful hand-written appeal from the girl herself asking her father to do as her captor desired and to come and get her.

Three times that afternoon the Parker telephone rang but as Parker answered he spoke only to an open wire. The caller had broke the connection each time.

Dodges Police Trap The first telephone message came from the kidnaper at 8 o'clock that night. Another, 30 minutes later, instructed the father to proceed by automobile to a designated spot with the \$1,500. This he did, but the police in their zeal to catch the kidnaper, sent detectives to surround the scene and the wily one side-stepped the trap. He failed to appear.

A night and a morning of agony for the Parker family elapsed before further word came. Then early Saturday afternoon came another letter. It contained another appeal in the girl's handwriting and two notes from the kidnaper vowing his anger at the father for permitting the police to set the trap. They threatened death to the girl if his instructions were not followed. The kidnaper's notes showed he had an accurate check on the police operations.

The distracted father finally agreed the police to withdraw. That evening he was instructed to drive to a spot not far from his home for a final rendezvous.

Parker followed instructions and was met by a masked man in a small automobile. Beside the kidnaper was little Marion. The father asked for a glimpse of the girl. With a terse "She's asleep,"

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