

Pleads With Santa For Shoes and not Trinkets

Woman's Club and Carpenters Help Build up Charity Fund. Many Pitiful Cases Reported

What will He, who was the babe in the manger at Bethlehem, think as he looks down upon the world He died for upon the Anniversary of His birth and sees here in Shelby an undernourished little boy crying silently because Santa brought him no shoes, while in other sections of the town there are children with so many trinkets and toys that the whole lot will become a bore before noon?

Such will likely be the case. Perhaps you do not read the scrawling little letters to Santa that have been and are appearing in The Star. One contains a plaint, not for a rifle, auto, or trinkets, but for clothes. Think of that! When Christmas comes a child's desires naturally turn to toys and playthings above all else, but when the child happens to be cold and hungry; when his tiny toes tingle and there is nothing to protect them, when his shoulders shake as he goes about his chores because he has not enough clothes to wear—then his mind turns to something else than trinkets. He wants to live. He should have that right. So to Santa he appeals, and to you!

Little Sister, Too
Father is dead, he writes, and mother is sick. Grandmother is helping out, and Santa I want a pair of overalls, some shoes, an overcoat. Little sister wants some clothes too.

Can you read between the lines? In the spaces between the plaintive words can you not see how conditions must be when a child asks to live instead of play?

Pitiful, yes, but will you close your eyes for a moment so as to forget the scene and then go on about your own program of happiness for the Yuletide? Or will you remember what the day stands for and do your bit to see that Santa leaves a pair of shoes for the little boy, along with other clothing for himself and his little sister? Will they whimper at the cold and their little eyes grow large with wonder at a world even grown-ups cannot understand when Christmas morning comes?

The Christmas charity fund, about at the end of its course for the season, will do all that it can to aid Santa in taking care of such as these. Will you not aid the fund today and tomorrow—Christmas will soon be here and gone.

Fund is Growing
Since the last issue of the paper several contributions have been received. One from the Woman's club, an organization that always lends a helping hand, boosted it considerably, while another gift from the carpenter of the city, men who work faithfully and hard for their money, helped out along with other individual gifts.

Santa's Stocking

Previous cash	\$430.15
Woman's club	\$25.00
John McClure Jr.	\$2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Price	\$2.00
Mrs. J. B. Eskridge	\$2.00
Carpenter's Brotherhood	\$7.75
H. A. Thrift	\$1.00
Miss Maude Hightower	\$1.00
Total	\$469.15

This does not include near \$200 in merchandise tendered by business firms of the city.

Resources Banks In State Large

Seventy-six National Institutions in State Found to Have Assets of \$211,946,000

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Resources of the 76 national banks in North Carolina at the close of business on October 10 totalled \$211,946,000, the United States comptroller of Carolina banking department.
The report sent the state banking department shows that the resources of the 1,724 national banks in the Southern states totalled \$3,809,499,000, while the resources of the 7,804 national banks in the nation totalled \$27,213,824,000.
The capital stock of the 76 national banks in this state totalled \$15,118,000.
The surplus fund totalled \$9,958,000.
Time deposits, which include savings deposits in the 76 banks totalled \$61,648,000 while the demand deposits were \$75,564,000.

W. F. HOYLE TO HEAD LINCOLNTON KIWANIS

Lincolnton, Dec. 20.—At the meeting of the Kiwanis club officers for the coming year were elected as follows:
President W. F. Hoyle; vice president, Dr. W. G. Bandy; treasurer, Gray Crowell; trustee, Herbert Miller; directors, D. H. Mauney, T. H. Cansler, J. A. Abernethy Jr., Plato Miller, B. C. Lineberger, W. M. Pickens and Harry Page.

Winter Queen



Miss Emilie Mason is queen of the annual winter carnival at Danville, in the Canadian Rockies. She is a Calgary girl and is as much at home on snowshoes as she is in a ballroom. A coronation five-gallon hat is her crown.

THREATEN BEARDS AS IN REVENGE FOR ROUGE

Spartanburg, S. C.—To shave or not to shave.
This is the burning question among Wofford college's Beau Brummels now that Converse college girls have banned rouge and lipsticks. Up to a late hour tonight no decision had been reached.
Bearded faces are proposed as a protest against Converse girls who have out of respect to the wishes of Miss Gee, dean, have abandoned the lipstick and rouge. In fact, a few of the Wofford college boys have already thrown aside the razor and shaving mug and it is reported that it won't be long until the good old days of immense side burns, mustaches and goatees return.

COLORED PEOPLE OF SHELBY WILL SHARE IN GIFTS

Some Needy Cases Cited Among Colored Sections Are Pitiful. Do Without Food

The helping hand of The Star's Christmas fund will be extended to the colored race as well as the white. The fund will be stretched as far as possible and will take in a few of the neediest cases among the colored people, the committee reports. More should be taken care of, but the fund is not sufficient.
A member of the welfare committee investigating calls for help this week took time to jot down two of the needy cases found among the colored. These two cases as cited below should arouse enough sympathy to add several dollars to the fund in the closing days:
Fire But No Food
On an alley in the Flat Rock section lives a widow with four children. The father has been dead three years and the care of the children fell upon the mother, a wash woman. Her income is never more than \$4.50 a week. House rent, food and clothing for the children must be provided out of this meager income. And they live without suffering until some calamity befalls them. And calamity has been a frequent visitor in this humble cottage. Two years ago her father was stricken with an incurable illness. To this already overburdened family, the sick father was added. This illness added to the expenses and there was another mouth to be fed. Did this widow complain? Not a word! She simply deprived herself and children of actual necessities in order to care for him. Monday was a cold day in Shelby. The visitor asked her about wood, whether or not she had any. None could be seen in the yard. "Yes," said she, "I have a little in the house that I got at the 'spense of my stomach.' Not understanding what she meant, the visitor asked her to repeat the statement. "I went without anything to eat all day yesterday so to buy wood at the Ice Plant!" And the four children aid herself were all on the porch in the sunshine Tuesday in order to save wood for the night when there would be no sunshine to keep them warm.

BLAZE SWEEPING HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Fire Breaking Out in Flour Mills Threatens to Wipe out the Business District

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 21.—Swept by a thirty-mile wind, fire breaking out in D. A. Stickell & Sons flour mill threatened this morning to wipe out the entire business district.
Mill is Burned
The \$500,000 flour mill is already destroyed and the fire is gaining a foothold in other buildings.
Appeals for help have been sent to all nearby cities.

New Styles Coming For Naming Babies

"Jean" Is Latest Gasp, With John and Mary Passing to Background

Charlotte.—The grand old names of "Mary" and "John" are not as popular as they once were.
Nowadays, parents of infant girls are showing a preference for the more modern appellation of "Jean" and parents of boys are showing a decided preference for "William" and "James."
The records in the city health department show this to be the case. "I don't think there is any name overdone as much as is the name 'Jean,'" said Mrs. W. L. Waller, who has charge of birth registrations.
"It is a recent development. Only in the last few years has there been a shift from some of the other erstwhile favorites to 'Jean.'"
Usually, Mrs. Waller points out, the name is linked with either "Dorothy" or "Betty" with "Doris Jean" arising as a slight favorite.
A tabulation of the November births show "Elizabeth" in the lead for girls but this is not the case as a rule, Mrs. Waller declared. During the year round, "Jean" will lead.
Ten children were named "Elizabeth." Eight will be called "Jean."
"Mary" was the name given to seven. "William" is the name that has the lead for boys. During November 12 parents named sons "William" and looked to the future in hope that he would not become "Bill." Eleven parents risked having their offspring being a "Jim" when they gave the name "James."
"Robert" came third with six and "Edward" and "David" tied for fourth place with three each.
"Mae" is used often to make a double but is very, very seldom found by itself. "Lee" is likewise so used when it is given to a girl. For boys, "Lee" is often linked with "Robert."
"It's quite a custom," Mrs. Waller said, "for parents to name the first son after the father. It's rare that they name the first daughter after the mother."
Among the November names are "Lindy," "Klondike," "Babe," "Charlotte Carolina," "Jennings Bryan" and "Essie Mae" and "Bessie Mae," the last two names going to twins.
A negro recently named a son he has derived from the vegetables he raises in the summer. And his "glibber-patch." So there he sits all day during the winter, waiting for ravens to feed him. The ravens in this case happen to be a granddaughter, but during the winter she cannot meet all the needs of this family. "What do you want Santa Claus to bring you?" said the visitor. "I want a pair of britches as big as you got on and jacket," said the old fellow, as he continued to sew the old glove. "Anything else?" he was asked. "Anything, anything." He admitted eating candy now and then, when he could get it and would be glad for "Ol' Santy to bring him a leetle bite of candy."

CITY ADJUSTS PAVING ON WEST GRAHAM ST.

Assessments Modified. Mayor W. N. Dorsey is Presented With Chain and Fob

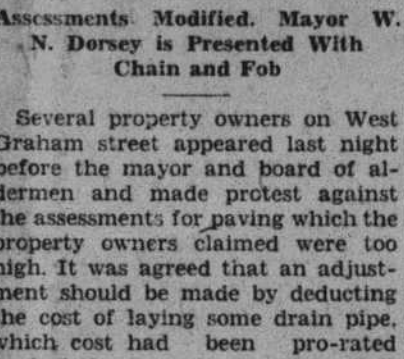
Several property owners on West Graham street appeared last night before the mayor and board of aldermen and made protest against the assessments for paving which the property owners claimed were too high. It was agreed that an adjustment should be made by deducting the cost of laying some drain pipe, which cost had been pro-rated against the property owners in their street assessments.
A twenty-four inch drain pipe will be placed under the Southern railway tracks to supplement an 18-inch drain already down. The 18-inch drain is insufficient to care for the water. This is near the Southern Cotton Oil company property.
Mayor Dorsey was the recipient yesterday of a handsome Masonic emblem of gold, presented him by the members of the fire department. He was also wearing a pretty gold link watch chain the gift of members of the police department.

COUNTY CROP NOW NEARING RECORD MARK LAST YEAR

Over 46,000 Bales Had Been Ginned Up to December 13. Leads Last Year Report

Up to December 13, this year, Cleveland county had ginned 46,018 bales of cotton, it was announced at noon today by Miles H. Ware, special ginning agent.
This is compared with 40,715 bales to the same date last year, or more than 5,000 bales ahead of the ginning to the same date in 1926.
According to the report only 1,263 bales were ginned from the last report on December 1 up to December 13. This was near the estimate made by the cotton men. Capt. J. F. Jenkins yesterday estimated that the report would show 46,237 bales, missing in his estimate by around 200.

Just Like Their Wedding Day



When Mr. and Mrs. John Piezzi (below) celebrated their wedding anniversary at Santa Rosa, Calif., their bride and groom helped them observe the occasion. They are (above) Mrs. Piezzi, Mrs. Scherer of Berkeley, Calif., and John Cerini of Los Angeles, Calif. The men came together to California from Switzerland 59 years ago and both are now wealthy ranchers and landowners.

CURTAINMENT IN MILLS LOOMS NOW AS A CERTAINTY

Textile leaders here today—commenting somewhat briefly on dispatches from Charlotte a general curtailment of operations in this section. However, nothing is definite as yet and the view seems to be that whatever curtailment does come here will not be of a severe nature—perhaps one day each week until the over-production in the cloth market is adjusted.
For some time there has been over-production of 15 to 20 per cent in the textile industry and individual plants have been facing and working with the problem. Textile association heads, according to news dispatches, see little else than a curtailment to relieve the market of over-production. Although very little has been said in the Shelby sector and nothing definite has been announced as yet, general report indicates that local mills to meet a situation they did not bring on and cannot remedy otherwise will likely go on a slight curtailment program, perhaps about the first of the year. The view that the curtailment would perhaps be about one day per week is so far as being definite merely supposition based upon comment heard.

Girl's Father Believes Hickman Was Car Driver

Marian Parker's Father Identifies Hickman As Kidnapper. University Youth Being Held

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—(INS.)—A new theory advanced today was that at least three men murdered Marian Parker. This belief was born when a man and his wife, who live in the house where Hickman, identified as the girl's kidnapper, occupied an apartment, told police they saw Hickman and two other men leaving the building together last Saturday night. The three men were carrying a suitcase and several mysterious bundles, the man said, adding that the time was approximately 7 o'clock, an hour and one half after the kidnapper-killer sold back to Perry M. Parker his child's mutilated body. Police believe the suitcase contained dismembered parts of the child's body.
(By International News Service)
Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Despite strenuous denials that he had any knowledge of kidnaping and killing of Marion Parker, Sydney Farkus, 22-year-old California university student, was arrested today and ordered held for further questioning.
Farkus, who is said to bear a striking physical resemblance to William Edward Hickman sought as the slayer, was taken into custody while walking alone on a deserted street in Beverly Hills. The boy said he left home last night following a quarrel with his father.
"Dead or Alive"
Meanwhile the order "Bring in the Fox dead or alive" spurred on the gigantic search for the kidnapper-murderer of the 12-year-old Los Angeles girl.
While the chase pressed on, men learned in science and criminology were aiding detectives in determining how the girl was put to death before her little body was carved to pieces and given back to her father.
Identifies Hickman
Perry M. Parker, Los Angeles banker, positively identified Hickman as the kidnapper and murderer of his

LATTIMORE WILL HAVE OPERETTA

An operetta, "Hearts and Blossoms," will be given at the Lattimore school auditorium on Friday night, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The operetta in two acts is expected to attract a large crowd in that section.
The leading characters in the operetta will be characterized by the following students: Libby McCurry, Bleska Blanton, Wilma Heasler, Eugene White, Glenn Powell, Milan Callahan, Mary Elizabeth Willis, Marvin Blanton, Jr., Annie Mae Gold, Frances Hamrick, Paris Weathers. In addition to these there will be a chorus made up of 26 students.

Santa Will Visit At Sunday School

The children of the primary department of the Central Methodist church will have their Christmas entertainment on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the primary department, it is announced.
The announcement also says that Santa Claus will be there and has a treat for all and all the children of the department are asked to be present.

New Ford Tomorrow

Charles L. Eskridge got a kick out of it that tomorrow he will have one of the new Fords for more or less permanent display. The plan is, he will go to Charlotte tomorrow morning and drive the wonder to Shelby, reaching here in the afternoon, when the car will at once be placed in the show room. It will be a two door sedan.

REMUS FAILS TO GET FULLY FREE

King of Bootleggers Acquitted of Murdering Wife, But Held For Insanity
Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—(INS.)—George Remus, former king of bootleggers, who was acquitted yesterday of the murder of his wife, Imogene, on the sole grounds of insanity, made a vain effort to obtain freedom here today on a bond pending insanity hearing in probate court.
Remus and his counsel went before Judge Lueders and asked for immediate disposition of insanity certificate from the trial court. The judge continued the hearing until December 23.

Last Effort To Save Men

Boston, Dec. 21.—Divers went below off the Provincetown coast today as the gale subsided permitting the resumption of the rescue work above the sunken submarine S-4, according to radiograms received at the Charleston navy yard.
All May Be Dead
Brief messages stated that divers could hear no sounds of life in the stricken submarine. However efforts were being made to attach a hose to the forward compartment in an effort to get oxygen to the last six men who were entombed alive. This was the last effort of Rear Admiral Frank H. Brumby to save the trapped men.

To Have Holidays

The majority of the employees in the local textile plants will enjoy several days holidays, mill executives announced today. Three Dover mills—Eastside, Ora, and Dover—plan to shut down Friday and noon for Christmas holidays and open again on Tuesday. The Lilly mill will likely close Friday evening and open again on Wednesday. The Shelby Cotton mill will be closed from Friday noon to Wednesday morning, and the Ella mill from Friday noon until Tuesday morning. The Belmont mill and other plants in the section have not fully decided as yet as to the time to be given for the holidays.

Curtailment Likely

Charlotte, Dec. 20.—Most of the cotton cloth mills in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia will go on a 4-1-4-day-a-week work schedule beginning this week, it became known here today. Walker D. Hines, director of the Cotton Textile Institute, notified American Cotton Manufacturing association headquarters that mill operating almost 3,000,000 spindles had notified him they were taking this action.
The mills, the statement of Mr. Hines indicates, face an "emergency" and are taking action as individuals to prevent the cloth market becoming what is known to the trade as a "buyers' market." This is the time of year when cotton mills, especially in North Carolina, usually take an inventory in preparation for tax schedules required to be made up as of January 1. A great majority of the mills also close down for several days during the Christmas holidays.

Many Mills To Be Idle

A newspaper poll of various textile centers of the Carolinas and Georgia and in some other southern states showed that many thousands of spindles and looms will be idle all of next week. Virtually every mill in the Greenville, S. C. territory will give employees a two-day holiday next week and some will remain closed all week, a poll showed. Spartanburg mills will give a Christmas holiday period ranging from two days to a week and a similar situation exists at Anderson, S. C., where the three mills controlled by B. B. Gossett and associates, of Charlotte will be idle for a week.
Reports received from Atlanta and Columbia, Ga., said that "almost all" Georgia mills manufacturing print cloths would go on the curtailment program Friday.
In the past the mills have closed for several weeks at a time when the cloth market became "soft" but leading mill men here are quoted as saying they are determined their employees won't be idle despite market conditions and are trying by means of the 4-1-2 day work week to prevent a shut down. Mills operating day and night shifts, it was said by mill men today, are expected to treat each shift as a separate operation and operate each shift on a 4-1-2 day basis.

Misses Bernice Borders, Sybil Hamrick, Elizabeth Hamrick, Burnette Hunt, Helen Falls and Winnie Falls arrived Tuesday from Meredith college to spend the holidays at home.