

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, landed at 3:44 yesterday afternoon in her airplane at Valbuena field, Mexico City, and will spend the Christmas holidays with her son Col. Charles A. Lindbergh. Mrs. Lindbergh, mother of the first man to span the Atlantic in the air, was the first woman to fly from the United States to the capital of Mexico.

Clem Wrenn, former president of the Bank of Wilkes, which is defunct, was yesterday sentenced to not less than nine years in the state prison, after pleading guilty to false entry, false certification of checks and embezzlement.

T. C. McCusiston, hardware dealer at Kernersville, near Winston-Salem this week regained the power of speech after having been unable to speak for seven years. The man lost his speech when he had a severe cold and no explanation is given of the return of his vocal powers.

GIRL HEARS OWN FUNERAL SERMON

Miss Fannie Broyles Has Narrow Escape from Being Buried Alive. Awful Experience

Luray, Va.—Miss Fannie Broyles, of Madison county, is one of the few persons who can lay claim to the distinction of having listened to her funeral sermon, who has slept all night in a coffin and listened to the last hymn sung and is still living.

Miss Broyles' unusual experience was the result of being struck on the head by a limb blown from a walnut tree in the yard of her father, B. F. Broyles. The blow was sufficient, it is believed at the time, to cause death. Preparations were made for her funeral, the minister had officiated, the last hymn had been sung and the members of her family were taking "the last look" into the face of the dead girl.

A brother, James Broyles, was standing by. He was watching intently the face of the supposed dead sister when he detected he said, "a twitch of her left eye." He at once made known the discovery to his mother drew back the casket lid, had the interment halted, administered restoratives and in a short time Miss Broyles was lifted from the casket and was able to talk.

The girl said she knew all that was going on around her, but was unable to make a sound or motion. She believes that the horror of being buried alive aroused her nerves to such a pitch that it caused her to move one of her eye lids, the movement being observed by her brother. While in the coffin she had listened to the conversation of her friends who had come to view her body and express their sorrow.

Student Night At Baptist Services

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church, announces that the student night service at the Baptist church will be "Student night" and it is hoped to have all college students home for the holidays at the service. As planned the program will be conducted by the students, one from each college or school being asked for a short talk. Those on the program for brief talks are: Lula Moore Suttle, Queens; Kathleen Young, Mills Hill; Nelson Callahan, U. C.; Raymon Carroll, N. C. State; Troy McKinney, Duke university; Charlotte Tedder, Meredith; Montrose Mull, Peace; Caroline Blain, Smith; Kathleen Ford, Breunau; Minnie Eddins Roberts, Converse; Pressly Wilson, Penn State college; Mr. Elliott, Southern Baptist seminary, and others from schools and colleges.

Carolina Banquet On Here This Eve

Max Gardner will be toastmaster at the State university alumni student banquet to be held tonight at the Cleveland Springs hotel, according to an announcement made by the arrangements committee yesterday.

Has Cane Cut On Battlefield Of '62

E. R. Ellis, confederate veteran, is struggling with a walking cane of which he is very proud. It was presented to him a few days ago and prizes it very highly because it was cut from the battlefield of Seven Pines in 1862 and is in a fine state of preservation. Burnt in the wood where the bark has been taken off are these words, "Cut in the center of the battlefield of Seven Pines where 15,000 soldiers were killed May 1, 1862. Lee and McClellan. Gen. Roads made his charge, J. E. Lyné." Mr. Lyné is supposed to be the man who cut the cane.

Captured Kidnaper Slips Up And Talks About Mutilating Body Of Little Girl

Hickman Captured In Oregon Admits Kidnapping Marian Parker But At First Passes Buck of Killing Her. In Later Grilling He Betrayed Knowledge of Mutilation of Body. Plan for Speedy Trial.

(By International News Service.)

Pendleton, Oregon, Dec. 23.—Betraying in a casual conversation with a guard the brutal mutilation of little Marian Parker, whose kidnapping he had already confessed, William Edward Hickman today faced fresh grilling at the hands of the authorities.

Early today in a cell of the county jail Hickman made admissions to L. R. Connor, jailor, which caused authorities to believe that he knew more of the killing than he had admitted.

Hickman slept peacefully during the after hours of the night. Hundreds of grim-faced citizens gathered around the jail this morning hoping to get a glimpse of Hickman. The jail yard was roped off and the crowds made to stay behind the ropes. None but jailors and officials were allowed to view the prisoner.

Blames Cramer Yet

To Connor, Hickman went into all details of his adventures continuing to blame Cramer for killing and mutilating the girl and naming a Miss Dunning as an accomplice. He also told of giving the kidnapped girl into the keeping of Cramer and of finally receiving part of her butchered body for delivery to her father. While continuing to deny any part in the killing and mutilation, the prisoner betrayed startling knowledge of certain details of her death, according to Connor.

Go After Him

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—(INS.)—California officers with extradition papers for the return to Los Angeles of William Edward Hickman, kidnaper-slayer of Marian Parker, expected to arrive in Pendleton, Ore., this afternoon.

Go By Airplane

Inspector D. W. Longuevan plans to hop off from Clover field in an army plane at Sacramento. He will be joined by Police Chief Davis and Ex-Chief George K. Home, of Los Angeles department, who left last night by train. Hickman will be rushed back to Los Angeles, probably on Tuesday.

He was indicted on two counts by a special grand jury yesterday. Arrangements for a speedy trial are being made.

Man-Hunt End

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 22.—William Edward Hickman, sought as the kidnapper and killer of Marian Parker, was captured at Echo, Oregon, this afternoon to end one of the most sensational man-hunts in criminal history.

Hickman trailed from Seattle where he had spent one of the \$20 bills he took from the girl's father in Los Angeles, was found by two Pendleton officers on the old Oregon trail in a large car which had been stolen at Los Angeles.

Accused of Murder, He is Hysterical. Hickman laughed hysterically when he was told at the Pendleton city jail that he was the murderer of Marian Parker. He at first refused to admit his own name, but later broke down and confessed his identity. He said the girl was killed last Friday, but in his first statement declined to take responsibility for the slaying. He said it was the work of a "fiend." The girl, he said, was strangled with a wire. Later he confessed that he wanted the money obtained in the kidnapping to go college.

Chief of Police Tom Gurdane of Pendleton, and State Officer Buck Liguallen, saw a big car approaching as they stopped at a curve in the highway to light their pipes. The license plates of the car were switched and that the car corresponded to the description of the one used by the fugitive.

Jail Roped Off to Hold Back Crowd

They halted the driver. The car did not stop and the officers gave chase, drawing up alongside, covering the occupant and ordering him to stop. Hickman was immediately brought to Pendleton, where a search revealed bills of the denomination he received from Perry Parker, father of the girl, last Saturday night, just before the dismembered body of the child was placed on the curb.

Subjected to a grilling at police headquarters, Hickman broke down and sobbed out the name of Andrew Cramer, of Los Angeles, as an accomplice in the crime. Hickman said he himself had no part in the killing and did not know the girl had been slain until her body was delivered to him in his Bellevue apartment last Saturday night. Injection of Cramer's name added new mystery to the case, and police in Los Angeles are working for his capture.

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Hickman Accomplice Has Police Record

Los Angeles, Dec.—The sheriff's office revealed last night that its records listed an Oliver Andrew Cramer as a criminal arrested here several times on various charges of grand larceny and possessing narcotics, robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. His criminal record dated as far as 1920 and he was last arrested April 27, 1927, for burglary.

County Character Passes Suddenly

Johnny Ledford, Odd Character and Tireless Walker, Found Dead After Attack

A message was received here yesterday from the Fallston-Beam's section asking Coroner T. C. Eskridge if he thought an inquest necessary over the body of John Ledford, unique character of the county, who was found dead yesterday.

Details of the death could not be definitely checked up on today, but information was that Ledford was found dead after having an attack of some kind and falling out of the bed.

Known for years as one of the most unique characters in the county, the little wizened man with his long walking stick was a familiar sight around Shelby and in the upper portion of the county. Somewhat tongue-tied and inclined to a dry humor, his shrewd intelligence would permit John attracted attention wherever he traveled. His age was estimated as between 70 and 75 years. For many years he worked as a tenant farmer and was a familiar sight here with his one-horse wagon. Later he lost the horse and wagon through a stroke of adversity and lived by doing odd farm jobs here and there and upon the charity of the friends he called upon in his old age. His most remarkable trait was his ability to walk hour after hour without tiring. Nearly every day he walked six or seven miles to Shelby and back and did odd jobs as he came upon them. Autoists traveling over the county have seen him in one section in the morning and in another section a dozen miles or more away in the afternoon.

Johnny was a regular caller in Shelby, visiting almost daily—at least two or three times each week—those most charitably inclined to him. His three major friends in Shelby were Clyde R. Hoey, Sheriff Hugh Logan and Frank A. Oey, 'urf' he called them 'awyer 'Oey, 'urf 'Ogan, and 'ank 'Oyle. Having a strong insight into human nature John managed to get a little token of friendship every call from these gentlemen by referring to them as smart, big and good-looking. The list of those he called on in Shelby included many more, but this trio composed his favorites and it wasn't a happy trip to Shelby unless he saw 'awyer 'Oey.

An inquest was not though necessary as he had suffered previous attacks and for years had been troubled with ailments. He lived alone for the most part although he had been divorced twice and had married a third time, it is said. A good worker so long as his health permitted and an interesting character even in his later years, the little fellow will be missed from his accustomed haunts about the town he walked to regularly.

Elva Ann Thompson Wins Prize Auto

Announcement was made this morning by the Shelby Dry Cleaning Company that little Miss Elva Ann Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson, was the winner of the Rolls-Royce Jr. automobile, given away as a prize to the patron of the establishment securing most votes.

The popular little recipient of the prize got 10,050 votes. The next highest contestant was Mr. Johnnie Jones, of the Cleveland Cloth Mill, who secured 4,550 votes.

Woman in Fatal Wreck Is Reported Improving

Rutherfordton—Miss Gertrude Philbeck of Ellenboro, who was injured in an automobile wreck the night of December 13 near Ellenboro, when Prof. Paul Hampton, Ellenboro school teacher, was killed, is improving.

She went to Charlotte Tuesday to consult an eye specialist relative to the injury of her eyes.

HOPE GONE, TRY TO SALVAGE SUB

No Chance For Sailors In Sunken Vessel to Be Alive. May Take Until Spring to Raise

(By International News Service) Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 23.—With all life admittedly gone within the hull of the sunken sub from its grave off Provincetown today passed from a rescue drama into a routine salvage job.

Lieut. Commander Ellsberg, directing operations, declared unless unusually fair weather persisted it is not likely that the submarine will be raised to the surface until next spring. A wintry storm is due off Cape Cod in the next few days. Pumping of oxygen into the compartment of the sunken sub continued today although is held that any of the sailors are alive.

Says Better Staple Don't Always Pay

R. B. Patrick, one of the county's best farmers, although there are men who produce more bales, cannot quite believe that it pays to raise a longer staple. From a number of years he has been planting Sikes early big boll pedigreed cotton seed that measures from an inch to an inch and a sixteenth and Mr. Patrick says he has never yet been able to get a premium. Men interested in agriculture have been advocating a seed that will produce a long staple in the hope of building a reputation for Cleveland county, similar to that which North Georgia enjoyed for many years. The star is not able to answer Mr. Patrick on this point, but if he has cotton that measures from an inch to an inch and a sixteenth, he should be able to draw a premium in the price. The men who are trying to promote the growing of a higher grade of cotton should help Mr. Patrick and others who have had the same experience, if there be any, settle this matter. Mr. Patrick was the man who sold one of the first bales this fall.

Cecelias Sing For Kiwanis Members

Ten members of the Cecilia Music club entertained the members of the Kiwanis last night at Cleveland Springs Hotel with four beautiful selections. The Cecilia contains some of the best voices in Shelby, all close students of music and the evening was a most delightful one. John S. McKnight of the Kiwanis Music committee was in charge of the program and the ladies were introduced to the club in a very beautiful manner by D. Z. Newton. There will be no meeting of the club next week.

Four Weddings On During Holidays

Four couples have secured marriage license at the court house here for holiday weddings since the last couples published Wednesday. The four couples securing license since Tuesday were: J. L. Pritchard and Annie Hawkins, of Rutherford county; John M. McGinnis and Lorine Cornwell, both of Cleveland county; Alfred Walter Green and Corinne Grigg, Cleveland county; Clyde D. Lindsay and Jettie Barber, Cleveland county.

Sister Mrs. Harmon Died Last Tuesday

Gaffney—Mrs. Fannie Hammett Stroup, 72 widow of Saul Stroup, died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock at her home on the McKown's Mountain road after an illness of about a month.

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"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"



Charity Fund To Send Joy Into Many Homes

List Of Gifts Run Gauntlet From Cash To Dolls, Potatoes, Fruit, Clothing, And Odd Articles

Tonight, tomorrow and tomorrow night, a big-hearted Santa Claus with a full pack and a full sleigh, made so by The Star's Christmas Charity fund to which the community generously contributed, will start wending his way about Shelby.

This particular Santa will not be seen drifting down the chimneys of imposing homes—in fact, Santa is not seen at all—but instead the jolly old St. Nick will wipe many a tear away as he calls where poverty and misfortune have called before him.

Little shoes here, some clothing there, food elsewhere, and fuel at still another home. In several places he will leave medicine that is badly needed to build unimpaired weakened bodies back to the full glow of health—all made possible because many people in Shelby and the section decided that one who enjoyed his Christmas all alone was a short-horn, and they dug deep to send near \$500 in cash and scores of useful gifts into the fund that would spread cheer in scores of poverty-stricken homes.

With the Christmas glow pervading the body and even penetrating into the innermost recesses of the soul, nothing more tragic or heart-touching could be imagined than to see a little, poorly-clad boy or girl turn a head to the wall and cry silently as they try to prevent the covenly-worked, broken-hearted mother from knowing that they are lured when the sad knowledge comes that Santa does not visit such homes as theirs. Poor little tykes!—But Shelby has given gladly that there may not be such hereabouts. One or two may be overlooked, but the welfare committee has made a sweeping search over the entire city and there will be few homes, if any, where Santa does not call Saturday evening. In some places he will leave only shoes, clothing, food and fuel—there wasn't money enough for candies, nuts and playthings—but in these homes the needed gifts will be appreciated far more than all the trinkets in the happy up-town section.

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They All Help. And here by the way, is a feature of the Christmas charity that might prove interesting Wednesday while perusing the Santa Claus letters to be published in The Star of that date it was noticed that one little fellow asked only clothes for himself and his little sister. His father was dead and his mother was sick. So touching was the plea that it was given front-page position. Who said it was a heartless world? Listen—Wednesday evening two men sat in lounge chairs of the Central hotel, their feet propped up on a comfortable radiator. No worry, no hardships there. One began glancing over his paper.

"This is pitiful, isn't it?" he said to his friends as he pointed out the plea of the little boy for shoes and overalls. "Sure is," answered the other. "While most children get canies and nuts, this little youngster wants only shoes to keep his feet warm." "Tell you what I'll do," said one. "If you will buy the overalls, I'll buy the shoes."

"That's a go," agreed the other. Thursday morning the two men walked into The Star office. "Here are the shoes and overalls that boy asked for in his Santa letter. See that they get to him. Some one else can give him candies and playthings."

The two men, incidentally were Federal prohibition officers—Evon L. Houser, of Cherryville, and M. E. White.

Some of Those Gifts. Among the varied list of gifts were seven dollies—five talking dolls, one kewpie and a little black girl. There were several bushels of potatoes. Canned fruit, jelly, clothing, shoes, stockings, etc. Mr. and Mrs. John Craft, of Waco section, gave 14 cans of fruit, and Mrs. J. J. McEntire, of the same section, contributed a bushel of potatoes.

So it was. Many of those who gave had to cut a bit off their own Christmas to give. Those are the gifts that will count tomorrow night.

CHRISTMAS RUSH NOW EVIDENT IN ALL PARTS CITY

Merchants Will Be Closed Monday After Biggest Rush Week on Record. Get Ready

Shelby and Cleveland county today was amid the rush of final preparations for Christmas. Local streets and business houses have been thronged with holiday shoppers all week, but the jam increased today while tomorrow preparation are being made to accommodate a record crowd of bargain and gift hunters.

To Close Monday

A chance to rest a bit is assured store clerks and employes as practically all local business houses, following an agreement, will be closed Monday since Christmas this year falls on Sunday.

Here and there about the town Christmas is in the air. Individuals are making a last dash for the gift counters, Santa Claus representing several firms parades amid the happy Yuletide throng, and children keyed up in their eagerness for the big evening can hardly restrain themselves until the real Santa comes. The stores of the city have been remaining open in the evenings this week and will do so tonight and tomorrow to accommodate the last-minute shoppers who failed to heed the "Shop Early" plea or forgot some one in the gift buying.

The community Christmas free erected on the court square by the Woman's club with the cooperation of the city and county authorities will likely be the scene of musical selections by the high school orchestra, or picked singers, on Christmas eve it is announced.

The charity program for Christmas here consists of The Star's city-wide charity fund, collections by various churches, Sunday school classes and club organizations. The majority of this Christmas cheer will be spread tomorrow evening when Santa makes his annual call.

In the various churches of the city and over the county timely Christmas services will be held with all the religious worship of the day centering about the Babe of Bethlehem, whose birthday it is.

All Santa Letters Could Not Appear. As this is the last issue of The Star before Christmas, the paper found it impossible to publish all the letters from Cleveland county children to Santa Claus. Hundreds of these little letters have been published and it is to be hoped that St. Nick read his copy of The Star carefully and will answer the letters of all good little boys and girls.

Since Santa keeps close tab on all the youngsters, The Star gives below the names of youngsters who wrote letters that came in too late to be published. Santa knows about what every child should have anyway and seeing that these have started letter to him will no doubt carry out their wishes. The following youngsters wrote letters coming in yesterday and today: Mary Gladden, Edgar and Ray Hamrick, Nell Ellis, Herbert Ellis, Elsie Anthony, Clyde Saunders, Novella Bivins, Ruth Ethel Ledford, Edwin Smith, Elbert Smith, Johnny C. Smith, Edith Debrew, Hugh Smith, Clarence Gladden and James Smith. Several letters were not signed.

Following the appearance in Wednesday's Star of an International News Service wire item telling of a destructive fire at Hagerstown, Md., in which the big flour mill of D. A. Stickell & Sons was destroyed, telephone communication from business connections here to the mill revealed, it is said, that the mill was not destroyed. Advice was that an elevator was burned during the big fire, but that neighboring storage elevators would be called into use and the business of the big firm would be kept going.

Shelby Stars Will Leave For Lexington. Joe Singleton and Laymon Beam, Shelby High football stars, plan to leave Monday for Lexington where they will engage in a week's practice as members of the All-State high school football eleven. This All-State eleven, made up of North Carolina's leading stars, will play Oak Ridge, prep school champs, in Lexington on Monday, January 2. The star eleven will be coached by Murray Greason, of Lexington, and the boys will be the guests for the week of Lexington people.

Quite a number of football fans here are planning to attend the game.

No Star Monday

There will be no issue of The Star on Monday. Following an annual custom of giving a short holiday to the faithful employes who get out The Star three times each week the year through, The Star will skip one publication. After the issue today there will not be another paper until Wednesday afternoon. When The Star will come out at the usual. With four issues this week The Star has given extra new service and feels entitled to this one day vacation.

To every reader—and there are near 20,000—The Star would wish a joyous Christmas.

as a ray of hope and a renewed belief in the world pervades home after home as the welfare committee directs old Santa on his rounds.

It is hoped that there will be some thing remaining in the fund to tide several families over the hard winter months, to provide nourishment and care for tubercular patients needing help, and to do a hundred and one things until spring comes again.

To those who made the fund possible The Star would say again for those who received—God Bless you, and by giving others a Christmas may yours be the merrier.

Table titled 'Santa's Stocking' listing donors and amounts: Cash—Previously acknowledged \$469.15, Miss Maude Hightower 1.00, H. A. Thrift 1.00, Pegram Holland 1.00, Railroad man 1.00, Claude Weathers 3.00, Miss Ella McNichols 5.00, Mrs. George Elam 1.00, P. O. S. of A. 8.25, A girl 2.00, Contributor .50, Carolina Fruit & Produce Co. \$10.00, Total \$502.90

Cloth Mills Add To Charity Fund

One of the largest contributions to The Star's Christmas charity fund came in late today when officials of the Cleveland Cloth Mills, local industrial plant, donated 150 yards of rayon cloth for dresses and underwear for the unfortunates of the city.