

Two-thirty o'clock: Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh has just arrived at Guatemala City, according to an announcement received over the radio...

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was billed to hop off early today from Mexico City in his plane, the Spirit of St. Louis...

William Edward Hickman will plead guilty of kidnaping and murder tomorrow when he is arraigned in Los Angeles court...

Oscar M. Burgess, state highway superintendent for western New York, died a load of shot into his heart...

NEW STORE HERE FIRST OF YEAR

A new store will open its doors in Shelby the first of the year, according to an announcement made today by L. Neberger and Hoey...

Postal Service Men Are Banqueted

Postmaster Quinn Gives Dinner to Clerks and Carriers in and Out of Shelby Office

A delightful dinner was served last night at Hotel Victor dining room when Postmaster J. R. Quinn entertained the "postoffice" family...

After the delicious course of three short informal talks were made by Lee B. Weathers, editor of The Star...

Mr. Cox always a jovial talker and amiable citizen urged the postal men to "know your line" relating a number of side-splitting jokes...

Mr. Edwards Asks Question on Cotton

D. D. Edwards, a farmer whose letter to The Star, postmarked Ellenboro, evidently thinks Cleveland county is getting credit for making cotton...

CITY FORTUNATE WITH ACCIDENTS

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156 People Visited By Charity Fund's Santa

More Than 100 Poor Children Have Stockings Filled Due To Shelby's Generosity

More than 100 Shelby children had it proven to them over the week end that there is a Santa Claus. Of course hundreds more in Shelby had a visit from the old fellow...

County Welfare Officer J. B. Smith announced yesterday that out of The Star's Christmas Charity fund 103 children in unfortunate families useful gifts...

These gifts ranged from a Christmas bag containing needed articles to \$10 in fuel, clothes or shoes. This list does not include several scores who received Christmas baskets with eats and candies from the fund and from individual givers...

Santa Goes Calling Saturday afternoon and evening the Santa of the charity fund went calling. In this home he left shoes and clothing for the youngsters...

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So it was. The Christmas cheer of a helping hand in distress spread over the entire town. So far as is known no deserving and needy families were overlooked. Twenty-six white families and eight colored families were cared for in all...

Sunday morning saw little girls, some of whom had never had a real dollie before, prancing about showing their newfound treasure to every friend; several families who had not enjoyed a full meal in months sat down to a warm breakfast in homes in which a cheerful fire was blazing again...

It was a great Christmas for those who received—in fact, Welfare Officer Smith believes the unfortunate who come under his work never enjoyed a better one in recent years. Quite a bit of the fund remains—not so much, frankly—to spread the aid over the winter months ahead.

Waco Man Pinned Under Tree Limb

Big Tree Splits and Knocks Two Unconscious, One Being Pinned for Time

Clyde Carpenter, young man of the Waco section, had a rather narrow escape from death last Sunday when he was pinned in a small stream of water by a falling limb...

Carpenter and his brother, John, were out in the woods Christmas day watching for some squirrels to jump from a large poplar tree that had been set on fire Saturday. The tree, which was an extra large one, measuring 17 feet around the base, split in two sections about half way up...

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Slain Jail Not Crowded From Yuletide Joy

She 17 Hugh Logan stated today that he had only 20 to 25 prisoners in the county jail this Christmas than in quite a number of years.

Several drunks and others were jailed over the holiday week-end, but the number never approached record jail periods.

CAROLINA ALUMNI IN BANQUET HERE

One Hundred University Boys, Some Young, Some Old, Had Get-Together Meeting

Gathered around a spacious banquet table one hundred alumni and friends of the University of North Carolina enjoyed a big evening at the Cleveland Springs hotel last Friday evening, December 23.

At the appointed hour the large number present entered the dining room with its beautiful decorations and took their places at the table. Hon. O. Max Gardner acted as toastmaster for the occasion.

After a delicious repast Mr. Gardner introduced the main speaker of the evening, R. B. House, executive secretary of the University. Mr. House recounted for the guests present, many new side lights of the university...

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HEAVY COURT IN WAKE OF HOLIDAY SPIRITS IN CITY

Good Cheer Sends 25 Cases Before Recorder Tuesday. More Billed Today

The holiday spirit along with holiday spirits gave Recorder John P. Mull quite a bit of work when the county court opened again Tuesday following a vacation of two days.

Twenty-five cases were on the docket Tuesday morning and the court held sway in a solid grind until 2:30 in the afternoon and will attempt to clean up the remainder of the cases today. Christmas booze along with some fireworks developing from the shooting of firecrackers Christmas eve night contributed the major portion of the docket.

Firecracker Battle The fireworks program of Christmas eve night followed in the wake of Mayor Dorsey's announcement that the ordinance against shooting firecrackers on the street would be enforced...

Several of the boys in the party were told to appear in court Tuesday, but all did not show up. Two were tried for shooting firecrackers, one being taxed with the costs and the other was fined \$10 and the costs, because the court thought that he deliberately threw a firecracker at an officer.

Owing to the stir over the Saturday night affair extra precautions will be made to enforce the firecracker ban on the coming Saturday night, New Year's eve, it is understood. About the town this week there has been considerable discussion and difference of opinion about the firecracker enforcement and the still Saturday night.

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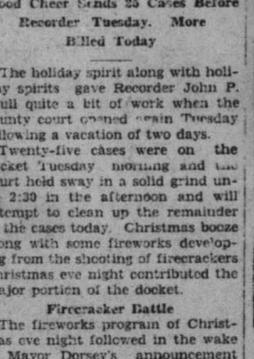
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Figure in S-4 Disaster

Two figures in the S-4 disaster off Cape Cod are pictured here. At the top Edward Ellsberg, hero of S-51 rescue operations, is being encased in a diver's uniform. Below is Lieutenant Graham Fitch, who signalled from the forward compartment of the maulen sub that he and five others of the twosome crew on board when the craft was sunk, were still alive there.



Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—In an unofficial confession, according to The Evening Express, William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnaper-slayer of 12-year-old Marian Parker, admitted that he began dismembering the little girl's body before she was dead and after she was unconscious from strangulation.

Hickman Confesses That He Killed Little Girl

Unofficial Confession Has It That He Started Mutilating Body Before She Was Dead.

The confession of one of the most brutal crimes in criminal history was given to Asst. Keyes, district attorney. The confession so far as made public was as follows: Something like six months ago, about the time Hickman was fired from the bank and placed under probation for forging checks, he first thought of kidnaping as a means of making money to spend for a college education. He took an automobile from Dr. Herbert L. Manta, in Kansas City, at the point of a gun and eventually drove it to Los Angeles. He rented the apartment November 23 and in the course of a few weeks decided upon the daughter of Parker as his victim.

On December 14 he followed Marian and her twin sister, Marjorie, to school, and by telling school attendants that her father was injured and was calling for Marian, tricked them into surrendering her. He told Marian she had been kidnapped. Then he bound and gagged her.

The girl begged him not to leave her tied and he removed the bonds, but displayed a pistol to keep her quiet. He then went to Pasadena and sent the first telegram to her father, saying Marian was safe and declaring that instructions would follow later as to how she could be restored to her family.

That night he took his little captive to a motion picture theater in Los Angeles and then to his apartment. They sat under a tree for half an hour and she then followed him to his room as he had instructed her to do. Given the choice of sleeping on the bed or a couch, she choose the latter. They awoke at 7 o'clock that morning and Hickman penned the first letter to her father, instructing him to obtain \$1,500, in \$20 bills and await further instructions. Marian also wrote a note which was inclosed.

Hickman tied Marian to a chair and went out and mailed the letter. He returned and prepared breakfast, but the girl did not eat. Hickman then engaged her in conversation and told her she might write another letter to her father. She was in tears, but stopped crying when allowed to write the second note.

The abductor then left the apartment a second time and returned with newspapers telling the story of the kidnaping. Together they read the papers.

Reads Stories of Case That afternoon Hickman took the girl for a ride of 70 miles, but returned about dark, bringing more newspapers filled with stories of the case. The confession then told how he had telephoned Parker and arranged for a rendezvous, but how he had failed to keep it because the police had been allowed to take a hand. Back in the apartment Marian sobbed because she could not return home that night. Again she slept on the couch and awakened the next morning—the day of her death—at 7:30 o'clock.

Again Hickman told her to write a note to her father. This time she was allowed to use her own words except that she was instructed to make it appear she was being treated badly. Hickman then promised to allow her to return home if her father did not pay the money demanded. He wrote another note—chiding the father for allowing the police to interfere and threatened death to Marion.

Once more Marian was bound and a blindfold was added. As he left the apartment she pleaded with him to hurry back. The confession here declares Hickman then got the idea of killing Marian. He had told the girl "too much" about himself—that he formerly was employed at the bank and that her father knew him. He realized if she returned alive, she would tell and he would be a marked man.

How He Killed Her He took a dish towel and twisted it around her neck, holding it tightly for two minutes before she became unconscious. With his pocket knife he dismembered the body. The arms and legs he wrapped in papers. He then combed the girl's hair, powdered her face and threaded wire through the eyelids in an effort to keep the eyes open. After finishing the gruesome work he wrote the final letter to Parker giving him his "last chance" to have his daughter returned alive. That done, he went to a theater.

Fruit Plentiful Except Oranges

Carolina Fruit and Produce Co. Had Plenty of Everything But Bananas for Holidays

Fruit was plentiful for the holidays, except bananas. This fruit of the tropics is always one which old Santa uses in the children's stockings and a Christmas stocking seems to lack something without one. But throughout this territory there were no ripe bunches. Dealers had plenty in ripening rooms, but were unwilling to place them on the market. This was not only true of the Carolina Fruit and Produce Co., but of practically all of the fruit dealers in the Piedmont Carolinas.

The Carolina Fruit and Produce Co., which is the largest receiver of freight in Shelby, unloading approximately 300 cars annually, received about 15 cars of Florida oranges and ten cars of apples during the month of December. Apples and oranges, grapes, tangerines, grape fruit, celery, lettuce, nuts and other forms of produce were in abundance, but ripe bananas were scarce.

Since getting in a new location where several cold storage compartments are available, the Carolina company has fruits of all kinds the whole year round. Fresh green beans are already on the market.

Elizabeth the Second SMASHES INTO A POLE Shortly after noon today, Elizabeth II, the new Ford under demonstration here by the Eskridge garage, came to grief on West Marion street near the residence of Charles Roberts when it left the road at a high rate of speed, dashed into a telegraph pole, broke the pole and upset in a cotton patch. The car body was completely wrecked and it is miraculous that either of the three occupants, Hyman Eskridge, Shorty Long and Yate McBrayer escaped with their lives. Eskridge was at the wheel giving a demonstration of speed when the brakes were applied too quickly and the car left the road, striking a telephone pole which upset the new Elizabeth. The occupants were rushed to the hospital but found to have only flesh wounds and bruises. The new wind shield, although broken into thousands of pieces, remained intact without shattering, which doubt saved the men from serious cuts.

29 COUPLES WED DURING DECEMBER

If Register Andy Newton manages to sell marriage license to two more couples this week he will have attained his ambition of seeing one couple married each day of December. Up until Tuesday afternoon 29 couples had secured marriage license during the month of November.

License were issued last Friday and Saturday to the following couples: Samuel J. Crawford and Ethel May Alexander, both of Cleveland county; Winslow Paul Howell, of Cleveland, and Julia Wood Rouse, of Lenoir; Dewitt Crawford and Alice G. Wilson, both of Cleveland; Amos Wortman and Ols M. Cleveland; Gold Glenn Cleveland, and Velma D. DeLoan county.

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Immediately he drove to a cafe and passed the first of the \$20 for a dinner. He returned home and slept. The next morning the police swarmed into his apartment, having traced a piece of towel which had been put with the body. He calmly watched them search the apartment for possible clues, and inquired if he could help them. Then he casually strolled out and went to a theater. Afterward he went to Hollywood Boulevard and took a big green automobile from his owner at pistol point.

With the green automobile he proceeded to San Francisco. He remained at a hotel there until the morning his name appeared as the man wanted. Then he headed for the north, where the trail of \$20 gold certificates finally led to his capture.

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CHRISTMAS MAIL 16 PER CENT UP AT LOCAL OFFICE

Fifty Thousand First Class Letters Handled in Five Days Preceding Christmas

Fifty thousand first class outgoing letters were handled through the Shelby postoffice in the six days from Monday to Saturday, inclusive. It was the heaviest Christmas mail in the history of the local postoffice. The incoming mail was correspondingly large and extra help had to be put on to handle the situation. The delivery of parcels was facilitated to a great extent by the delivery to patrons within the delivery district of all parcels that were too large to go into boxes. This relieved the congestion at the windows and enabled the window clerks to give quicker service to others.

A normal day is from 2,500 to 3,000 first class outgoing letters counted by a meter on the cancelling machine. The meter on the machine registered 6,000 on Monday, 8,500 on Tuesday, 12,000 on Wednesday, 12,000 on Thursday, 7,000 on Friday and 4,000 on Saturday, showing that the height was reached the middle of the week with a considerable falling off as Christmas day approached. The "shop and mail early" appeal that has been made year after year has had an appreciable effect on the public and greatly facilitated the handling of mail. Instead of all mail being dumped on the two days previous to Christmas, the heavy mailing begins a week in advance and enables the clerks to give much better service.

On Sunday the clerks were on duty looking for a heavy mail that would require them until noon to work, but all was cleared by 10 o'clock and most of the force was dismissed to spend the remainder of the day with their families.

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