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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1928

TWINKLES

This is the final week of the "shop early" campaign, and come another week it will be the "swap early" campaign.

Activities of county officers of recent days indicate that they may take the second "s" out of Christmas spirits hereabouts.

Children of fathers who plunged in Wall Street last week may, or may not have a Santa to plunge down their chimneys next week. All according—.

Certain patriotic Tar Heels who may have overlooked it should see that Kitty Hawk, and the doings there 25 years back, is listed in their array of "firsts."

When it's a fighting job we've always liked to see a fighting man land it, and perhaps President-elect Hoover may pick up a Secretary of War while touring the Latin-American countries.

If you believe in the rights of the pedestrian just try crossing a busy street and you may change your mind while recuperating in a hospital—that is, if you're fortunate enough to land in the hospital instead of a cemetery.

Leave off one or two of the Christmas trinkets you plan to buy this evening or tomorrow and give that much to The Star's Christmas fund for the poor—it will not go for trinkets then but for actual necessities of life.

Since the modern drug store carries a little of everything in stock, no telling what that Seaboard locomotive, which jumped the track at Wake Forest and dashed in the rear end of a drug store, was looking for.

Ye Twinkler, after reading the item about John D. Rockefeller giving four of his new dimes to a newspaperman, reiterates his belief that John Dee knows a needy man when he sees one; ordinarily he tenders only one or two of the new ten-cent pieces.

As it appears to us the next local argument centering about Governor-elect Gardner will have to do with how the home folks will go down to Raleigh to see him inaugurated. Two railroads and one bus line are already bidding against each other for the honor—or the mazuma therein—of carrying Shelby down for its big day.

King George's condition, it seems to us, is not exactly diagnosed the way we read it by his physicians but according to the slant the headline writers happen to give the diagnosis. In one North Carolina daily Monday the headline read "King George Is Improving," while in another the heading was "King's Condition Continues Grave."

TRUMPING UP DIVORCE

SHELBY HUSBANDS whose wives are prize-winners at bridge parties should consult Brother Work in a manner of preparing themselves against a family split-up now that poor bridge playing has been termed sufficient cause for divorce. When you trump her trick hereafter you may be signing your own divorce decree.

SLIGHTED SIMMONS

BY THE WASHINGTON dispatches we note that Senator Lee S. Overman has been named a member on the inaugural committee for President-elect Hoover's inauguration. Could it be that Vice-President Charles Dawes, who named the committee made a mistake? It might have been that he intended to name the other North Carolina senator, seeing as how certain things have transpired.

CHURCHES AND ELECTIONS

(The following editorial from the Plain Talk magazine, edited by George D. Eaton, although somewhat to the extreme in instances offers a very good summary thought as to the effects of the recent election upon the churches).

OUR OPINIONS have caused many persons to label us Democrat and Catholic. Until the November election neither the publishers nor the editor had ever voted the Democratic ticket. All three were reared in Protestant homes and there is not a person of Catholic faith on the staff nor a Catholic dollar invested in the publication.

With this statement we consider it our unbiased right to pay tribute to the Catholic church for the way it conducted itself during the Presidential campaign. It kept its dignity. So far as we have been able to determine, it asked no man to vote against Mr. Hoover.

On the other hand, the Protestant churches, excepting the Episcopalian, Unitarian and the more liberal groups, exposed a prejudiced and often poisonous hand. Bishop Cannon in Virginia conducted himself as disgracefully as John Roach Straton in New York, and the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches entered into a game of mudslinging that rivaled that of the worst ward-healers.

In the end the Catholic church will gain by it. Many Protestants have sworn never to set foot in the church of their faith again. Certain Protestant leaders have caused

people of their own faith to doubt the whole group of Protestant churches—an inevitable rebound. It will be well to remember that the antagonism toward the Catholic church has its source several hundred years back—when that church took a too active part in politics... that is, it will be well for the Protestant church to remember this. The dignity of the Catholic church and its aloofness from statecraft have gained it not only converts but many friends in this country. It grows stronger with the years. The Protestant churches have been growing weaker... and comparatively speaking, very much weaker.

Possibly a case of a mote in the eye.

SHELBY'S THIRD DISASTER

MONDAY EVENING, a few hours after sunset, a phonograph in a local cafe droned out the mournful tale of Shelby's disaster of August 28—the building crash. To us there came a thought as the tragic story was related in the meter of the wreck of the "97"—Shelby's third major disaster of the year had just crashed down upon the town. A few minutes before the school measure, which would have assured a modern, accredited school system, was defeated by 30 votes.

Think of it as you may, that is our opinion. The defeat of the school measure was nothing less than a disaster for the town. Eventually the town as a whole will realize it but the realization will dawn earlier upon children who expect to graduate this year and next at the local high school, and upon their parents.

The defeat of the measure, may we add, was due more to indifference than to actual opposition. The vote cast against the measure shows that direct opposition was not overly strong. The school levy was defeated by people who were not opposed to the slight tax increase but were to indifferent and too selfish with their own affairs to bother with registering, and by these who registered but failed to take the time off from their daily routine to vote. The bitterness of their indifference, sadly enough, will not have to be borne by them alone but by every school student, and prospective student in Shelby, and by the parents of every school child, and property owners. But, the ballot box has written its decree—rather those who did not use the ballot box have written it—so why linger any longer upon the cause? It's the effects now.

The sooner the town realizes just what transpired Monday, the better. Frankly, our advice to the city school board is not to continue running the schools nine months with a deficit. When the money gives out this year, be it at the end of six months or seven and one-half months, let each teacher assemble his or her children and inform them that there will be no school tomorrow because there is no money with which to operate. Such a procedure will work a hardship upon the boys and girls who anticipate high school diplomas next Spring. To some of them it meant the only education they would ever receive; others will be able to attend other high schools—rather high schools—and preparatory schools. Be that as it may, as we understand it, teachers now employed have contracts for the year, and school or no school they can demand their salaries for the entire year. This may mean the curtailment of the school earlier than ever because other operating expenses must be cut down to meet the contracts. One method of alleviating that situation, we believe, would be for the school board to immediately notify the teachers now home for the holidays just what has happened, so that they may have the opportunity of securing new positions to begin the new year on January 1. Thereby it could be that some of the contracts might be shifted. What next year will bring no one can foretell. Already this year, and last, the local school board found it difficult to hold the good teachers because other towns and cities pay better salaries. What will result now that they cannot be paid as much as heretofore time only will tell.

But, as we say, write down in your diary, mental or otherwise, three tragic dates for a growing town: the hotel fire of February, the building crash of August, and the backward step of December.

One other word—Remember how scores and scores of men got out and worked night and day during the recent election? Worked, lectured, organized, and travelled—for what? For the sake of the party and to assure jobs for certain people. Suppose, for a minute, that one-tenth of the work put forth here in the political election had been expended for something that was really vital to the welfare of the community—for at least decent schools? The school measure would have passed. Some day those who follow and shout in the political parades will awaken.

Big Building Report In North Carolina

Many Millions Of Dollars Worth Of Buildings Erected During Past 11 Months.

North Carolina had \$93,349,900 in contracts for new buildings and engineering work during the first 11 months of this year, according to a report of F. W. Dodge corporation of New York, received here. The figures show an increase of sixteen per cent over the total for the entire year 1927.

During the past month \$4,095,000 worth of new construction work was started in North Carolina, when comparisons were made with the same month of last year and with the preceding months of this year there were decreases of 15 per cent, and 28 per cent, respectively.

Included in last month's contract total were the following classes of interest: \$1,719,700, or 42 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$1,101,300, or 27 per cent for commercial buildings; \$270,300, or seven per cent, for hospitals and institutions; \$248,900, or six per cent, for public works and utilities; and \$248,500, or six per cent for industrial projects.

Try Star Job Printing

TRY STAR WANT ADS.

After Mr. Hoover gets back from South America we want to make a good-will tour to Chicago—if we can borrow that battle-ship—Arkansas Gazette.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of the power vested in me as trustee in a certain deed of trust, executed the 20th day of December, 1926, by W. R. Martin and wife, Hattie Martin, to secure an indebtedness to the Farmers and Merchants bank, of \$290.00, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness there-by secured and demand having been made upon me to execute the trust.

Reference being had to the record, book 144, page 20, of the register's office for Cleveland county, N. C., for the said deed of trust.

I will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, on

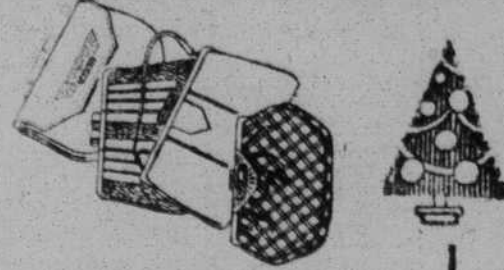
Saturday, January 19, 1929, at 12 o'clock or within legal hours the following described real estate: Being a lot bought of J. F. Bland and J. F. Massey and by him sold to Martin and Bro., bounded by J. A. Martin, on the west and L. M. Scoggin on the north, south of the first street in the town of Mooresboro, N. C. This being a part of the ten acre lot bought of L. M. Scoggin by J. F. Bland and containing about 5-8 acre more or less, and includes the dwelling and building now used and occupied by W. R. Martin.

This the 17th day of December 1928. J. H. QUINN, Trustee. B. T. Falls, Attorney to trustee.

The Christmas Thrift Store

The Store Of Practical Gifts

Ward's gifts are useful as well as handsome. Look at the items on this page, all very attractive and practical—the measure of their desirability. Such a phrase bears repeating: "Ward's—the store of practical gifts."



There's Harmony

in the colors of new handbags and purses to delight "Her." Of suede, pin seal and reptile leathers.

98c to \$4.85



Line Interest

is maintained in an attractive array of triangles, squares and oblong scarfs. Gay hues in figured and striped silks.

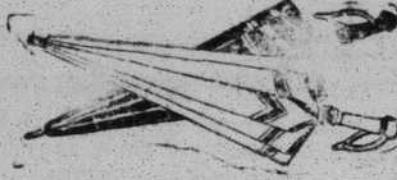
\$1.98 to \$2.98



One at Least

of these smart slip-over sweaters for every man. Comfy warmth knitted in striking patterns of wool.

\$1.98 to \$4.98



Let It Rain!

and watch the colorful procession of these umbrellas appear! A greatly appreciate, practical gift.

\$1.98 to \$8.98.



Approval Unlimited

from the recipient of genuine English broadcloth shirts so finely tailored. Collar attached.

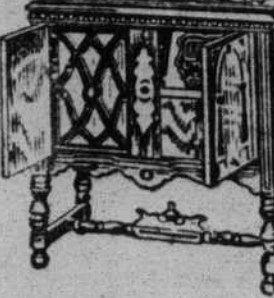
98c to \$3.39



Dinner

becomes a ceremonial feast when served upon quaint blue willow-ware dishes. Others with dainty flower patterns.

\$21.45 to \$35.45



Without A Peer

an AIRLINE RADIO set; all electric or battery operation; choice of charming cabinet models

\$175.00 AC \$147.00 battery; complete.



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39c to 49c each

for the happy bride-to-be and housewife, these gleaming white towels with fine hemstitching and dainty bits of embroidery. Guest and regular sizes. boxed.



The always welcome gift HANDKERCHIEFS

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Colorful, and dainty in their soft newness, handies add much with their frills of fine lace, touches of embroidery, or smartly tailored initials. Most of them



French Kid Gloves

79c to \$2.98 pair

Chosen from Ward's beautiful selections, will find great favor as a gift! Turnback cuffs, plain or embroidered. Colors to harmonize with every costume.



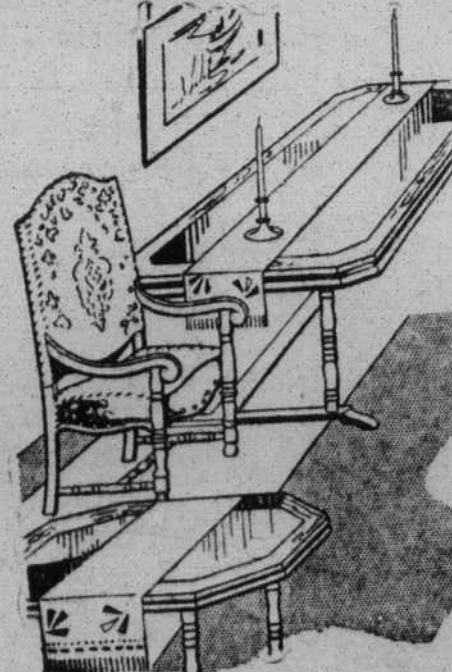
Boudoir Slippers

\$ 1.98 pair

So dainty in their variety of shades and styles. Trimmed with fur, feathery

75c to \$1.98 pair

pompons, or tailored.



A Speeder—for Junior's Delight

\$3.98 to \$12.45

Just watch that little fellow exclaim with joy as he hops into his Dodge Model of bright red and yellow enamel. Handsome disc or wire wheels. A miniature in many details of its smart big brother.

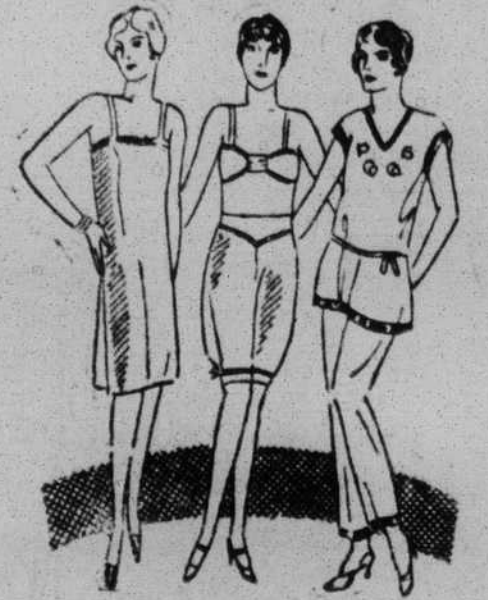


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What woman will ever confess that she has enough hosiery? — the ideal gift! Fine silk in gossamer chiffon and service weights. All with reinforced heels and toes. Most of them full fashioned. 98c to \$1.95 the pair.

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Step-ins, 98c. Gowns, \$2.69. Pajamas, \$1.98.

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Radiating their Christmas cheer through shades of glowing colors in silk or parchment. Priced so attractively...

\$14.50 to \$17.50

Table Lamps

with graceful standards of metal will add their gay or softly colored glow through glass, too.

\$14.50

Others priced. \$1.00 to \$19.30

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Fine Furniture

Every member of the family will find joy in gifts of Ward's furniture, whether occasional pieces or suites of unusual beauty.

Occasional Chairs

\$3.19 to \$19.85

may harmonize with your furnishings—according to the latest mode. Coxwell, Windsor sagseat and high backed models the favorites. Wonderful values.

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