

The Spirit Of Christmas

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with us—the poor. Let us endeavor to see that not one of these poverty-stricken one shall awake on the glorious Christmas morning to confront an empty stocking. As God has prospered us let us minister to them. Let each one of us search out some one of the needy and make him or her happier for just one day, and when we have accomplished this good thing will the full realization of the Divine promise dawn upon us. They are God's creatures—these needy ones—clothed in His image and numbered among the elect for whom the Great Sacrifice was made. Let us help them to an understanding of what Christmas Day means.

For the sake of Him who gave His only Begotten Son a gift to the world eschew the narrow, mean spirit that decries the custom of gift-giving; it is symbolic of the precious Christmas gift the Heavenly father gave to the world near two thousand years ago; and it is the spiritual consciousness attendant upon this inspired custom that brings its own reward—the indescribable feeling of deep contentment attendant upon a good deed well done. So likewise, the man or woman who seeks to banish from the fairyland of childhood the beautiful myth of Santa Claus is an enemy to the human race. The spirit that would shatter this cherished hope of twelvemonth, this bright ray of joy reflected through the vista of the year; that beckons the tots to the happiest day of their lives and leaves its sweet memories of full stockings and enchanted dreams, does not measure up to the full breadth of Christmas citizenship. Rather let us perpetuate the delightful mystery of the gase and by our works decree that the children's patron saint shall not know the proud portals of the rich from the humble hovels of the poor.

May we—all of us—enter into the spirit of the season with hearts attuned to the beautiful lesson that it inculcates—making others happy. "God bless us every one."

Carol And Candle Light Services

Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Central Methodist church there will be a Carol and Candle light service. The Junior choir will take part with a service of Christmas carols and the young people will present some tableaux scenes of the nativity. This promises to be a beautiful and inspiring service especially at this particular hour on Christmas eve.

Penny Column

FOUND MAN'S WATCH ON streets of Shelby Tuesday. Owner identifies and pay for this advertisement. Call 516, Gardner St., B. L. Painter. 1-23c

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Christmas Specials At Sanitary Market

- Layer Raisins, 2 lb. 25c
- Pecans, lb. 15c and 20c
- Brazil Nuts, lb. 18c
- Apples, peck 25c
- Oranges, peck 35c
- Large Grapefruit, 3 for 10c
- Chocolate Drops, Per pound 8 1-3c, 12 1/2c & 15c
- Mixed Bucket Candies, Pound 8 1-3c and 10c
- 2-lb. Box Sugar Stick Candy 20c
- Market Specials: County Pork Sausage, lb. 20c
- Oysters for stewing, dry pack, qt. 50c
- Large White N. J. Oysters, dry pack, pt. 40c
- Pork Hams, whole, 8 to 10-lb. average, lb. 14c
- Sugar Cured Hams, whole or 1/2, lb. 15c
- Pork Ribs, lb. 10c
- Dressed Turkeys, lb. 30c
- Dressed Hens, lb. 23c

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Filipino Champion Of Yo-Yo Is Coming To Shelby Thursday

To Give Exhibition Of Fancy Yo-Yoing At Court House, Shelby Contest Later.

Perfecto Valdez, the world's champion yo-yoer, will give a free exhibition of fancy and trick yo-yoing at the court house in Shelby tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon at 2 o'clock. The demonstration is being put on under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion. All children and the general public are invited.

A week later, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31, at 2 o'clock a yo-yoing contest for Shelby boys and girls will be held at the court house. Any youngster may enter and the one picked as the best trick artist will be given a sweater by The Charlotte News. After the contest here when Shelby's champion yo-yo artist is selected by the American Legion he or she will enter the state contest to be held at Charlotte on Saturday, Jan. 2. All entrants in the contest here will be given a free ticket to the final state contest and show at Charlotte January 2. In addition to the prize for the best yo-yoer in Shelby, jeweled yo-yo tops will be given several of the other entrants who make the best showing. Capt. Peyton McSwain, commander of the legion post, will have charge of the exhibition tomorrow and the contest Thursday week.

New Cotton Uses May Better Price

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decorative cottons made in the United States. An exhibit of newly-developed adaptations of various cotton fabrics for apparel, household and industrial purposes was sent on a tour of textile centers in France, England, Holland, Switzerland, Egypt and Spain this year.

Among the new uses for cotton evolved in the United States and adopted for commercial use abroad are listed fabrics for letter-heads, advertising brochures, menus, radio broadcasting manuscripts, and programs of all sorts. Decorative possibilities of wall paneling through use of thin veneers of fine woods mounted on layers of cotton sheeting have aroused foreign interest.

Uses of cotton fabrics in construction of roads, experiments in which were conducted in Texas and South Carolina, he said, has been investigated thoroughly by Spain, Germany, India, Egypt and England. In England, an actual construction for test purposes was completed this year in the borough of Burnley, Lancashire.

New School Books Adopted In State

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no arithmetic text will be used in the second grade, this being one of the recommendations of the state textbook commission.

The state board took the lowest bid in each subject. In the writing texts, however, one co-basal book sells at a higher price than the other but at a lower price than that at which it is now sold.

The adoption yesterday was the third since the passage of the 1923 law changing the method of adoption from sweeping changes every five years to annual revision of the list, with changes in not more than one major and two minor subjects. The first change was in language and health books in 1927, and the second was in 1928 when reading and spelling texts were changed. In 1929 there was no recommendation from the state textbook commission, and in 1930 the state board of education actually received bids, but rejected them all.

Opens Way for Changes. Remaining on the list are two major subjects, history and geography, and which will be up for change next year has not been decided. Heretofore it has been the custom for the textbook commission to decide upon the subjects to be changed, and then make its multiple recommendations therefor, but the board of education is privileged to dictate the course of the textbook commission.

Although the state board was divided last year in refusing a new adoption, its action in effecting one was unanimous.

Store Broken Into At Kings Mountain

When Loden's department store at Kings Mountain was opened for business yesterday morning it was discovered that thieves had entered during the night and stolen four men's suits, four boys' suits, some sweaters, boots, hose, etc., valued at \$100.

Officers making an investigation found that the store was entered through the front door and after looting the store, they unbarred the rear door and left it open. No trace has been found of the robbers, according to information received from Kings Mountain this morning.

Cleveland Family May Get Portion Of Texas Fortune

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records from the old Tryon court house, Tryon county in olden days embracing many of the present-day counties. After the Revolutionary war he settled in what is now the No. 1 township section of Cleveland county. He had, it is said, six sons. Somewhere between 1820 and 1830 four of these sons migrated west, or to Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi. Two of the brothers remained in North Carolina and were ancestors of the big Humphries connections in the two Carolinas today. Two of the brothers, one of whom was said to be named William, settled near what is now Kingsport, Tenn. After some years there, as the Tennessee version has it, William Humphries killed a man in a fight. As was the custom of those days, he left Tennessee and disappeared. The other brothers, it is said, never heard from him again, but knew that he went to Texas, which was then a part of Mexico. From that point the scene of the story shifts to Texas. A man by the name of William Humphries purchased a large tract of land, or a land grant, from the Mexican government and settled there.

He never married and when he died about 1840 he left no relatives and none of his acquaintances there knew where he came from. This was due, it is thought now, to the fact that he never revealed his native home there because of the Tennessee trouble. As the years passed by the State of Texas became one of the United States. The Humphries property, once a part of Mexico, became a portion of Jefferson county and is said to be situated near Beaumont, in the heart of the world's greatest oil well field. Oil was found on the property and since Humphries died in estate the property has been held under the custody of guardianship of the State and county government. The actual value of the property was not given in the report sent here, but is said to be "many millions."

Attorneys here and elsewhere are now attempting to see just what there is to the proposition and they are already in communication with officials and attorneys in Texas. If the estate exists, never probated, as reported, it will be necessary to prove that William Humphries was one of the six Humphries brothers of No. 1 township. The anticipated fortune, as has happened in many other cases, may turn out to be a mere bubble rumor and without foundation of fact.

Attorney Gardner says that if he after an investigation, finds that there is anything worthwhile to work upon, he will go back through old records and documents of Rutherford and Tryon counties, back to the Revolutionary war to show by the pension records that the Humphries who fought at Kings Mountain had six sons, one of whom was William, who went west in young manhood. The Tennessee branch of the family, it is reported, has already sent an attorney to Texas to look after their interests.

Industry And Business Will Observe Season

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ing of next week. The Shelby Cotton mill will close Thursday at noon and reopen Monday morning. The Lily plant closes down this afternoon and goes back to work Monday morning. The Ella closes Thursday at noon and reopens Monday morning. The Belmont mill will have the longest holiday, closing Thursday morning and not reopening until Monday, January 4.

With all the nobler acts of the Christmas season centering in the general charity committees work the slogan about Shelby today was "Not an Empty Stocking Christmas morning." At the charity headquarters in the basement of the Lineberger-Woolworth building today the calls for aid were numerous and the charity employees were rushed in investigating and aiding all needy cases. All over the city and surrounding section food, clothing, fuel money and medicine have been distributed this week. The work will, of course, continue through the winter months, but special efforts were being made this week to extend a helping hand to all the unfortunate by Christmas morning. Contributions, ranging from cash to food and fuel, were still coming in this week. All in all it promises to be a big Christmas in this section this year. The incomparable spirit of the season seems to have driven away what gloom and worry there might have been, and heavy shopping crowds this week have given general business a fine impetus.

The Faker. Wife: Arthur! Don't tell me you were contemplating suicide? Hubby (who has just returned from rainy vacation and has his head in gas oven): Suicide be hanged! I'm determined to return to the office with a scorched face somehow.

Dame Fashion Recovers Her Sanity

Period Frocks, Featuring Bustles and Other Mauve Decade Ideas, and Freak Headgear Go Into Discard as Milady's Fancy Returns to Smart, Modern and Flattering Styles.



Having recovered from the mental aberration the result of which was a wave of nonsensical fashions which were disinterred from the "Gay Nineties" and early Victorian era, Dame Fashion is once more her charming self. Styles for the coming season have none of the freakish features that have marked most of the recent creations. Pictured above are some of the charming models that mark the grand old lady's return to sanity. On the left is a transparent velvet dress, for tea, cocktail hour, theatre or restaurant wear. Simply made, it has shirred sleeves which are puffed, and the only decoration is a rhinestone buckle. Second from left is a fur-trimmed model. Suit is of black velvet and the trimming is of silver fox. The next model (third from left), is a brown lace dress with buckle and necklace of burnt topaz. The coat is of orange velvet with brown astrakhan collar. On the right is an ensemble for informal wear in the afternoon. It is of black transparent velvet with hat and shoes to match.

Deed Of 1760 Found By Rutherford Man

Grant From King George For Land In This Section Then All Mecklenburg County.

Forest City, Dec. 23.—H. M. Fowler, postmaster at West, Texas, but who is a native of this county, where he recently visited, has in his possession a unique manuscript. This paper is the original of a land grant to Mr. Fowler's great-great grandfather, issued by King George III of England and dated December 9, 1760. It conveys the ownership of 200 acres of wooded lands located in Mecklenburg county, Province of North Carolina, to William Adams and Barlett Henson, the latter Mr. Fowler's ancestor.

An unusual feature of the deed is that the land still remains in the family after 170 years, Mr. Fowler having inherited it from his father. Never in this time has the property left the family, having been handed down from father to son throughout the years. Mr. Fowler received the original manuscript from a cousin who had it for the past several years, during his visit in this state.

At the time of the issuance of the transfer Mecklenburg county covered all the present state of North Carolina from a line east of Charlotte westward, and as far north as the old Earl Granville's line. Mecklenburg was divided in 1769 and from it was formed Tryon county. In 1779 Tryon county was abolished and from it was formed Lincoln and Rutherford.

Mr. Fowler also has several other old papers pertaining to the land, with the bounds explained and the territory it covered. A later deed received the property from the United States government about 1799, 100 acres of land for the price of 50 shillings.

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Gandhi's Smile in Defeat



Despite his failure to reach an amicable understanding with the British Government regarding his demands for independence for India, Mahatma Gandhi managed to conjure up this smile as his train pulled out of Victoria Station, London, at the start of his return to his native land. The Indian leader broke his journey at Rome to visit Premier Benito Mussolini and Pope Pius XI. He had his interview with Il Duce, but was refused an audience with the Pontiff on account of his scanty clothing.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Hamrick Funeral Held Here Today

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his health, and it was while there that he brought into use a latent talent—that of writing. Few men without years of journalistic experience could express their thoughts in writing in a more attractive and interesting manner. In articles sent back to The Star he recalled many incidents of bygone days and almost forgotten Shelby history. Interwoven with the reminiscences were personal thoughts and ideas, all of which combined to make his contributions one of the most popular features ever published by The Star. Despite his physical handicap in later years he was of a buoyant, cheerful disposition, and of the charitable type that was ready to aid his friends with more than advice.

Although his death had been anticipated for some time, the actual news of his passing yesterday brought sorrow to hundreds of his admirers.

Five Children. He is survived by his widow and five children. The surviving children are Thomas W. Hamrick, Jr., Louis M. Hamrick, Roland M. Ham-

rick, Rebecca Hamrick, and Margaret P. Hamrick. He was first married on March 13, 1902, to Miss Pauline Marks at Spartanburg, S. C. She died Sept. 16, 1920, at the age of 41. The surviving children were of this union. On Thanksgiving Nov. 29, 1922, he married Miss Mae Waters, of Florida and Atlanta, Ga., who survives.

Surviving also are the following brothers and sisters: Frank A. Hamrick, Miss Jessie Hamrick, Mrs. Lily Button, W. S. Hamrick and Hudson M. Hamrick.

M. And J. Finance Pays Sixth Dividend

The Manufacturers and Jobbers Finance corporation of Shelby, with branches at Columbus and Tryon in Polk county, mailed out this week dividend checks for two per cent on its common and preferred stocks, the checks to reach the shareholders by Christmas. This is the sixth dividend since incorporating the company in June, 1930.

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