

Episcopal Church Christmas Service

There will be a Christmas service of the Holy Communion at the Church of the Redeemer, S. La. Fayette street on Sunday, December 27th at 8 a. m., Rev. J. B. Still being priest in charge. He will be at the church Saturday afternoon, 20th, to meet any who may wish to consult him, from 2 to 3.

Claim Booth Lived Many Years After Killing Abraham Lincoln

John Wilkes Booth Used Episcopal Minister's Name, Relative Says

High Point.—John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, whose mummy was said to have been located in Chicago recently, lived after the crime, under the name of James P. Armstrong, an Episcopal minister, and died more than 20 years ago, if the story revealed for publication for the first time today, told by Robert Booth, who lived for a short time on Church street, Greensboro, to Mrs. Martha Robbins Tilden of Jamestown, is true. Robert Booth told Mrs. Tilden in this interview which she sought about 20 years ago that he was the cousin of the assassin; that he (Robert Booth) had contributed to Wilkes Booth's support and that he had letters which he would be able to produce containing many thanks for the financial aid to Armstrong alias Booth. Mrs. Tilden says that she remembers that on the occasion of her visit to Booth, which she made to check on a story that he had also sold another Greensboro neighbor, the cousin of the alleged actor-murderer said that the letters were at the bottom of his trunk but that if she would come back within a few days, he would have them out and ready for her to look at. "I would not tell this if he were not now dead," Mrs. Tilden says that Robert Booth told her. "I intended to go back at an early date to see Mr. Booth but kept putting it off. And within a short while he left for the south, I think New Orleans, and I never heard from him again," Mrs. Tilden said. "My only interest in the matter," said Mrs. Tilden, who had her son, Robbins Tilden, then a small boy, with her, "was from a historical point of view. It never occurred to me to have his story published until I saw the account of his supposed mummy being found." Mrs. Tilden says that Robert Booth was a dirt excavator and was in charge of a gang of negroes, who were working on street railway work. She says that he was very definite about the description of the old Booth homestead in Virginia and the account of how the escape from the theatre was made on that fateful night in the sixties. She recalls that he told her that the broken ankle which Wilkes Booth sustained in the jump from the box of the dying president to the stage was the only hitch in the program. The man, whom the mob thought to be Wilkes Booth, whom it burned in a frenzy of excitement on the supposed route of escape was in reality a tramp, Robert Booth told Mrs. Tilden. This wanderer had been induced in the barn by arrangement of those assisting in the escape of the assassin. Robert Booth told Mrs. Tilden that it took some time for the former actor, who had shot President Lincoln, to get on his feet financially after the crime and that he with several other members of the family contributed money to his support. The story as told to Mrs. Tilden checks in two particulars. A Greensboro woman, who knew the Booth family, told Mrs. Tilden after she had learned about the story of Robert Booth that she had seen an Episcopal rector conduct a service in Virginia, who had a striking resemblance to Wilkes Booth and whose name was Armstrong. A similar recognition was said to have been observed upon one occasion in Atlanta, Ga. The home of Armstrong, who may have been the killer of the United States president, was said by Robert Booth to have been in Chicago. The mummy located recently in Chicago by Dr. Orlando F. Scott was that of a man who passed under the name of John St. Helen, who committed suicide in Oklahoma in 1903. Mrs. Tilden, to whom the story of Booth's ministerial disguise, was told, is of a prominent Guilford county family, is a well known resident of Jamestown and has done considerable historical research, especially in local records.

Christmas Tree Started In Germany, But Queen Elizabeth Brought It To Us

Historians and research experts have just completed their annual investigation into the background of America's Christmas customs, and have come up with an unusual harvest. The Christmas tree, they inform us, comes from the Rhine valley and goes back to 1608. Queen Victoria introduced the custom to English-speaking countries in 1840. Empress Eugenie, of whom the world has heard a good deal during the past year, made the Christmas tree popular in France. Denmark and Norway adopted the same custom a bit earlier, in 1830, and Sweden about 1863. The first authentic record of candles being used on a Christmas tree is dated 1737, and comes from Ireland. The whole truth about the Christmas tree is given to the public by one of its ablest research experts, Lucy E. Hubbell, in "The Country Home." She recounts, for instance: "According to an old German legend St. Winifred found the first Christmas fir. Thwack! Thwack! His ax sent chips flying from the trunk of a giant oak formerly worshipped by Druids. In a religious frenzy he was cutting down an innocent tree. Suddenly, backward it swayed, groaning as it split asunder. Just behind, unharmed by the crash, showed the point of a young fir. "Behold," said the saint to the converts crowding round, watching his labors, "this babe of the forest! It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. Henceforth let it be called the tree of the Christ-child. Gather about it in your own homes." "Disciples of Martin Luther preferred to credit him with the glory. On a wintry evening, walking alone across snow-crueted fields, he was so impressed by the sky's splendor that when he got home he cut a small spruce and set it up in the nursery. "Now," lighting the candles, he turned toward his children, "from heaven have fallen these stars to nest tonight on the little Christ's tree!" Anyway, little by little the pleasant custom spread until practically every house had its own Yule tree. And in almost every country sprang up some popular, fabulous belief about the origin of Yule tree. In Scandinavia it is said to have miraculously sprouted from soil where slain lovers lay, and that no storm could extinguish the lights among its boughs.

Gives \$40,000 To Restaurant Workers
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Albert L. Pixley, head of a restaurant group, distributed a semi-annual bonus of \$40,000 to his 550 employees today and told them to put it in circulation before Christmas.

The Basis.
Friend: Why do you always inquire what your patients eat? Does it help your diagnosis?
Doctor: No but it helps my charges for professional services.

Mrs. Yount, Native Of Cleveland, Dies

Funeral Conducted at Her Home Near Waco, Interment at Kings Mountain.

(Special to The Star)

Mrs. Ernest H. Yount, a prominent and much loved young woman of Newton, but formerly of Cleveland county died at Davis hospital Statesville, Wednesday afternoon December 9th of septic pneumonia after an illness of one week. Mrs. Yount was before her marriage, Miss Margaret Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith of Cleveland county. She was a granddaughter of J. B. Rhyne a prominent and highly respected citizen of this county. Called from this world in the prime of life, being in her 33rd year, Mrs. Yount's death was a shock and an occasion of deep sorrow to her own family and large circle of friends. Reared in Cleveland county, educated at Davenport college, Lenoir and Queens college Charlotte, and having lived in Newton since her marriage to Mr. Ernest H. Yount, Mrs. Yount was widely known, and has a large circle of friends in this and other states who will be grieved to learn of her untimely death. The funeral service was conducted from her mother's home at Waco by Rev. W. G. Harry, a Presbyterian minister, of Warm Springs, Ga.

formerly her pastor at Newton, Dr. Craven, president of Davenport college at the time Mrs. Yount was a student there and Rev. Mr. Benette, pastor of the Waco M. E. church. During the service "Abide With Me" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" were beautifully rendered by Mess-dames Glenn Long and Frank Warlick.

Interment was in the Kings Mountain cemetery with Messrs. A. Warlick, Mr. Zimbaum, R. W. James, Harry Hollingsworth, Julius Abernethy, Alex. Warlick, T. R. Owen, Russell Yount of Newton, Kendall Beam and Avery Putnam of Waco, and C. B. Suttle, Jr., of Shelby as pall bearers.

Woman Of 85 Takes First Ride In Air

Kinston.—Mrs. W. F. Hart, 85, declared she was going to fly again and as many times as opportunity presented itself. While visiting here, her grandson insisted she take a flight and though "dubios" at first, she finally got in a ship and went aloft. John Parrott, the pilot, said she was an excellent passenger with one exception—she didn't come down.

Think Buildings Were Set On Fire

An empty four room house and barn of Dan Neal living near N. 3 North Brook school in Lincoln

county, east of Fallston, were burned about midnight Sunday night. It is thought the buildings were set on fire as the livestock in the barn was turned out before the fire made any headway. All of the feed in the barn was burned. It is understood that Mr. Neal carried about \$1,100 insurance on the buildings.

Pleasant Grove Week-End News

Rev. Yancey Elliott To Preach Sunday, Personal Mention.

(Special to The Star)
Pleasant Grove, Dec. 22.—Rev. Yancey Elliott of the Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., son of Mrs. J. Y. Elliott will preach at Pleasant Grove Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 27, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Bennett Wright spent the week-end with his grandfather, Mr. Amos Wright of Bowling Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Royster, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Costner and family and Miss Martha Sue Royster spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A.

M. Hoyle.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bridges and Mr. F. C. Rollins all of Cleveland Springs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bridges.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bridges and son Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wright spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mrs. Chapman of Charlotte.
The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Odus Ledford will be glad to hear that their little daughter, Kattie Maud is almost well again after having pneumonia.
Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gardner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hamrick and mother, Mrs. Hudson Hamrick of Kings Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wright and daughter, Jewell, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ledford spent the evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Onley Wright and little Miss Thera Costner were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hoyle Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Ledford and family spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ledford.
Mrs. Pressley Costner and daughter Mrs. Onley Wright and Mrs. Yales Costner were the dinner guests of Mrs. John Wright Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle

Hendrick of Shelby.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Costner spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zim Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Costner and daughter, Thera, spent awhile Sunday night

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