

Belwood Resident Receives Injury To Leg Recently

Mrs. Hartman Entertains; Mrs. Peeler Improves; Personal Items.

BELWOOD, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Theodore Hartman, was hostess to the members of the home circle of Knob Creek church Wednesday afternoon at her home; after the devotional and business meeting the members exchanged Christmas gifts. The Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Fogelman were special guests.

The hostess was assisted in serving and entertaining by Miss Lucy Willis. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Roy Dayberry in January.

Friends of Mrs. Jess Peeler will be glad to know that she is improving at the Shelby hospital.

Miss Pearl Ganitt has returned home after spending awhile in Norfolk, Va., and Baltimore.

Mrs. W. W. Richard and children, Ralph and Ruby were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sain of Lincoln on Sunday.

Bruce Fortenberry had the misfortune of getting his leg severely hurt while working at the cotton gin Saturday.

Thieves are very active in the community. They entered the grain house of Mrs. Alice Schroder and took sacks of cotton seed meal and a lot of wheat and seven sacks of meal from the Peeler cotton gin.

Mr. Webb and Agents Go To Florida Meet

Pilot Life Club To Have Meeting In Miami, Florida This Week; 100 To Attend.

Saying farewell to winter-like surroundings for a few days to bask in the sunshine of the semitropics, C. R. Webb and his family, Forrest Hamrick and Carl Ray Webb and wife will spend some time at Miami, Florida attending the Pilot Life Insurance company's 24th agency convention.

Mr. Webb, general agent of the Pilot, Carl Ray Webb and Forrest Hamrick are special agents under the Webb agency and won the trip to Miami as members of the Pilot club. In addition, General Agent Webb is to be honored as winning vice presidency of the McAlister Club, the highest honor agency organization of the company. The Webb agency also wrote the largest amount of insurance during 1934 than any of the Pilot's other general agencies.

It is announced that upwards of 100 representatives together with guides and Pilot officials will make up the party, scheduled to hold their convention in Miami, December 27, 28, 29.

Seaboard Puts On "Orange Blossom"

Due to the exceptionally heavy exodus of northerners to Florida this season, the "Orange Blossom Special," leader of Seaboard Air Line railway's famous fleet of air-conditioned trains, made its first trip from New York and the east on December 15th. The first trip last year was on January 2nd. The "Blossom" sets the highest standards for equipment and excellence of service. Only the most modern Pullman equipment is in its complement, and although all special services are available, there is no special service charge.

Students Arrive In Mooresboro

MOORESBORO, Dec. 24.—College students who have arrived here to spend the holidays with their parents and relatives are: Misses Mildred Greene and June Evelyn Banton, Asheville Teachers college; Miss Julia Scruggs Renfro, Bowling Springs junior college; Howard Rollins and James Lucas, Wake Forest college; L. W. Greene and John Z. McBrayer, Bowling Springs college; Wade Bridges, Textile Institute, Spartanburg.

The annual Christmas tree program will be presented at historic Sandy Run on Monday, Christmas eve.



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For your business during the past year and wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. FREEMAN'S SHOE SHOP Odell Freeman, Jack Worthy, Ford Biggerstaff, James Overcash and Shine Boys

Daddy at 14!



Henry Bert Mullins

A proud father at 14, is Henry Bert Mullins, above, of Fort Worth, Tex. His wife, who is the same age, presented him with a five-and-one-half-pound baby daughter. All three are reported doing nicely.

Waits 45 Years Get 10 Dollars From Government

REIDSVILLE, Dec. 23.—The U. S. treasury has sent C. H. Denny a \$10 "Christmas gift" which he could have had 45 years ago.

Denny, 45 years ago, was counting the day's receipts of his hardware store here when an oil lamp threatened to explode. He carried it from the store but burned a hole in his clothes in the process. In a pocket was a \$10 bill that burned except for two small corners.

A few days ago, he sent the corners to the treasury with an explanation. This week he received a crisp new \$10 bill.

Statesville Clerk Embezzles \$3,500

STATESVILLE, Dec. 23.—A check up by officials of the Peoples Loan and Savings bank Saturday revealed, it was reported, that the account of Charles D. Kestler, 40, for the past 12 years a bookkeeper in the bank, was out of balance approximately \$13,500 and Kestler was said to have confessed that he embezzled \$3,500 of that amount.

Kestler had been in the employ of the bank since 1922. Becoming suspicious of something wrong, bank officials had the books audited today and the \$13,500 shortage for the bookkeeper was revealed.

In his confession of misappropriating the money, Kestler stated that it had been going on for some time.

Kestler is bonded for \$20,000 and a representative of the bonding company was here this afternoon. The bank is fully covered by bond and insurance.

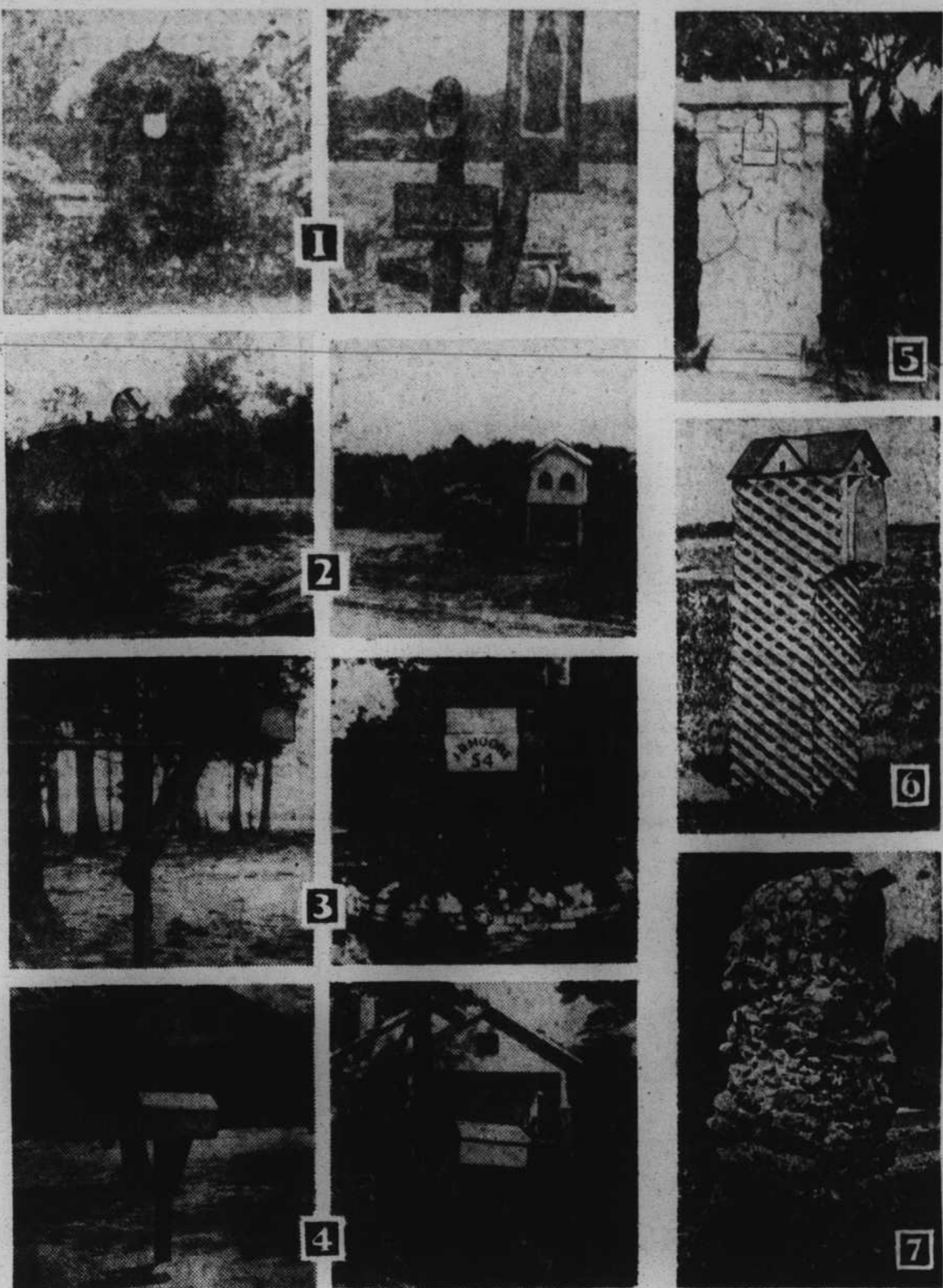
Auto License Sales Much In Arrears

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—Only 45,515 pairs of 1935 automobile license plates, more than 13,000 behind sales of 1934 plates to this date a year ago, had been sold in North Carolina up to date.

L. S. Harris, director of the motor vehicle bureau, said the plates were "going mighty slowly" and reiterated his warning that every automobile must have new plates on January 1.

At Charleston, a magistrate's jury of six men struck another blow at South Carolina's blue laws when it returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of 16 competitors in a walkathon contest.

RURAL MAIL BOX BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST WINNERS



Winning entries in the Rural Mail Box Beautification campaign conducted by the Carolina Motor Club are shown above. Struthers Burt, of Southern Pines, is chairman of the Motor Club's State Committee on Highway Beautification in North Carolina, and Mrs. James R. Cain, of Columbia, is head of the South Carolina group.

1—North Carolina first prize winner, mail box belonging to B. B. Britt, R-1, Garner, N. C., before and after improvement views. 2—Mrs. J. J. McBane, R-2, Graham, N. C., second place; 3—Miss Mary M. Moore, daughter of J. D. Moore, R-2, Clinton, N. C., third place; 4—Lula Williams, R-1, Autryville, N. C., fourth place.

7—South Carolina first prize winner, J. E. Groce, Lyman, S. C.; 5—Mrs. S. L. Colthrop, R-1, Fort Mill, S. C., second place; 6—Mrs. P. P. Hurst, Chesterfield, S. C., third place.

There were no entries in the group mail box beautification contest and the South Carolina entrants did not furnish pictures of their boxes before they were improved.

Use 185 Men In 4 New PWA Projects

NORTH WILKESBORO, Dec. 23.—Approximately 185 men are being given employment on four public works projects in Wilkes county, it was learned here Saturday from R. L. Wooten, director of the national re-employment office. These employees, on the average, are getting 30 hours of work per week and were selected from the files of application for work by unemployment in Wilkes county.

The four projects are: North Wilkesboro water works, grading and structures on five miles of highway number 16 between Miller Creek and Jefferson, construction of the North Wilkesboro postoffice building, and the Reddies River bridge on the western boundary of this city.

"Brethren and sisters: This morning, I am going to attempt to describe the indescribable. I am going to speak about the unspeakable. I am going to explain the unexplainable and unscrew the unscrutable."

New Text Books Adopted In N. C.

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—The state board of education has adopted a multiple list of supplementary textbooks for use in the public schools in social sciences, manual arts and health subjects.

Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, estimated that the new prices on the supplemental books will represent a saving of about 13 per cent below the present prices for such books.

The superintendent would not estimate the saving to be had due to the adoption yesterday of basal

texts in science, geography, and home economics for use in the high schools for five years beginning with the 1935-36 session.

The list of supplementary texts adopted covered six typewritten pages.

Tests have shown that the average, or nearly 50 miles an hour, age flame speed for a normal spark plug explosion is about 70 feet a

Four-H club members of Caldwell county completed 176 projects in 1934 and obtained excellent results from their work according to reports books filed with the county agent.

Ecuador Minister



Antonio C. Gonzalez

This is Antonio C. Gonzalez, of New York City, who has been appointed minister to Ecuador by President Roosevelt. Gonzalez succeeds Roy T. Davis.

SUIT FILED AGAINST GASTON EXPRESS ROBBER

GASTONIA, Dec. 23.—Suit has been filed here by the Railway Express company against Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Seavers, for attachment of \$2,200 in cash express money orders and travelers checks obtained in a hold up of the express office here several weeks ago.

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