

Local News

Lois Mitchell Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mack Reeves, sustained a broken arm last week when she fell while roller-skating.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Edwards, of Winston-Salem, announce the birth of a son, Russell Lee, on December 23.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Muncy Andrews, on December 21, a 10-pound son, who has been named David Buce.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Williams have announced the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Virginia, on December 18, weight 9 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Andrews have announced the birth of a daughter, named Mary, weight 10 pounds.

Rufus Richardson, who was severely injured last summer when he was thrown from a hay tedder, underwent a minor operation at his home Monday. His condition is reported to be improving slowly.

Walter Pugh, a student at Knory and Henry college, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dodson, of Waynesville, spent last Thursday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Doughton. Mrs. Dodson was formerly Miss Katherine Phillipi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Patton, Morgantown, were week-end guests of Mrs. Cleto Choate.

Misses Bernice Andrews and Wilma Crouse, Glenn Tolliver and Vernon Andrews spent the week-end with Miss Ialeen Andrews at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Connard Wall, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Katherine Warden spent the Christmas holidays with her granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate.

Misses Jane and Anne Truitt spent the week-end in Wytheville.

Mrs. Wayne Waddell has returned home after having spent the Christmas holidays with her husband in Akron, Ohio.

Miss Ella Phipps, Piney Creek, spent a few days with Miss Wilma Crouse in Sparta.

Page Higgins, Asheville, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Mrs. Wayne Waddell returned to Sparta last Friday after spending Christmas with her husband in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson, Winston-Salem, were in town Saturday.

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin made a business trip to Raleigh Friday and returned Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook, Westfield, and Mrs. Roscoe Childress, White Plains, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagoner. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Childress will probably be interested in learning that they have recently moved into their new home in White Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Orren Jones, Waverly, Tenn., visited here last week.

Fred G. Richardson returned last week to his work in New

Jersey after being called here on account of the illness of his small daughter, Maybeline, who is now improving.

Glenn Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gambill spent Sunday night in Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMillan visited relatives in Chapel Hill Sunday and Monday.

J. K. Blum spent Christmas with his family at Whitehead.

W. P. Andrews, of Medford, Oregon, and L. C. Andrews, of Wolback, Nebraska, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Lucy Andrews, Sparta, and their five sisters, who also live in this section. It has been many years since the Andrews brothers have been in their native state, it has been learned, and will no doubt have an enjoyable time visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances.

Reece Joines, of the U. S. Navy, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Joines, Whitehead, during the Christmas holidays. Others who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joines Christmas day were: Recie Cockerham, Hazel Carter, Rhudy Lowe, Ralph Edwards, Tom Blevins, Muriel Joines and Howard Carter. Miss Jennie Joines spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Joines, Whitehead.

Court of Pardons

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were blacker. For one thing, Hoffman said he not only doubted whether he had the power to relieve for 90 days, but was "not inclined to do it under present circumstances."

That means that the calendar will flip only 15 more times before it registers "January 14"—the day when Hauptmann's head probably will be shaved and he will be led into a square room with cream-colored walls up the corridor from the death house.

Hoffman, who frequently has held out hope to Hauptmann, talked a different language today. "In this particular case," he said, "if the man is completely guilty he is entitled to no mercy on the basis of anything I can see."

"Members of the court of pardons undoubtedly will be influenced by their opinion of guilt or innocence. I imagine they will very properly consider whether or not the interests of society will best be served by immediate execution."

"Did you ask Hauptmann to confess when you visited him in the death house in October?" Hoffman was asked.

"I won't discuss that," he replied.

"Why did the court of pardons fail to fix a definite date for passing on Hauptmann's plea?"

"There was no specific reason for it. It may have been so that we can keep it within control, so there will be as little ballyhoo as possible."

Tremendous Trifles

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

MOST HISTORIC THREE R'S

SPEAK of the Three R's and you naturally think of those you learned in the little red school-house—readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmet-ic. But more historic are those which kept James G. Blaine out of the White House. They were Rum, Romanism and Rebellion.

Blaine was the Republican nominee in 1884. Despite the attacks made upon his character, he seemed a certain winner over Grover Cleveland, the Democrat. Republican leaders, to counteract those attacks, staged a reception for him by a group of Protestant clergymen.

Rev. Samuel D. Burdick, a Presbyterian minister, acting as spokesman for the group, said to Blaine: "We are Republicans and don't propose to leave our party and identify ourselves with the party whose antecedents have been rum, Romanism and rebellion." Blaine, tired out from a long speaking trip, was paying little attention to the speaker and did not catch those three fatal words, nor repudiate them.

Almost immediately the Democratic press took them up. Soon Dame Rum whispered that Blaine himself had uttered the Three R's. They were a direct slap in the face for the South and for the large body of patriotic Roman Catholic voters.

In vain the Republican candidate repudiated this slander. It was too late. It became apparent that the state of New York would decide the issue, Cleveland carried it by 1,149.

Had it not been for those "three little words," Blaine probably would have had that narrow margin and won the election.

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Christmas Bride



Mrs. John Morgan Cheek, Jr. (above), who was, before her marriage on Saturday, December 28, Miss Gertrude Messer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Messer, Galax. The ceremony was performed by Dr. P. L. Cobb, pastor of the Galax Methodist church.

Marriages

CHEEK—MESSER

A wedding of much interest in Sparta and elsewhere was that of Miss Gertrude Messer and Mr. John Morgan Cheek, Jr., which was solemnized Saturday, December 28, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Messer, West Oldtown street, Galax, Va.

For the nuptials, the bride wore a blue traveling suit with a corsage of sweetheart roses. An improvised altar, in front of which the couple stood for the ceremony, was covered with a background of ferns and white roses, and white carnations were used effectively to complete the arrangements. For the occasion, the house was decorated with white roses.

Dr. P. L. Cobb, pastor of the Galax Methodist church, performed the marriage ceremony.

Bridesmaids were Misses Roberta Anderson and Katherine Landreth, Galax, and Kenneth Messer, brother of the bride, was best man. Immediate members of the two families were the only other persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony, a luncheon was served the bridal party, following which the bride and groom left for a motor trip to Florida, with their main objective being Miami, where they expect to spend a few weeks.

After their return, Mr. and Mrs. Cheek expect to reside in Galax, where the former is connected with Pless Electric and Furniture company.

The bride, who is the daughter of John A. Messer, president and owner of the Galax mirror factory, is a graduate of Mary Baldwin college, Staunton, Va.

The groom is a son of John Morgan Cheek, Sr., of Sparta, former superintendent of Alleghany county schools, and Mrs. Ollie Cornett Cheek, who, was, before her marriage, a daughter of the late Judge George Washington Cornett, of Elk Creek, Va. Mr. Cheek was educated at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is a member of the Theta Kappa Nu fraternity.

JOINES—HIGGINS

Miss Ruby Higgins, of Ennice, and Mr. Robert Joines, of Laurel Springs, were united in marriage on Saturday afternoon, December 28, at Sparta. Rev. C. W. Irwin was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Joines is the daughter of W. C. Higgins, of Ennice, and Mr. Joines is the son of Mrs. Mary Joines, of Laurel Springs. The bride and groom are making their home at Laurel Springs.

BROOKS—PRUTTI

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Jennie Prutti, of Airbellows, and Mr. Voy Brooks, Whitehead. The wedding ceremony was performed at 2:30 p. m., on Wednesday, December 18, at Galax, Va.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Prutti, and is a graduate of State Teachers college.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks expect to reside at North Wilkesboro, where the former is engaged in the practice of law.

HIGGINS—ANDREWS

Miss Mabel Andrews, Sparta,

Hollywood Star-Lites

by Chuck Cochard

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Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 1.—Hollywood's famous legs are about to come out of retirement, a peek at forthcoming pictures revealed recently.

And what is more, this exposure by the movie stars of shapely limbs foreshadows a general shortening of skirts throughout the nation next spring, according to Travis Banton, famous Hollywood costume designer.

The new skirts, which fall about three inches below the knee, are being introduced by Claudette Colbert, Marlene Dietrich, Noram Shearer, Carol Lombard, Joan Crawford, and others.

Miss Colbert will introduce the new mode in "The Bride Comes Home," while Miss Dietrich is working opposite Gary Cooper in an abbreviated sports skirt in "Desire."

While the trend is toward shorter skirts, Banton emphasized there will not be a return to the knee-length garments.

"I should say the average length from the floor will be about 11 1/2 inches," the Paramount designer explained. "According to personal preferences, skirts will vary several inches above or below that mark."

Some skirts will possibly be 13 inches from the floor, but before a woman adopts that length she should have a pretty good idea of what her legs look like to other people."

STAR-LITES: Norma Shearer's Romeo for her new picture, "Romeo and Juliet," has been chosen.

No, it's not Robert Taylor as the inside rumor first had it, but Leslie Howard, brilliant actor. Studio officials evidently changed their minds because of their desire for a big name player. John Barrymore will be Mercutio in the picture. Also in the cast are Edna May Oliver as Juliet's talkative nurse; Frank Lawton, Benvolio; Basil Rathbone, Tybalt; C. Aubrey Smith, Lord Capulet.

Robert Taylor has been given a role in which he will undoubtedly prove his acting ability. He will play opposite Janet Gaynor in "Small Town Girl." It tells the story of a girl who leaves college, goes into the world and becomes involved in a social intrigue by marrying a young man and attempting to reform him.

Charles Laughton, currently applauded for his biting characterization of Captain Bligh in "Mutiny on the Bounty," has been chosen by Irving G. Thalberg to portray the charmingly ineffectual English schoolmaster in "Good-bye, Mr. Chips."

SO THEY SAY:

Although Betty Grable and Jackie Coogan announced their engagement, they cannot marry for at least two years. The lady's contract at RKO will not permit matrimony until she's 21. Authority for this is her father. And so the interesting announcement of their engagement comes to a bit of front-page publicity so that the pair's vaudeville tour could be set off with momentum.

WE WONDER:

Dick Powell is talking about a trip abroad, a strange plan for this parsimonious lad. His friends think those recent rumors from London that Mary Brian and Buddy Rogers might get married have something to do with it (personally we don't think so). Miss Brian is one of Powell's first companions when he came to Hollywood four years ago, and the belief is abroad that he still cares for her. Miss Brian is appearing on the stage in London and Rogers is in pictures there. Yesterday Powell revealed his intentions of marrying sometime in the near future because, he was sick of being a bachelor. However, your correspondent is wondering if all this doesn't tie up some where together?

DO YOU KNOW:

That when Clark Gable first applied at a motion picture studio for extra work, he was turned away because they said he was too tall for films?

OFF THE SET:

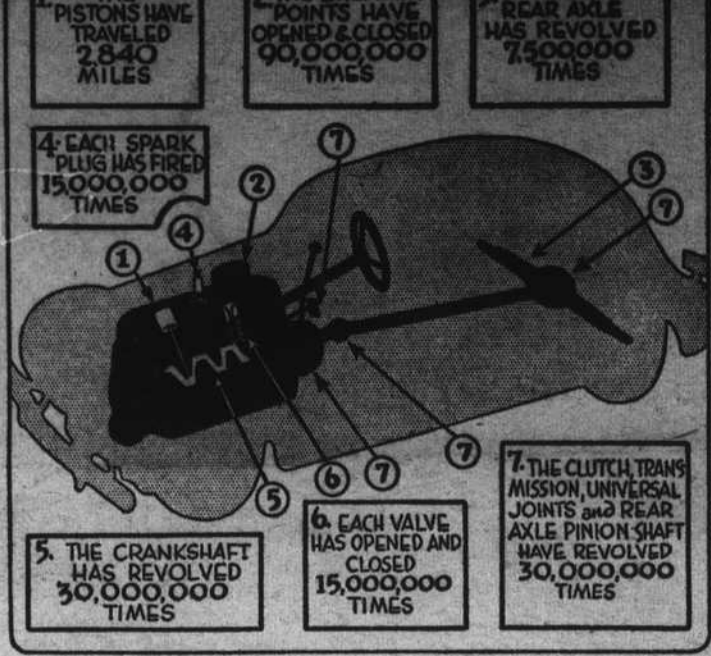
Gloria Swanson and Herbert Marshall are still

and Mr. J. David Higgins, also of Sparta, were united in marriage on Wednesday, December 25, at three o'clock, in Danville, Va., the ceremony being performed at the home of Rev. Jesse R. Hite.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Andrews, Glade Valley, and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Higgins, Woodlawn, Va.

Plans for a honeymoon trip have been postponed until a more favorable time. After the honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Higgins expect to make their home in Sparta.

WHEN A CAR HAS GONE 10,000 MILES



WHILE the average motorist may appreciate that the engine of his automobile works hard, it is doubtful if he realizes the tremendous work it has accomplished after even 10,000 miles of operation. If he did he would probably take better care of it, according to engineers of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who indicate some of the work accomplished by various moving parts of an automobile engine and car in this many miles of operation. The engineers pointed out that these facts indicate forcefully the need for motorists to be certain the engine and other moving parts of their automobiles are adequately lubricated.

Chevrolet Makes Suggestions For Winter Starting

Detroit, Dec. 23.—Recent improvements have made the starting of automobiles in cold weather a much simpler operation than it used to be. However, owners of cars several years old can minimize their winter starting difficulties by following a few suggestions made by C. W. Wood, service and mechanical manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company.

"In very cold weather," said Mr. Wood, "even a well-charged battery will seldom withstand more than a short period of continuous cranking of the engine. In order to insure the quickest possible start, it is a good plan to pull the choke rod out before the ignition is turned on or the starter is operated at all. Advance the throttle slightly, but not enough to cause racing when the engine starts. Then step on the starter, and after the engine has made two or three revolutions to draw in the mixture, flip the ignition on. A quick start will usually follow. The clutch pedal should be depressed until the engine starts, to reduce the cranking effort required."

"There are, of course, certain precautions which should always be taken to make sure that the ignition system is at top efficiency."

Roosevelt Will

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would deal with any or all of the foremost questions—including relief, neutrality and the bonus—was not revealed.

It was possible that neutrality might be made the subject of a special message, and that the meat of the relief issue—the amount of money to be requested—might be left for his budget message next Monday.

The agreement on the night session was reached at a parley lasting long after nightfall in Garner's office, attended by Speaker Byrns, Senator McNary, of Oregon, the minority leader, and Representative Snell, the House minority chief.

INSIDE GOSSIP:

That Oklahoma cowboy whose composition "The Object Of My Affections" was one of the biggest hits in years is Pinky Tomlin and his girl friend at the late-night spots is Toby Wing (an ex of Jackie Coogan).

WHAT sister of a famous dual sister team, known the world over, is reported to be sorta-gaga about a famous Hollywood movie song writer? That's all for today. Wait till next week. CCT.

Tom Brown and Ida Lupino forming a new twosome.

Anne Shirley going places with young Johnny Downs. . . And Johnny Arledge has been taking in the late spots with Dorothy Lee.

Edwards bus will leave Sparta Wednesday, Jan. 15, 8:30 a. m., for Bel Air, Md. Information, W. B. Edwards, Darlington, Md. 2tc-9

For Sale: Forty tons of good hay. See Tom Green, Glade Valley, N. C. 1tc-2

Bargains: Two electric ranges, exceptionally good condition.—Pless Electric & Furniture Co., Galax. tfe.

Five Estate Heatrolas: In perfect condition. Unusual bargains. Prices from \$29.50 up.—Pless Electric and Furniture Co., tfe.

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Radios: See the new 1936 Philco electric models before buying.—Pless Electric and Furniture Co. tfe.

See Castevens Motor Co. for radio batteries and tubes. tfe.

There has been a great deal of discussion concerning

HAUPTMANN

There will continue to be for some time to come.

Hundreds of men paid with their lives last year for crimes they committed or were supposed to have committed.

Can you remember the names of more than three of them?

They received strong publicity for a time. They are forgotten because the publicity was not sustained.

Publicity concerning the Hauptmann case has been kept up.

Some businesses that had a flash of attention last year will think the extra-profit portion of their trade will remember.

Other businesses will take a tip from the experience of big successful corporations and will see to it that their publicity is sustained.

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Fri. & Sat., Jan. 3 & 4

John Wayne
in
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also Comedy

Mon. & Tues., Jan. 6 & 7

Clarke Gable
Jean Harlow
Wallace Beery
in
"China Seas"

News and Short Subject

Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 8 & 9

A New Child Star
Everyone Will Love
Sybil Jason
in
"The Little Big Shot"

Comedy: "REGULAR KIDS"

COMING SOON!
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