

Christmas... A Season For Giving, Shoplifting, Forging

While Christmas is a season of giving, it is also the season for shoplifting and forged checks. Mooreville Police Chief Lloyd B. Shumake pointed out today.

Shumake asked merchants and shoppers alike to call the police department if they spot a shoplifter or receive a forged check.

While nothing has been reported yet, Shumake said "there's always a lot of trouble at Christmas time, not only in Mooreville but across the country. People are busy and in a hurry and don't have the time to check things as closely as they do at other times."

To help merchants spot shoplifters Shumake gave these tips:

"Most shoplifters work in groups," he said. "One will get the attention of a clerk and the others will roam over the store."

"Many wear full coats with inside pockets where they store merchandise. Also popular are fake boxes — boxes which look like they are tied but all you have to do is press an article into the box and the top flaps back into place."

Shumake said the shoplifter, usually, is a woman, and many

Shepherd News

By MRS. H. A. POSTON

—The writer of this column wishes to extend to the Tribune staff and all its readers "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

—Mrs. N. S. Brawley and Mrs. Della Darlington visited Mrs. L. L. Houten in Shelby Thursday.

—Rev. Homer Barker returned to his home Thursday from Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, where he had been undergoing treatment for the past week.

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Lowrance Hospital News

Mrs. T. D. Smith is a treatment patient.

Mrs. L. W. Shimpook, of China Grove, is receiving treatment.

Mrs. D. L. Hill, of Kannapolis, route 3, is responding to treatment.

Mrs. Lewis Edmiston, of Mount Mourne, is a treatment patient.

George W. Martin, of Mooreville, route 1, is a treatment patient.

Mrs. L. M. Karriker is receiving treatment.

Mrs. Betty Nanney, a treatment patient, is improving.

Mrs. P. O. Jones is a treatment patient.

Mrs. A. G. Greene, of Mooreville, route 4, is a treatment patient.

Mrs. Maggie Moore, a surgical patient, is improving.

Mrs. George Frye is recuperating from surgery.

Ralph Gabriel, of Davidson, is an operative patient.

Mrs. Herman Freeze is undergoing treatment at Lowrance Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Poston had as their dinner guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Talbert, Dr. and Mrs. Link Enstrom and son, Eric, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. A. B. Kunkle, Mrs. K. W. Thornton and son, Doug, of Charlotte. Afternoon guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Monroe Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Talmadge Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Hoy A. Poston, H. H. Poston, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Poston and children, of Statesville.

—The brothers and sisters of Mrs. B. H. Gillespie, with their families and some friends, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gillespie Sunday night for their family Christmas get-together. They exchanged gifts and enjoyed a sumptuous supper. There were 25 men, women and children present.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ketchie's daughter, Lisa, had her tonsils removed the past week at Lowrance Hospital and is recovering nicely.

—Mrs. Rachel Sinclair and son, Frank, of Gastonia, spent the past week at the home of Mrs. Frank Ketchie.

—Messdames Eural Clippard, J. M. Moore, S. C. Wiggins and H. E. McLean, Jr., were in Statesville the past Wednesday to attend a work shop at the offices of the Iredell County Home agent.

—Pvt. Bobby Poston, Mrs. Poston and children of Georgia arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Poston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Caldwell, and other relatives.

—Miss Patty Overcash and Miss Dun Chapel spent the past week and in Charlotte with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Alexander.

Doolie News

By MISS BILLIE HALLAM

—Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cline and family visited Mrs. Charlie Cline and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooke and family of Morganton visited relatives here over the week end.

—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Owens and family of Mooreville visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ervin Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mayhew and family of Mooreville and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beaver of Kannapolis visited Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Barnett and family Sunday evening.

—Miss Frankie McAllister has returned to her studies at Wingate College after spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAllister.

—Miss Linda Thompson spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson.

—Mrs. Marvin Cooke and Betty of Mooreville visited Mrs. Charlie Cline over the week end.

—Miss Judy Hallman of Charlotte spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hallman.

—The YWAs, GAS, and RAS met at the church at 7 o'clock Monday evening.

Candles Cast Festive Glow On Traditional Yule Scene

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries. One of the very earliest of legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him.

From Germany comes a similar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes as an invitation and guide to the food that is traditionally left for them.

Many of the Christmas traditions that have sprung up around the use of candles had their origin in pagan rites.

The pagan Yule, nearly coinciding with today's date for Christmas, was accompanied by the burning of a giant log during the twelve days in which it was thought that the sun stood still. From this stems Yule log tradition.

In medieval Europe the custom arose of also lighting a giant Christmas candle that would burn brightly till Twelfth Night.

During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return.

There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fire tree into his home and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree with lighted candles, representing stars.

Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world.

One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time.

Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight ceremonies takes place each year in the Central Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. Complete with traditional organ and orchestral music, the program includes reading of the Christmas story, prayers and carols.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Three members of the auxiliary unit of the Graham-Baker Post No. 68, American Legion, Mesdames Roy Denny, Dale Melchor, and William Caldwell, and Mrs. Glenn Harwell of the auxiliary unit of the Tom Swann Post No. 1072, Veterans of Foreign Wars, spent Friday in Salisbury at the VA Hospital helping the men and women patients to select Christmas presents for their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lyles and daughter, Hilda, spent the week end in Burlington visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell and son, Mrs. Russell is Mr. Lyles' sister. On their return trip Sunday they visited Mr. Lyles' aunt, Mrs. Bud Howell and daughters in Greensboro.

Miss Anne Wylie, of Greensboro, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wylie, at their home on Fieldstone Road.

Mrs. Frances Gilley, a student at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, spent the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilley, at their home on Pinewood Circle.

Mrs. Joe Caldwell and son, also be here for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Whitlow attended the Christmas dinner party of Durham Life Insurance Company held Saturday night at the Yachin Hotel in Salisbury. Mr. Whitlow is a representative of the insurance company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport and family, of Charlotte, were Sunday guests of Mrs. S. A. Hart. Mr. Davenport is a nephew of Mrs. Hart.

Mrs. Virginia Blackwelder, Western Union operator here, underwent surgery at the Lowrance Hospital last week and is recuperating nicely.

Mrs. Phillip Chandler has resumed her work at Miller Drug Company after undergoing surgery at the Lowrance Hospital several weeks ago.

Miss Gail James, of Charlotte, spent the past week end with her father, Leonard James. She will also be here for the Christmas holidays.

DURING CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

Stoneman's Raid Will Come To Life

All that remains of General Stoneman's raid in Western North Carolina is a legend and a multitude of historical markers dotted along his march.

This raid, a Union harassing campaign during the Civil War, rained terror, destruction and death on the inhabitants of this region.

Most North Carolinians have heard about this raid but few know what the raid was all about and what role it played in the Civil War.

During the next four years as Americans re-enact the events of the Civil War, Stoneman's Raid will once again come to life.

In fact, the memories are now being re-created in Western North Carolina as Dr. Ina Westmore Noppen's book on Stoneman's Last Raid rolls off the press.

Her book vividly portrays the events of that great 2,000-mile march, the longest without return to headquarters by any cavalry in the war.

In describing the events of the raid, Dr. Van Noppen declares that the raiders' mission was to cut Southern transportation arteries, destroy supply producing centers and break civilian morale.

It was done by burning, pillaging, killing and humiliating. Stoneman's objective was to destroy the people's will to fight.

The author, who teaches Southern history at Appalachian State Teachers College, believes the Stoneman's Raid was as much a revenge as a strategic for the Yankees. Her book gives interesting accounts of how various North Carolina towns and cities felt the blunt of this raid.

"Supplies came from the land and women were forced to cook for troops. A Taylorsville woman fried eggs all day long, feeding soldiers as they passed another," Dr. Van Noppen said.

Many Tar Heel villages and towns openly greeted Stoneman's men, pointing up disunity in the Southern cause.

At Elkin some 60 girls employed in a cotton factory welcomed the Yankees.

Near Wilkesboro, the Yankee troops uncovered a whiskey still, and threw a mass drinking spree. Unable to ride horseback, the drunken soldiers confiscated a conglomeration of horse-drawn vehicles.

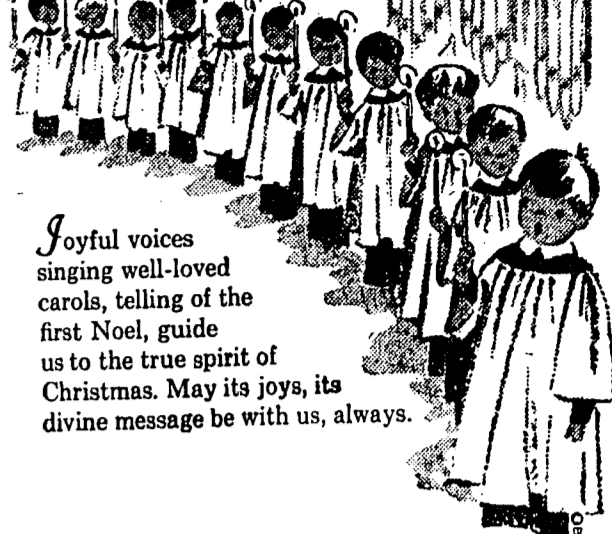
Dr. Van Noppen describes Stoneman's review of his drunken troops in Wilkesboro. She said that the review that Stoneman saw probably will never again be matched in U. S. Army history. The soldiers rolled by in a mile-long caravan of carriages, stagecoaches and buses, and with drunken soldiers, their boots sticking out in all directions.

At Winston-Salem the Yankees destroyed factories which had been supplying the Confederates with clothing, and in Greensboro the troops tore up large sections of the railway.

Salisbury, site of Confederate supply depots, arsenal, hospitals, railroad center and a military prison containing some 10,000 Federal prisoners of war, was Stoneman's main objective. More than any other town, Salisbury felt the devastating effect of Stoneman's wrath.

In her book, Dr. Van Noppen mentions only one instance of Confederate application of the "scorched earth" policy. This happened in Hickory where Confederates destroyed food stores and cotton at the railway station to

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Race With The Stork Marred By A Smash-Up On The Track

A race with the stork was disrupted here at 2:30 a. m. Sunday when a car in which a mother-to-be was riding crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of Statesville Avenue and Church Street.

Four persons were hurt, none seriously, and the mother-to-be was taken to the hospital in an ambulance. The car was damaged and delivered a healthy son.

Russell Saunders, 42, of Mooreville, Route 3, was driving the car in which mother-to-be Ruth Saunders Rankins was riding. Hal Saunders also was a passenger in the car.

Saunders smashed into a car being operated by James Torrence Jr., 19, of 623 North Church.

The investigating officer, Alvin Huffman, said Saunders was sounding his car horn as he sped on Statesville Avenue toward the hospital.

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May you enjoy Christmas as much as we have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you. Our hearty thanks!

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Math Club Donates Food, Gifts For Needy Family

The Senior High Math Club already has contributed a station wagon load of food and assorted gifts for a needy family.

Bill Trivett, Senior High teacher and club counselor, said the donations will be delivered to the home of the less fortunate family Saturday morning.

Each of the 40 members of the club gave to the fund that has become a tradition in the organization.

Trivett said the club will hold its Christmas dinner Friday night at the Townhouse Restaurant. Gary Karriker, club president, will preside, and he will introduce Richard Barber, guest speaker for the banquet.

Good Check For \$318 Kicked About Street

As the wind whisked a piece of paper around the sidewalk in front of his shop, Bob Beckwith, of Winfield, Kans., saw one pedestrian rush the paper off his sleeve and then kick and step on it. Finally he picked it out of the gutter.

It was a check for \$318, endorsed and fully negotiable, apparently lost by a St. John's College official on the way to the bank. Beckwith turned it over to police who returned it to the college.

A Christmas Prayer
As Christians, we lift our hearts in prayer for the blessing of lasting peace on earth.

CITY CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Webb

Washerette
448 S. Main—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Mabry—Phone 662-2791

Christmas 1963
May love, honor, peace and thankfulness abide in your home this Yule.

WESTERN AUTO Associate Store
240 North Main Street, R. VAN GIBSON, Owner Phone 663-7401 BOB BUSTLE, Mgr.

PEACE
As Wise Men followed a Star to seek to find and worship Him, so may you find the peace and joy of a holy Christmas.

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240 S. Main Phone 664-1349

Hager's Service
210 N. Broad Phone 662-9521

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The "Oscar" of the railroad industry is the Golden Freight Car pictured above, which is awarded annually by Railway Progress Institute. This year, the coveted trophy was won by Southern Railway System—the first time it has been won by a railroad in the Southeast.

The trophy was awarded to Southern in recognition of our efforts to increase our usefulness to those we serve by providing improved service at lower prices. Our lightweight, 100-ton-plus capacity freight car, "Big John," which enabled Southern to make a 60 per cent reduction in the prices we charge for hauling grain, was cited as an illustration of how progressive policies will benefit both the public and the railroads.

We are proud of this recognition. It will spur us to strive even harder to fulfill our public duty to provide the most useful and lowest-cost freight transportation possible—saving money for both shippers and consumers.

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