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THIEF ABANDONED MR. T. L. AUSTIN'S AUTOMOBILE

The Gasoline Giving Out, the Car Was Left in the Road Several Miles from Marshville.

MISS EVA MARSH HAS MARRIED

Marshville, Feb. 17.—Miss Eva Marsh and Mr. Tom McBride took their friends by surprise when they were quietly married on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 15th, at 2:30 o'clock at the bride's home near town. Rev. A. Marsh, father of the bride performed the ceremony and the only ones to witness it were Mrs. Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edwards. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McBride left for Charlotte in their car. From there they expected to go to Florida for a short stay. Mrs. McBride is the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. Marsh and was reared here. She was educated at N. C. College and Coker College. Mr. McBride is a partner in the Union Drug Company of Marshville and is a pharmacist by profession. He served overseas for sometime during the war. The young couple are very popular in this, their native town, and their friends wish for them much happiness.

Mrs. J. C. Baker left Tuesday night for Columbia, S. C., in response to a telegram telling of the death of her uncle. Mrs. Baker attended the funeral in Columbia.

Mr. Hurd Davis has sufficiently recovered from the sleeping sickness from which he has been suffering for over a month, to return here from Johns Hopkins, where he received treatment, and he and Mrs. Davis are spending sometime with the latter's father, Mr. Will Morgan.

Miss Cornelia Robinson, of Sanford, and Miss Mary Jones of Laurinburg were the guests over the week-end of Misses Louise Foy and Rachel Haynes.

Mr. C. D. Davidson spent the week-end in Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Sallie Griffin of Charlotte is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Ed. M. Marsh.

The Ford car belonging to Mr. T. L. Austin which was stolen Sunday night was recovered Monday several miles from town. The car had very little gasoline in it when stolen which accounts for it not getting completely away. Saturday thieves stole a \$70 suit of clothes from Marsh-Hallman's store while the store was crowded; and on Sunday night Mills and Williams store was entered and goods stolen. It seems that efforts were made to steal other cars before Mr. Austin's was finally secured on Sunday night. Things are getting quite interesting in our vicinity now.

Mr. J. C. Morgan has moved his family into their new residence on their farm a mile and a half south of Marshville.

Mr. John McDonald's handsome new bungalow has been completed and he and his family are now occupying it.

Mr. Courad Hamilton of Statesville spent the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Lou Hasty of Portsmouth, Va., is visiting relatives here.

Rev. J. J. Edwards attended the Statesville district conference at Mooresville last week.—Lina C. Harrell.

ADMITS ANOTHER MURDER

Italian Hanged in Illinois Confesses to Killing Six Years Ago.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 17.—Settino de Santis, an Italian miner, was hanged here today for the murder of Amel Calterera and Tony Hemphill, two boys. Before he was led to the gallows, de Santis confessed to the murder of Edward Chapman in Johnson City, Ill., six years ago, for which crime another Italian, Joe Bingo, was lynched at the time.

Chapman was killed at the home of his son-in-law, Ben Schull, mine foreman, who had discharged Bingo, de Santis and another Italian, Frank Bianca.

Bianca, who was also implicated in the murders for which de Santis was hanged today, made a confession in which he charged that de Santis fired the shot that killed Chapman and a few days later committed suicide in jail while his trial was in progress.

De Santis then confessed to another Italian, one of the interpreters at his trial, that he had accidentally shot Chapman while trying to kill Schull.

BROTHERS SURPRISE SISTER

Return Home for First Time in Fifty-Four Years.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 17.—Returning home today from a visit at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. George McQuilken, of Hokendauqua, found the parlor in possession of two strange men.

Indignantly demanding their business, Mrs. McQuilken was told that the unbidden visitors intended to make her a home a boarding place for a few days. Then the woman recognized the pair as her brothers, John and Hugh Reynolds, whom she had not seen for fifty-four years although they lived all this time not more than 400 miles away.

The Reynolds brothers left Slaton in 1867 and located at Perry Depot, Ohio, where they are engaged in farming. This is their first visit East since they left.

Lenin, the Russian dictator, denies that he is dead. Possibly he knows.

PRICE INSISTS ITEMIZED STATEMENT BE PUBLISHED

In Second Reply to Major Heath, He Says Church Incident Matter Between Himself and God.

DENIES BREAKING UP SCHOOL

To the Editor of The Journal:—I don't think the people of Union county are tired or even bored at the discussion of the road question or any other question of a public nature that affects the people as the road question does. This seems to be the all absorbing question of the day and one that most seriously affects the people of the country or they would not have met in mass meeting and passed resolutions as to what they wanted. The Major may think they are tired and they never will forget the time of our-half million dollars that has been spent for roads and still we are in the mud, and mud, I am telling you, up to the hub.

I don't know how many were at the mass meeting. I understand the court house was practically full. Don't know whether their "feet and shirt tails" were sticking out the windows or not. Any way the prayer of the Major was that he wanted that many and I naturally thought that the Major's prayer was answered.

The Major now says that only 47 voted for the resolution. He fails to state how many voted against the resolution. I suppose the Major was again it so that would be 47 for and one against, so that was what I would call a whooping majority for, and should satisfy the Major or any one else that the people were very strongly against the present system. I made my suggestion and gave my ideas at this meeting in the shape of a letter. I failed to get what I thought was best. The Major failed to get what he thought was best.

His Diagnosis of the Case.

I am satisfied as to what was done. I submit cheerfully. The people have spoken. Their voice must rule whether the Major or I got what we wanted or not and I am going to fall in and try this new plan. We can't make matters worse.

Now, Major, why can't you come in, throw your shoulders to the wheel and let's all make one strong pull together and see if we can't get out of the mud. But no, the Major then there proceeded (so the papers say) to pay his respects to Jim Price and others. Not only did he then and there relieve himself of a lot of hot air, but on the 4th inst. in a very lengthy article in The Journal gave me (Jim Price) and a lot of others a regular broad side that he thought was a knock out blow for us just because I dared oppose the present system of road working. I had not up to this time said one word in any way against the Major, but when he came at me with his broad side I had no other recourse but defend myself. I did it in a manner that I thought the case deserved. I carefully diagnosed the Major's case and found the patient in a most desperate condition and gave just such treatment as I candidly thought my patient needed and blessed "Patsy" I hit the spot the first time.

Will Finish Up With a Tonic.

I am again, with a little caution (for I must not give him an overdose) going to diagnose the case and will try and give another dose after which I think a tonic will bring him around all right. He has got to the stage where he is indulging very freely in personalities and when a patient gets to that stage he has passed the danger point and if you can keep him relieved of an over charge of hot air he is all right, provided you can keep him from kicking the kiver off and taking on fresh cold. My, my, but in his last article didn't she cut a shine, got the kiver off, you see, and behaved rather ugly. He says that my article was in an "undignified and ignoble style," that my pen was "flexible and vitriolic."

That Itemized Statement.

He of course, in his estimation and he certainly has a most excellent opinion of himself, argues in a very dignified manner. And then he sticks so closely to his subject. He starts off purporting to discuss roads but the only thing he said about roads was that there were only 47 voting and then touches on the law which requires his board to make the itemized statement. He admits the law but tries to console himself that he at some time argued with Hon. R. B. Redwine that such a law was impracticable and he further tries to console himself by the fact he put this question of publishing this itemized statement to a vote of the full board of nine members and that they voted unanimously not to comply with the law. "Whew! is this not a most dandy proceeding? Why, honey, I did confer with Mr. Redwine about this law. If Mr. Redwine did not intend for you to abide by same why in the name of heaven did he agree for its passage. He drew the act and I most heartily agreed to same. I do not doubt but that the Major argued with him about this matter. And I do not doubt but the full board voted as he says, but does that change the law. If he is going to violate this very vital section of the law why not violate all of the law. What is the use of having a law. Why not delegate all power to him?"

"The Cheek of an Ass."

There is a law which requires the county commissioners to publish an

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\$2,000 a Year Would Satisfy Old Man, Old "Wummun" and Kids

By NOVUS HOMO.

Waxhaw, R. F. D. No. 5, February Seventeenth.

I notice in The Journal of our recent date that a lady in Nebraska (Miss Margaret Fedde) has figured out the annual value of housewives.

I have no doubt that the multitude of domestic servants who wear the title "farm women," will be much pleased to learn of their extraordinary worth as home workers. The only trouble I see with the proposition is that Miss Fedde didn't tell the farm women where the salary was to come from, nor how it was to be collected; with these two latter points made clear, we would at once enter into a haven of bliss, and have a regular "jimboree" of a time.

I believe the census figures show that about forty million of our population are engaged in farming. If we figure five to the family, this means eight million families. We will have to allow one housewife to each family, and this will give us eight million housewives. At a salary of four thousand dollars each, it will take thirty-two billions of dollars to pay off the women in the farm homes, where-in-de-name-o'-God, am all his money going to come from?

Work and Pay is a Different Matter.

The farm women who do all the things that Miss Fedde enumerates—and they do 'em, no doubt about it—certainly do deserve pay for the work, (and there's no doubt about that either) but pay is one of the last things they think about. They have become so used to doing these things gratis that they have about lost sight of the fact that there is anything else attached to life except work and that work is not supposed to command salary in one's own home.

I do not remember just now what the total value of the whole production of farm crops are. I do not remember to have ever seen a value sufficient to pay the housewives a thirty-two billion dollar wage placed on it, however, and I would suggest that Miss Fedde revise her figures a little and get the sum down to where the whole yield of field crops will pay the bill and not have our wives suing us for a balance on last year's wages.

Worked Last Year for Fertilizer and Rent.

I know some very good farmers who tell me that themselves, their

MAY RUN FOR ALDERMAN ON "ECONOMY PLATFORM"

Mr. E. G. Faust Advocates Sale of Water and Light Plant and Reduction of City Employees.

HE OPPOSES PRIVILEGE TAXES

Mr. E. G. Faust is considering making the race for alderman from his ward on an "economy" platform which includes planks advocating the sale of the water and light plant, abolition of the office of city tax collector, and reduction of the number of policemen to three. His platform, as briefly outlined, will be:

1. Decrease our liabilities by liquidating all assets.
2. Sell the water and light plant. By doing so, a saving of around two thousand dollars a month in salaries and labor would result, and I will guarantee cheaper rates for water and lights.
3. Discontinue all street improvement projects until all of the paving laid during the past four or five years has been paid for.
4. Abolish the office of city tax collector, his duties to be assumed by the chief of police.
5. Reduce the number of policemen to three, and require the "day man" to also act as sanitary officer.
6. Remove all privilege taxes. It is not justice to tax a home merchant for the privilege of conducting a legitimate business. Impose special privilege taxes, however, upon itinerant traders. Merchants and business men who pay taxes for the support of the city government are due this protection.
7. Require every man to cut the grass in front of his own door, thus saving several hundred dollars a month paid out during the summer to a gang of negroes to inadequately perform this little necessity.
8. Good government, justice to all and special privileges to none; and a policy of intrenchment that will bring about a considerable reduction in the tax rate.

SLEEP VICTIM UNCHANGED

Shore Banker's Family Still Have Hopes as Fourth Week Opens.

Atlantic City, Feb. 17.—Though entering the fourth week of his illness there has been no change in the condition of George T. Lippincott, banker, who fell a victim to "sleeping sickness" while on board his yacht in Florida. Members of the family, in a statement today, say his condition is no worse than it has been; that his heart action is good and they have not abandoned hope of his recovery.

Not once since afflicted with the malady has Mr. Lippincott spoken a word. He is in the home of his brother-in-law, William H. Bartlett.

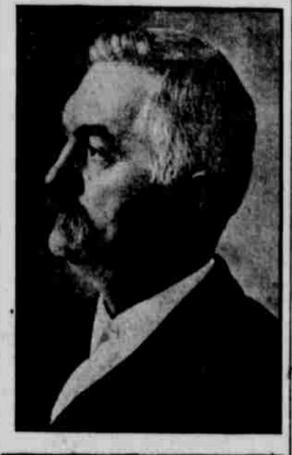
H. A. SHUTE, WEALTHY AND INFLUENTIAL MAN, DEAD

By Dint of Hard Work and Thrift He Help Lay the Foundation for the Large Shute Fortune.

WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE FORCE

After a long illness, Mr. Henry A. Shute, one of the most influential and wealthy citizens of Monroe, died Thursday morning at 2 o'clock in a Charlotte hospital where he had been receiving treatment for several weeks. Death resulted from a complication of diseases. He was nearly seventy years old.

The funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at the Shute home, Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of the Central Methodist church, and Dr. J. E. Abernethy of Salisbury, a former pastor of the church of which the deceased was a member, officiating. The pall bearers are: Active—Messrs. F. G. Henderson, M. K. Lee, E. C. Winchester, C. C. Sikes, M. C. Long, and S. O. Blair; honorary—B. G. Ashcraft, D. W. Flow, John Correll,



J. D. McRae, John Griffith, W. M. Gordon, G. B. Caldwell, and T. P. Dillon.

Surviving the deceased are two brothers, Messrs. J. T. and J. R. Shute, and the following sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, Mrs. Ellie Wilson, Miss Emma Shute, of Monroe, and Mrs. B. F. Houston, of Charlotte.

Although a native of Lancaster county, Mr. Shute has been living in Monroe for about sixty years. He was born in Lancaster county, S. C., May 8, 1851, and was the oldest son of the late John Shute and Emaline Funderburk Shute.

Nearly sixty years ago the late John Shute, father of the deceased, who was then living in Lancaster county, decided to emigrate to Mississippi. The belongings of the family were packed in large canvas-covered wagons, and a start to the distant but fertile fields of the Mississippi valley was made. Monroe, then a mere trading center, was their first stop; and while here, the family so favorably impressed the late John D. Stewart that after much argument he succeeded in persuading the father to give up his intention of going south and remain here. Mr. Henry Shute was then about twelve years of age, but being strong and muscular for his age, he was of great assistance to his father in making a start. By hard work and thrift they laid the foundation for the Shute fortune which all told will probably equal if not exceed a million dollars.

All of his life Mr. Shute has been a worker. He farmed on a large scale, not so much for the profit that he might receive but from the pure joy he derived from tilling the soil. He loved the land, respected it. He did not exhaust the fertility of the soil, but increased it year by year.

With his brothers, Messrs. J. R. and J. T. Shute, he did much constructive work for Monroe by erecting many handsome buildings, chief of which is the old post office, opera house, Monroe Hardware wholesale house, and the Bank of Union buildings. By investing liberally in new enterprises, they also encouraged local enterprises.

In his business dealings, Mr. Shute always acted squarely and honestly. Everybody reposed much confidence in him, and there are many Monroe citizens who are indebted to him for good advice.

The deceased was many times a member of the town council, and was also a consecrated member of the Methodist church.

TALKING ILLNESS PERSISTS

But Little Chicago Girl Had an Hour of Sleep and Silence Yesterday.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Miriam Rubin, eight-year-old victim of a strange illness which has baffled physicians, today slept silently for one hour.

The girl started talking more than a week ago, and today was the first time incessant conversation has ceased in more than two hundred and twelve hours.

After the nap, however, she again began talking steadily, and physicians gave up hope that her illness had ended.

According to an estimate of the bureau of internal revenue more than four million individual income tax returns are expected to be filed this year.

AMERICAN LEGION POST IS TO HAVE CLUB ROOMS

Enough Stock Already Sold to Furnish Place—Ladies Auxiliary Also to Be Organized.

WILL GIVE A MINSTREL SHOW

At a meeting of the executive committee of Melvin Deese Post of the American Legion held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night it was decided, after hearing the report of the adjutant, that enough shares had been taken to enable them to start and furnish their headquarters. A committee was appointed to arrange for the place where headquarters are to be established with power to act. A committee was also appointed to arrange for the furnishing of the rooms in a comfortable manner.

The post commander was authorized to sign a contract with the John Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, Ohio, the company that lately put on Katcha-Koo here, to put on their celebrated amateur minstrel show, "Hoop-La," which is a scream from start to finish, and with the splendid musical talent that is in Monroe, should prove one of the most attractive shows that we have ever put on in the town. It is believed that the vacant dates the company has will be about April 7th and 8th. This will give ample time to get the headquarters fitted up and in good running shape before the arrival of the director.

It has been the desire of the American Legion for some time to have proper headquarters where the members can meet in a social way, write their letters and discuss plans for the betterment of the ex-service person. The Post, however, was determined that it would not be into debt for the furnishings, etc., of the headquarters, so by active canvass among the members a sufficient sum has been obtained to guarantee starting with the assurance that cash will be paid for everything and the headquarters start out on a paid up basis.

The Post has now an active, paid up membership of about 100 members and is engaged in getting up a Woman's Auxiliary to act in concert with it. Members of the auxiliary may be the mothers, wives or sisters of any member in good standing of the American Legion. At present the auxiliary is acting with the Legion, but when the State is properly organized into posts the auxiliary will be an independent body, holding its own state convention and acting generally totally independent of the Legion, yet its assistant in every good work. It goes without saying that the Monroe post will be one of the best in the state, and will have a full and enthusiastic membership. Mr. Frank Redfern is at present a committee appointed by the post to look after this very important matter and is at work on the new post. A called meeting of the post will be announced as soon as the date is definitely arranged for the minstrel show.

BEAR BELIEVED TO BE AT LARGE IN THE COUNTY

Strange Animal Leaves Tracks in Lower Section of County That Tend to Uphold This Belief.

TERRORIZED DOGS AND STOCK

Mineral Springs, R. F. D. No. 1, Feb. 17.—Quite a lot of excitement was caused here last night by the appearance of some strange wild animal, believed by many to have been a bear. It visited the homes of Sam Alexander, colored, Mr. John Baker and your correspondent. No damage was done except dogs and stock were terrorized. At the home of your correspondent a mule was so scared that it was impossible to keep him in the barn. Perspiration literally ran down his back, he was so frightened.

When the animal reached the place of Mr. John Baker it gave vent to the most hair-raising sound ever heard in this section. It sounded more like a calf in excruciating agony than any other sound that I can recall except it was short and staccato. It continued yelling for about two minutes.

Meanwhile, a posse was formed, but by the time it had arrived on the scene the animal had gone to the woods near the old Nesbit mine. On account of the density of the woods, the chase was abandoned for the night. The next morning, however, no trace of the animal could be found. It was surmised that the varmint, or "bear," had gone down Cane Creek towards McCain's mill.

Old timers declare it to be a good-sized bear by its tracks. The writer and about twenty little darkies hope that it will keep going.

Presbyterian Church.

"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

10 a. m., Sunday school, W. A. Henderson, Supt.

11 a. m., Worship, and Foreign Missionary sermon.

7:30 p. m., Praise service led by the Intermediate choir. All the members come. Sermon following the praise service.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been holding a very successful and profitable week of prayer, which concludes this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock with a service in which the auxiliaries of the Baptist and Methodist churches unite.—Reporter.