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## PETTYBONE SHELTON SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED BY FRANK SHELTON

Shooting Occurred Last Sunday  
Near Scene of Dr. Burnett  
Shooting Near Carmen

Last Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Pettybone Shelton of near Carmen, was shot to death by Frank Shelton, 17-year-old son of Joe Shelton and a distant relative of Pettybone.

The shooting took place in the State Highway in about 1-4 of a mile of where Dr. Burnett was killed. Three shots entered the body, either one of which would have been fatal, two entering the heart. The murderer is at large but the Sheriff's department is making every effort to capture the fugitive.

Mr. Pettybone Shelton was about forty years of age, was the son of Barnard Shelton and is said to have been a good citizen. Frank Shelton's parents have been separated for some years. They have two sons. The father lives in West Virginia and came to his home section recently and took one of his sons back with him, but Frank would not go and remained with his mother.

It seems that trouble had arisen between Frank and a son of Pettybone over a girl and that grievance inflamed by liquor was at the bottom of the shooting. However, at the time of the shooting it is said that Frank and Pettybone were walking down the road in a friendly way, having apparently become reconciled, when suddenly Frank, without warning, whipped out his gun and began shooting.

The dead man is survived by his wife and two or three children.

## SHERIFF RAMSEY THANKS PEOPLE OF MADISON

Sheriff Ramsey wishes through the columns of this paper to thank the people of Madison County for their support and cooperation in helping to enforce the law.

## SHERIFF RAMSEY AND DEPUTIES GOING AFTER THEM

Although the weather has been unfavorable most of the time since the new officers came in, the Sheriff's Department has been "on the job." About 8 copper stills have been captured on Shelton Laurel and 4 or 5 men bound over to court in the last two weeks. One still with a small amount of beer has been captured on Little Pine and one copper still below Hot Springs, in the Paint Rock section, 10 gallons of whiskey, a lot of beer and one man.

Two Asheville men, driving under the influence of liquor, have been taken up and bound over to court.

## Campaign Put On For Better Farming

The full energies of the agricultural extension service of the North Carolina State College will be devoted to a campaign for better balanced farming in the State during the year 1927.

Better balanced farming is more business-like farming. It calls for more food and feed crops and more livestock and poultry on the cotton and tobacco farms and it means a greater degree of economic independence for the Tarheel farmer if he faithfully follows what he already knows to be sound methods of agriculture.

"There is nothing new in what we are offering as our program of work for this year," says Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the extension service. "Nor are the present conditions in the cotton growing sections new. Disaster with cotton has been common in the past. Our workers have succeeded in getting many farmers to abandon the all-cotton or the all-tobacco system of farming in many instances and we have found that those farmers who have adopted what we have called a live-at-home policy have succeeded even beyond their expectations."

The campaign for a better balanced system of farming began on January fourth after several weeks of preparation by extension specialists. Better farming systems have been studied by the agricultural workers. New and old facts have been studied; practical farm experiences have been drawn upon and economic facts have been hauled from their hiding places. All of this matter was placed before the farm agents at their conference in early December and the specialists, themselves, have studied their accumulated data in order to serve the farmers and the agents to best advantage. The

## THEY HAVE MADE US WHAT WE ARE TODAY

Scientists, a Peculiar Lot, But Best Citizens

Scientists are generally a peculiar lot. They wear out-of-date clothes, frequently become absent minded, fail to keep informed about important things like baseball standings and prize fights and the current plays and songs.

But oddly enough they are the most important men in the world. We have shiny radios and purring steam and brilliant electric lights and featureless refrigerators and moving pictures because of the work of out-of-date "back-number" gentlemen who putter about in laboratories.

They, in fact, are the ones who have turned us into a hustling race of go-getters and given us the tools to go-get with. All in all, they're about the most important citizens we have.

—PUBLIC SERVICE.

A little fellow left in charge of a tiny brother called out, "Mother, don't you please speak to baby? He's sitting on the fly-paper and there's a lot of flies waiting to get on."

college has prepared and issued extension circular 163 in an edition of 50,000 copies. This bulletin gives the reasons for a better balanced system of ag-

riculture, shows why it is imperative to adopt such a system during 1927 and points out clearly how it may be adopted on farms of North Carolina.

## STATE ASKED FOR ACTION ON NEW KNOXVILLE ROAD

Buncombe Association Would Distribute Cost Over All Districts

At the monthly meeting of directors of the Buncombe County Good Roads Association Wednesday night resolutions were adopted urging that the General Assembly provide for early completion of the proposed short scenic highway linking Asheville and Knoxville and that the cost be provided from the general fund of the State as a whole and not against the Ninth highway district alone. Reports on the Status of the proposed Chestnut-West Chestnut street bridge also were made.

S. P. Burton reported that he had talked with Mayor John H. Cathey concerning the proposed bridge connecting Chestnut and West Chestnut street and that the mayor said plans for the work were in progress and bids would be opened for the construction at an early date.

Members of the board commented on the various water and other connections which have torn up the streets in various places and urged that steps be taken to remedy this.

Plans concerning the State highway from Asheville to Knoxville, which will shorten the distance more than 30 miles, were discussed and the following resolutions adopted:

"Whereas, there is a movement in progress to build an interstate highway via Leicester, Doggett Gap, and Max Patch, North Carolina, and Sevierville, Tennessee, to connect the city of Asheville, North Carolina with the city of Knoxville, Tennessee; and

"Whereas, said highway, if built, would not only greatly shorten the distance between the cities mentioned, but would also be one of unsurpassed beauty and grandeur and the most direct route to the Great Smoky Mountain national park; and

"Whereas, several miles of said road would be constructed along the border line of Madison County, North Carolina, away from any important community or town of said county, so that said county would reap little or no benefit from the construction of said highway; and

"Whereas, said highway would be an important interstate thoroughfare and as such would be of great advantage to the State of North Carolina as a whole; in that it will open up a shorter, more scenic route for interstate travel into and through N. Carolina for a very large volume of motor traffic which is now diverted from the State by the North-South highway leading through Chattanooga, Tennessee; now

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Asheville and Buncombe County Good Roads Association in regular meeting assembled, that it is the sense of this association that the proposed Asheville-Knoxville highway via Doggett Gap is a most important and valuable interstate highway and one that should be built at the earliest possible date; and

"Be it resolved, further, that this association respectfully urge the passage of such legislation at the present session of the General Assembly of North Carolina as may be necessary to provide for the early completion of said highway within the State of North Carolina; and

"Be it further resolved, that in the judgment of this association the said highway should be built from a general fund or by the State of North Carolina as a whole, and the cost thereof not charged against the Ninth district only, and that no part of the cost thereof be charge against Madison County's allotment of State funds; and

"Be it further resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the senator and representatives of Buncombe County, and to the North Carolina Highway commission for the Ninth district."

canker in order to cut out all diseased wood. It is advisable also to disinfect the pruning implement after making each cut by dipping the implement into a solution of bichloride of mercury prepared in the proportion of one part of the material to 1,000 parts of water. This solution should be prepared in an earthen or wooden vessel. Pruning can be accomplished more easily if two sets of tools are used, keeping one set in the solution while the other is used for cutting. Pruning during the summer months has little value, states Mr. Fant.

Fire blight is not confined entirely to pears, although it is most prevalent on this tree. Apple trees are sometimes severely injured, however.

## Cross Country Auto Roads Now Kept Open Through the Winter



The Federal government and the several states have made the automobile an all year instrument of pleasure and entertainment. When winter comes with its chilling blasts and drifting snow the motorist need no longer put up his car and wait patiently for spring to bring back fair motoring days. All he needs to do, if he is in the north, is point the nose of the car southward. Soon he will come to a through transcontinental highway that leads to sunshine and flowers. The roads have been made not only adequate but splendid for all year driving.

This fact is revealed by a survey just completed by the Automobile Club of Southern California in conjunction with its thousands of sources of information from all over the United States. The club, in its survey kept ten cars on the road, each carrying two thoroughly experienced road information men. The cars went an average of 300 miles per day. This

means that the total per day of the cars was 3,000 miles. In a month they had traversed 90,000 miles and had covered every essential bit of road that motorists may use in crossing the United States in the winter time.

On the map shown above, all of the heavier roads are open through the year. Those that are farthest South are less troubled with storms and untoward local conditions than those in the North. In order to facilitate the use of the roads during the winter months by the motorists of the United States the automobile club has instituted an unusual service.

Should any reader of this paper wish to make an automobile journey that crosses Southern California over any of these roads, the Club will be glad to extend him every possible help and entirely without charge.

Prospective motor travelers should address the club at its headquarters, Twenty Sixth and Figueroa streets, Los Angeles. If road maps are

wanted, state the place of beginning, the destination and the route home and the principal cities that are to be visited going and coming. The Club will then send a full set of detail road maps covering the entire journey. If information about hotels, motor camps, hunting, fishing or other forms of sport are wanted, state this clearly in the request and the information will be sent.

If the visitor wishes, he may tell the club only his place of start and destination and ask the club to route him over the best route. The time that the journey is to be taken should be stated. As routes vary in desirability with the several winter months.

Once the visitor arrives in Southern California the Automobile Club will make him a guest member and furnish services for six months without charge. On the Pacific Coast the motor visitor will find paved highway completely covering the Pacific Slope from Canada to Mexico.

## WHY FARM BOYS LEAVE HOME

The average farm boy wants some money of his own. He must either make this money or ask his father for it and this largely explains why many of the sturdiest boys reared on the farms leave the home place for the city and town.

"Therefore the farm boy should be made a partner in the farming business and be given an opportunity to earn money of his own," says L. R. Harrill, club leader at State College. "Generally the most successful business men take their sons into the business and give them certain responsibilities for which they are paid. Soon the young man is made manager or an assistant manager and the boy learns to love the business and to believe in the future. But compare that with the farm life which exists on the average farm. The boy is required to labor for the father and gets little return except such as his father does out from time to time."

Mr. Harrill states that the greatest gift that the father

can make to the farm boy is responsibility, because in this, the boy has the opportunity to develop himself. He may never become a good father but he will at least have the opportunity to find himself and to learn what he can do best. He will never do this until he has the chance to think and act for himself. Fully fifty percent of the farm boys leave home knowing of the advantages of the farm and country life, and it is not always the boy's fault.

Club work offers young men on the farm an opportunity to learn facts about farm life that they can get in no other way, states Mr. Harrill. Club work does for the farm boy what the boy scout organization does for the city boy with the addition that it teaches him facts about his calling. In club work, the boy is taught leadership initiative, skill and citizenship. He is given practical information about farming and he is more ready for a partnership in the farming business because of such training.

## PRUNING IN WINTER PREVENTS PEAR BLIGHT

Cutting out and destroying in winter, the twigs and limbs of pear trees killed by blight during the growing season will control the destructive "fire blight" and eliminate the source of infection for the following year.

"Pear blight is produced by a bacterial germ," says G. W. Fant, extension plant disease specialist at State College. "This disease causes much concern to growers during the growing season, although it is during the winter months only, that effective control measures can be put into practice. The disease is characterized by a death of the blossoms, young twigs and later, the larger limbs, giving twigs of acedted trees the appearance of having been scorched by fire. No method of control by spraying has yet been found due to the manner in which the disease works beneath the surface of the bark."

Twigs affected with fire blight can be distinguished in winter by the adhering dead leaves and Mr. Fant states that is a good practice to go over all affected trees during the dormant season and cut out, as far as possible, all blighted twigs. The cuts, he explains, must be made several inches below the lower limit of the

## MARSHALL COTTON MILL TO BE SOLD AGAIN

The Cotton Mill at Marshall has been raised. sold on Dec. 20th 1926, at a The court refused to confirm bankrupt sale, was bought in the bid and the property will be readvertised and sold again Ramsey for \$35,000 and the bid in something like four weeks.