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FLOSSIE SHELTON IS GIVEN THREE TO FIVE YEARS

OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS

The murder case of Flossie Shelton took up from about eleven o'clock last Thursday morning until late Friday afternoon. The prosecution was ably represented by Solicitor Wells, assisted by Mr. John McElroy and Attorney Stone of Asheville. The defense was represented by Messrs. Guy V. Roberts and Lawyer Johnson of Asheville. The jury, after deliberating about two hours, returned a verdict of man slaughter and the defendant was given from 3 to 5 years in the state penitentiary. Other cases not given in our last issue were as follows:

Having had to go to press before court adjourned, we were unable to give complete record of the proceedings.

The case of State vs. Flossie Shelton, charged with murder, was being tried at the time of going to press. The Solicitor for the State announced in open court that he would not ask for verdict of first degree murder, but for a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter, or whatever the evidence would warrant. The jury verdict was guilty of manslaughter and the defendant was given from three to five years in State's Prison at Raleigh and assigned to do such work as the rules and regulations will permit. The defendant, Flossie Shelton, was taken to Raleigh Saturday, August 31st, along with four others who were given five years each in State Prison; namely, Steve Tweed, larceny of an automobile owned by Hon. Winston Cook; Geo. Massey, Wm. Buchanan, and Jess Buchanan.

Welman and Beard Peck's sentence, who were given 60 days on roads, was changed to suspended sentence and ordered to pay costs, a petition having been presented to the court in their behalf.

Arnold and Sampson Landers, charged with the murder of Albert King and Arthur Stanton, were allowed to give bond in the sum of \$7500.00 each for their appearance at the regular November Criminal Court. Bond was made Monday, September 2nd.

The bill of indictment against Corporal Chandley, charging him with aiding and abetting in the murder of Fred Shelton, was returned not a true bill. A true bill was returned by the Grand Jury charging him with carrying a concealed weapon and violation of the prohibition laws, it being disclosed that he was the owner of the pistol with which Flossie Shelton shot her husband, also, the owner of a small quantity of liquor at the same time. He has given bond for his appearance to the November term court.

Isaac Gunter, charged with carrying concealed weapon was discharged the Grand Jury having returned the bill of indictment marked, not a true bill.

Will Price, a native of the Bluff mountain section, convicted for V. P. L., was given a suspended sentence and must leave the State within a certain time or capias will issue to put sentence into effect.

Harvey Goodson and Thomas Woods, two unbleached Americans, who pleaded guilty to taking a dinner apiece when they were hungry while passing where several dinner pails were awaiting the owners at the noon hour. The court discharged them since they had been in jail for more than 30 days for the offense.

Father Shelton, charged with an assault, was given suspended sentence and ordered to pay the cost.

Bessie Gentry, charged with larceny of merchandise from one of the leading merchants of Marshall, was found guilty by a jury and was given a suspended sentence.

Rosnet Pender and Ed Silvers were fined \$25.00 each and ordered to pay cost for an affray. The fine against Silvers was reduced to \$15.00 and cost.

Roy Howell of Hot Springs was fined \$25.00 and taxed with cost for violation pro. laws and given until November term to pay same. Bond was posted for his appearance.

Ed Rice pleaded guilty to Mfg. Liquor and was given six months on roads.

Clarence Rice and Tom Rice were given four months each on roads and are to appear at January term to begin sentence, the court giving them time to gather their crops.

Estel Cook and Dillard Gosnell were given four months on roads.

Moody Ray (col.) pleaded guilty to C. C. W. and was fined \$50.00 and costs.

Fred Hensley, an employee of the Carolina Power and Light Co., of Asheville, N. C., charged with being the father of an illegitimate child, was ordered to pay the mother the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the infant.

Vance Blankenship, age 51 years, was found guilty of V. P. L. and given eight months on the roads—and a suspended sentence of twelve months capias to issue on demand of Solicitor last sentence into effect.

Ball Reece was given an S. divorce from her husband, L. Owens. Owens was granted an abso-

lute divorce from his wife, M. M. Owens, having lived together for about two years, up to January, 1923.

Burley Tobacco Six Feet High In Madison

CROP NEAR MARS HILL BEST IN FIVE STATES

The News-Record is in receipt of a postcard picture of a field of tobacco near Mars Hill in which Mr. O. E. Roberts and Mr. R. S. Gibbs are standing. The tobacco is higher than their heads and the leaves measure 40 inches by 24 inches. The field is said to have been visited by growers from five states, who pronounced it the best they had seen.

WILD BILL ANDERSON CAPTURED

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE SINCE MAY 8, 1929

"Wild" Bill Anderson, who has been a fugitive from justice since the 8th of last May, was captured Wednesday at Pineville, Kentucky, and is supposed to be on his way to Marshall in the custody of officers as we go to press. It will be remembered that he is wanted in connection with the drowning of Bill Tyson of Marshall on May 8 at Sandy Bottom. It was said that the party on the ferry boat at Sandy Bottom, near Barnard, in Madison County, had been drinking, and it was said that Bill Tyson was struck about the face or head before he fell into the water, which resulted in his drowning, the body being found one week later at Palm Rock, several miles below the scene of the drowning.

COL. V. S. LUSK GRAVELY ILL AT HIS HOME IN ASHEVILLE

Col. Virgil Stuart Lusk, 94, oldest member of the Buncombe county bar, and active in practice until last Sunday, is desperately ill at his home, 199 College Street, Asheville. Col. Lusk, a Confederate veteran, and one of the best known residents of western North Carolina, was taken ill Sunday, and has not been conscious since that time. His illness is said to have been caused by a heart attack followed by complications. No hope is held out by doctors for his recovery, says the Asheville Times.

Born in Madison County, Col. Lusk has been active in the practice of law in Asheville for 70 years. He spent the greater part of last week in his office in the law building busily engaged on law cases, and appeared in court several times during the week, accompanied by his grandson, S. J. Pegram, member of the law firm of Pegram and Thornton.

MARSHALL SCHOOL OPENS

DR. CARR SPEAKS AT FORMAL OPENING MONDAY

The Marshall school had its formal opening Monday, September 2nd, although it had opened for registration and classification Thursday of last week. Due to a misunderstanding, not many parents were present Monday, the greater number having gone Thursday. Dr. I. N. Carr, dean of Mars Hill College, made the opening speech. Prof. Robinson, superintendent of the school, asked that the entire school and visitors sing America, which was led by Miss Marie Hale, teacher of music. After some announcements, Dr. Carr was introduced by Prof. Robinson. The speaker's theme was "What Constitutes the Ideal School." His timely remarks were addressed first to the parents and patrons of the school; secondly, to the teachers; and thirdly, to the students. He stressed among other matters the importance of social contacts of the teachers and patrons of the school, community life, and to the pupils he stressed the importance of keeping promises. The large auditorium was almost filled with pupils and teachers and the school started off well. It is hoped that this will be one of the best sessions ever in the history of the county.

AN EGG WITHIN AN EGG

W. F. Presnell, of the Grape Vine section near Bull Creek, is our authority for the statement that a hen egg broken by some member of his family in June contained an egg within. The shell was formed and hard and within the innermost egg were yolk and white just as in any ordinary egg.

Buttinski (braggingly)—Ten thousand dollars to me is what 10 cents is to you.

Damrowski (teasingly)—Have you got change for a quarter?

—The Pathfinder.

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOOLS STRESSED

With the opening of school through out the state, better attendance should be one of the goals set by both the schools and the community, according to a statement by J. N. Freeman, school attendance director for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

He said, "Only three-fourths of the children enrolled are getting the benefit from the money that is being spent on schools, for last year the average daily attendance was only 75.5 per cent of the total enrollment. This means that last year 208,127 children were out of school each day, while 640,651 were present. More than two thousand children were not profiting from the \$29.69 per capita expenditure made for them."

Mr. Freeman pointed out that the school attendance can be improved only when the parents realize the serious consequences which result from keeping children out of school, and make an effort to have them attend regularly; and when the teachers and school authorities are rigid in their insistence upon daily attendance. Prosecution for violating the school attendance law is necessary in extreme cases, but it is not the purpose of the school attendance division to urge prosecution except as a last resort. "There are many better ways of enlisting the cooperation of the parents and the enthusiasm of the children", Mr. Freeman declared. One of these ways, he said, is to point out to the parents the value of an education to the child, and the difficulties encountered in life by the person who grows up in ignorance.

Moreover, the state board of charities and public welfare is not only interested in the attendance of children within the compulsory school age; but is anxious to improve school attendance beyond these age limits.

An interesting fact about school attendance in this state is that city children attend school six per cent better than rural children. Mr. Freeman urges the children in the country not to be outdone by their city neighbors, since rural schools and transportation have improved so greatly.

He said, "With the schools being made so attractive now, with the ease in transporting brought about by the system of trucking children to school, and with the improved highways, North Carolina should make a big improvement in its school attendance rating which is now 39th among the states in the union. The children in North Carolina should be getting the value for the money being spent."

NORTH CAROLINA'S ADVANTAGE

According to The Farm Forecaster, a Georgian, acquainted with all the States and Canada, a writer and student, recently said that he was to speak to a big gathering in New England. He admires California, and Washington; the Mid-West and Florida, but he says that he wants to live and die in North Carolina, the real land of opportunity. Why?

There are many reasons. We do not have to irrigate. Our winters are temperate enough for all year gardens. Our summers are devoid of sunstroke effects. Our mountain and coast resorts are as good as any. Our roads are all one could ask. Our people are the purest caucasian and we have the least foreign born population. We are religiously inclined. We really want prohibition. Our schools are good—better than reputed. Grasses, flowers, and trees grow luxuriantly.

Our State is peculiarly adapted to the livestock industry. We have

natural springs everywhere. We can grow almost any crop—perhaps next to California, we have the largest available diversity. Three crops per year on the same land are not rare. The world's best markets are near—within 500 miles. Motor trucks deliver early vegetables without refrigeration. Canning plants are now utilizing surplus vegetables and fruits. We can and do grow as fine vegetable and fruit as anywhere.

North Carolina is essentially an agricultural state with largely a rural population. In total crop value we rank 8th but were 4th in 1919. In value per acre we are high—\$39.36. Iowa is \$23.19; Oklahoma \$16.88; New York \$24.03; Oregon \$28.18; and Georgia \$20.43. Those outranking us are commercial fruit and vegetable producers.

Our shortage is in livestock. Our pork is bringing premium prices on northern markets. Our poultry demand is greater than the supply. We are growing in dairying, but are still importing worlds of milk (canned) and butter. Grazing is available all winter long. The temperature seldom goes below 20°. We have sugar cane and oranges in the southeast, while buck-wheat and maple syrup are produced in the northwest. The sunshine percentage is high. Almost any type of soil may be found, while the topography varies widely but is seldom perpendicular.

NEW HEAVY BRIDGES BUILT BY SOUTHERN

Atlanta, Ga.—As part of the work of improving its lines which is constantly under way, the Southern Railway System has recently completed a number of heavy bridges, capable of carrying the heaviest engines and cars now in service, replacing lighter structures. Among the more important jobs completed were the following:

At two crossings of the Ocmulgee river, one at Lumber City, Ga., and the other just below Macon, new draw bridges were installed, permitting the operation of heavy power on the Macon Jesup line.

At Epes, Ala., on the line of the Alabama Great Southern between Birmingham and Meridian, a new vertical lift span draw bridge, capable of carrying two tracks, was installed at the Old Single river in place of the timber trestle bridge with swing span.

FOUR YEARS IN THE POULTRY SHIPPING

Comparison of Madison, Buncombe and Yancey Counties in Poultry Shipments.

The following items concerning Madison, Yancey and Buncombe Counties is taken from a report covering the whole of North Carolina and sent us by the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh:

Buncombe county for 1925-27-28 and 1929 failed to report shipments but in 1926 the report shows that 20,128 pounds was shipped from this county.

Report for Madison County shows that in 1925 and 1928 no report was made but in 1926 there was 7,660 lbs shipped and in 1927 there was only 259 pounds shipped. 1929 shows that up to the present in this year there has been 11,500 pounds of live poultry shipped from Madison. This tends to indicate that Madison is now waking up to her chances in the poultry business.

Report for Yancey County shows that in 1927 she shipped 9,550 and in 1929 only 5,833 lbs. The years of 1925-26-29 not reported.

HAVE YOU A RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHO HAS LEFT NORTH CAROLINA?

If so, you can help bring him or her back for the greatest gathering of former Tar Heels ever attempted in North Carolina. The State, through Governor O. Max Gardner and the HOME-COMING COMMITTEE, wishes to extend a cordial invitation to these strayed sons and daughters to "come home" for State and County celebrations, October 12-19, 1929. Every resident of North Carolina can help by providing names of former Tar Heels to whom these invitations may be sent.

Every person in the State is urged to fill in the blank below with the name and address of a friend or relative who has formerly made his or her home in North Carolina and forward it to the Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C.

(Person suggesting name)	(City or town)
(Name of former Tar Heel)	(Full Address)
(Native county)	(Occupation)

"WHOOZIT IN MADISON"

ZEB MERRILL (Concluded)

We skip hurriedly over the Cleveland-Roosevelt period of Zeb's career and come right down to the late recently. After all, many of you readers are more interested in the gossip and scandal of today than you are in the trade-in value of veal calves in '06.

Politically Zeb is neither hot nor cold, and the same goes for his religious convictions. He sticks to his chosen vocation and trades cows while others are merely swapping yarns. On occasion, however, he takes a flyer in fur-bearing animals. Within the past year he met up with another trader somewhere this side of Mars Hill. Both were motoring in Model Tease. Following courtesy and custom they stopped and cut off the gas. They were in trading humor. "What have you?" asked Zeb. "A fine young coon," replied his adversary. "Name a price, cash-and-carry," said Zeb. "Three dollars net FOB," said the other. "Will give you 90 cents and waive inspection," answered Zeb. "Make it a dollar even and you have bought a baby coon." "Something wrong," said Zeb, "but I'll take a chance," which is what he did, for when he came to closer acquaintance with his dollar baby he found he had bought an infant ground hog in a gunny sack!

Men of pride of reputation among Cow Traders do not lightly forget being stung. They lose standing in the fraternity unless they contrive to even accounts with the man who has out-traded them. We do not know where the little ground pig found a home but we can tell you how the account was evened up. And you will see that he laughs last who has the last guffaw. . . . In the devious course of trading Zeb acquired a fee simple title to a cow of good enough appearance, but she was not sound; she staggered in her sleep and gave sour milk—or something worse. She was undesirable and therefore to be traded. Zeb loaded her and calf into his truck and took to the road, stopping at one of Marshall's filling stations. As justice would have it, he encountered there the irreligious fellow who had inflicted a spurious coon upon Zeb. This cow and calf spoke for themselves, so to speak. Zeb did not resent his fellow trader's evident interest in the cattle. He looked indifferent, but he wasn't. He was just playing the game. A price was asked and named—something like sixty dollars for two head that were entered on Zeb's ledger at about thirty-five dollars, and actually worth less. To make a short story brief, they traded—cattle for cash. The two trucks were backed up, end to end, and cow and calf thus driven from Zeb's rack into that of his enemy trader, but not until Zeb had carefully counted the money.

"And now," said Zeb, "when you turn 'em into the pasture, if you notice anything peculiar in the antics and behavior of that cow, remember the coon that turned out to be a ground hog!"

We would like to give more space to Zeb Merrill, because we feel that his story would be an inspiration to younger men who wish to achieve success and yet remain within the law. As it is, we have given him two chapters and yet there is much to tell. However, Judge Pender McElroy is at home and we understand he wants to know when we will get around to his picture. Furthermore, George Pritchard's secretary has just called over long distance to inform us that George is fretting over delay to his. Our readers will know how 'tis. The more space and publicity some men get, the more they crave.

TO MEET IN ASHEVILLE

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested in any way in Forestry and Wild Life to attend the 19th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association at the Battery Park Hotel (assembly room on first floor) in Asheville, North Carolina, on September 12, 13, 14, 1929.

MARS HILL COLLEGE TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 9

Mars Hill College will open September the 9th for registration and the formal opening, Wednesday the 11th, will be an interesting day in Mars Hill. Dr. Lawrence, the new secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board, will speak at 11 o'clock.

Trying a gambling case, a Liverpool court ruled that what is a game of chance, not of skill.

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READ THIS!

In Our Own Country, the USA., eight people are injured each minute, and one person is either accidentally killed or injured every six minutes. That is shocking, we agree. But there is a brighter view of the picture: Of the 125,000,000 people living in this country in 1928, over 124,000,000 escaped being killed or even hit by automobiles! For this we should be heartened, but let us also be increasingly careful.

HOME DEM. AGENT'S COLUMN

The Four-H Short Course of nineteen twenty-nine.

Hot Springs, N. C. January the tenth, nineteen twenty-nine, Miss S Frances Crafton came to Hot Springs to start the "Four-H" Club.

She met every girl over ten years of age, there being about seventy-five in all. She told them of the year's work. She also told them of camp and the best all-around club girl was going to be sent to Raleigh.

About twenty-five girls were interested in the club. Miss Crafton divided the girls in two different clubs one for the larger and one for the smaller girls.

I am glad I stayed with the club, and did the best I could, and got the trip to Raleigh.

The trip is worth much to every girl or boy who gets to go. The Home and Farm Agent had planned in every way possible for the boys and girls to have a good time.

We had classes from eight until eleven-thirty o'clock. We learned many interesting things. The girls had clothing, cooking, general culture, recreation and music. The boys had farming, poultry, general culture, recreation. It sure was fun to hunt the different buildings for classes. At twelve o'clock, the assembly met. At one o'clock dinner was served. From one-thirty until two-forty-five we were free to do as we pleased. From two-forty-five until five-thirty we all went sight-seeing. The first place we were taken was to the penitentiary. The warden took us all through it. When we came to the electric chair, Miss Bessie Henderson sat down in the chair, and the warden strapped her in.

From the prison we all went to the State Hospital on "Dix Hill." After going all through the hospital, the doctor told us of the founding of the hospital by Dorothy Dix, an English lady. After leaving the hospital we returned to the college grounds.

The next afternoon we were taken to the museum where we saw a skeleton of a whale fifty feet long, and many other curious looking animals. From the museum we went to the capital and hall of history. It was all very interesting.

Thursday afternoon we were all taken to the State theatre. The movie was very good. Thursday night Boyce Brooks of Duplin County, and Ruth Coleman, of Alamance County, were crowned Health king and queen.

Friday morning in general culture class Mrs. McKimmon gave a lecture. It was enjoyed by every one.

Friday afternoon at two-thirty we all went to Pullen Hall to elect new officers for nineteen twenty-nine and thirty. The officers elected were M a r y Powell, President, Boyce Brooks, Vice-President; V e r n o n James, Secretary and Treasurer; Leslie Hardison, Historian.

Mr. Harrell said he hoped every Four-H club girl and boy there this year would return next year.

ELLEN BROOKS.

Miss Willie Hunter, State Clothing Specialist, held a leaders school Wednesday, September 4th, at the Court House. There were 16 women present for this school. Miss Hunter gave a study of designing from foundation patterns. Illustrations of collars for different types of neck and shoulders were studied, drapes, proportion, and color were studied. Miss Hunter will conduct one more leaders school this fall.

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