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J. L. SELLERS CLAIMED BY DEATH THURS.

Mr. John L. Sellers, of the Elf Community was claimed by death last Thursday night, August 11th, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted at Ledford's Chapel Friday afternoon by the deceased's pastor, Rev. C. S. Plyler.

Mr. Ledford was a native of Towns County, Georgia, but moved to Clay County about 40 years ago, where he made his home until death. He was 58 years old last October and twice married. His first wife was Miss Viola Crawford, of this County, ten children were born to this union, after her death he married Miss Sallie Cabe also of this county, one child was born to this union but died at birth.

Mr. Ledford was a quiet, unassuming man and a good citizen. He was elected as a member of the Board of County Commissioners on the Republican ticket in 1924 and re-elected in 1926, serving regularly until about two months ago when he was forced to give up active work on account of his health, which had been gradually going down for the past two years. He is survived by his last wife, four brothers and five sisters.

A LETTER FROM MR. SHULER

Much complaint and a great deal of misunderstanding seems to prevail among many students whose records are incomplete. Here are the facts plain and simple: Students make their own records, the teacher under whom you took your work records the results. No body else has the authority to do so. If you have done work in other school except the one in which you wish to graduate all work must be officially transferred and properly recorded. If work is of standard grade or equivalent to work offered in this school it will be accepted and the student given full credit. A standard unit of credit is one hundred and twenty clock hours. Translated in simple language it means this, if you have attended class five times a week, periods of 45 minutes for a minimum length of time of eight months, not missing a recitation, pass up your work satisfactory to the teacher in charge you have made one hour standard high school credit. Four such hours each year for a period of four years entitles you to a diploma of graduation. Standard high school credit means those subjects designated by the State Department as standard work. Spelling, arithmetic, writing are not standard high school work. Though quite often these subjects are carried on into the first and sometimes the second year of high school because of the fact that the student has not equipped himself with sufficient knowledge of these subjects in the grammar school. But no credit is allowed for the work in the high school.

If you have done satisfactory work or passable work and can establish no record of it some body has been delinquent as to their duty. If you have not done satisfactory work you are doing yourself an injustice to want something you have not done. If you would succeed in this you would make invalid the diplomas and records of those who have gone before you. If I were to permit you to our school would not stand accredited six months. It is to your interest more than any one else that a high standard be maintained. A diploma would not be worth the snap of your finger unless there was a scholastic record to back it up. It would be just like a check book in your pocket with no money in the bank. Therefore let me urge every student who enters school this year to resolve first that you will be honest with yourself and second with your parents and teachers. Now what do I mean by being honest? Simply this, that I will not be guilty of throwing away time, loitering around or romping here and

OFFICERS GET TWO STILLS 600 GALLONS BEER

Six hundred gallons of beer, 13 gallons of whiskey and two stills was the result of a series of raids made Sunday by Sheriff Kitchens and deputies Deputies Byers, Ed Ledford and Maney, made a raid on Bluff Cove, taking 600 gallons of beer and 13 gallons of whiskey. Later in the day Sheriff Kitchens and Deputies captured a small complete moonshine outfit in the Gibson Cove. The same day Deputy, W. T. Hunt found a still on the Allbone branch, but it had been badly damaged, according to Mr. Hunt.

On Friday before, Sheriff Kitchens and Deputy John Byers captured and placed in Jail, James Young. A quantity of whiskey was found in his possession and a complete still was destroyed on Shooting Creek.

there when my preparations for tomorrow's recitations are incomplete, that duty comes before pleasure, that every day that school is in session I have a task to perform and if I fail to put forth honest effort on that task I deserve my just desserts and will accept them honestly and honorably. Mr. Bell reports to me that students appeal to him which is very plain that some students do not understand as yet on what bases a diploma of graduation is now issued. Mr. Bell can help you no more than I can however much he might wish to. Let me say right here that there is no one more interested in establishing a creditable record for you than myself. The point is that no one can make the record for you. The fact is that teachers are glad to reward your achievements. The truth is that all teachers are supposed to be honest and most of them are. Should any be guilty of grading high or low because of sentimental reasons there is a way of checking on them before much harm is done. School days are serious days, working days and if you are a student of Hayesville High this coming term you will discover soon that you are being graded not only on your intellectual achievements but on your loyalty, cooperation, and efforts as well.

Now let me say to all you good father and mothers that have told me this summer that you are "backing me up" in a progressive school program to prove your words by your actions. Let our school be a kind of a religion to us instead of a kind of politics. Severe and strict discipline may be meted out all along during the year. If four child is effected remember that I think just as much of him or her as any other student in school but I keenly disapprove of his or her conduct. If you are dissatisfied better see me. No harm will come to you if you bring none to me. Besides mutual understanding will motive on the earth, above the earth, clarify anything. I have no other or under the earth as a professional teacher except the service I may render you as an integral part of this great mass of humanity. Now it is a secret opinion of mine that I have services which I have not been able to render you or part of you at least because you will not prepare your heart for it. Now be honest with your own soul. Who is to blame? I am not your enemy. I am your friend. I am not your lord. I am your servant. But does not the servant sometimes feel the unjust accusation of his lord. You do yourself an injustice and your children harm, not me, when you exploit before them such expressions as, "I wonder why so and so—if I were so and so—I wish so and so was done to certain and certain" constituted school officials. You cut off your own nose to spite your self. Your school or your church is no better than you wish it to be. Here's hoping your wish will come true.

Now laying all jokes aside and getting back to reasoning. Let us not bring the school to account for things over which it has no jurisdiction, such as the disposition and the waywardness of boys and girls at home and during vacation. True I admit that the school should and does have a

INSTALLS NEW SWITCHBOARD IN PHONE OFFICE

Mr. James Penland, manager of the Clay County Telephone Company has been busy the past few days installing a new switchboard also moving the phone office from the rear office room to the front office room of his building on Main street.

It is expected that phone service will be much improved with the new equipment.

PARTY CAMP AT LAKE CARROLL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pass chaperoned a party of young people of Hayesville on a camping and fishing party at Lake Carroll last Saturday night, besides the town boys and girls Misses Atkins and Sellers who have been visiting their homes were guests of the party.

SWEETWATER

Mr. Arthur Cook visited Mr. Andrew Patton and family Sunday.

Mr. J. H. McCray traded his oxen to W. A. Stewart for a mule.

We are sorry to report that Charlie Smith has been right sick with measles for the past two weeks.

Lots of Sweetwater folks have been going to Lake Carroll fishing and boat riding.

Mr. B. H. Martin visited Uncle Elijah Smith last Sunday.

Frank Hill and James Duckworth had a fine fox chase Saturday night.

Several of the folks of this place have been attending Rev. Standberry's meeting at Hayesville.

Mr. Harlie Dyer, of Lake Toxaway has been working with Mr. W. M. McClure for the past month in this community.

Mrs. Nellie Campbell, of Ttopton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maggie Dyer.

Mr. Guy Martin is thinking of going to Canton, Ohio in a short time.

Mr. Oscar Davis and family have returned from Colorado where they have been for several months.

Messrs Willard Lovin, B. H. Hill, Frank Hill, Jessie Palmer and Loran Stamey had a fine fox chase Monday night.

Mr. Frank Hill purchased a fine fox dog from Mr. Tom Herbert.

Mr. Ernest Penland and Mrs. Fred Jones are having a fine school.

The measles have been visiting several homes of this community.

Mr. Wade Curtis left Tuesday for Robbinsville to apply for work.

Mr. French Lovin and wife spent Saturday night on Fires Creek with their son-in-law Mr. Crawford Auberry.

deep and everlasting moral influence on most boys and girls and my heart has been made bleed to the core many times because that influence could not reach out far enough and make that boy or girl an honorable and respectable citizen but upon proper investigation I have found my position endangered, my good name slandered, and the dignity and sacredness of the school desecrated by the constant criticism of that same parent. Such social menaces as the school too often held accountable for today are not school problems neither are they church problems but problems of civilization. What is civilization? Who makes it? Certainly you have your part to perform. You surely can not blame the school if it fails to perform the miracle which the home and every other agency has failed to accomplish. We have the doctors to prescribe and visit the sick but people still continue

WALTON BID HIGHEST FOR C. & G. LINE

Kester Walton, representing a group of buyers, was high bidder at the sale Friday noon of the Carolina and Georgia railway, which went into the hands of a receiver some time ago. A. Hall Johnson, representing S. G. Bernard, the receiver, recommended to Judge R. A. Nunn in superior court Friday afternoon that the bid be accepted, and it is understood that the court will so order. The group of men represented by Mr. Walton could not be learned. Percy B. Ferebee, of Andrews, was high bidder at the open auction Friday at noon, with a bid of \$54,000, but Mr. Walton raised the bid to \$58,000 before 2:30 o'clock, the time limit set for bids.—Asheville Times.

IN JUSTICE COURT

Homer Wilson (Garrett) was tried before Mr. W. J. Winchester Saturday on a warrant taken out by his wife, Mrs. Emma Wilson, charging non-support. He drew a fine of \$50, and cost an da sentence of 30 days in jail. Fine and sentence suspended for twelve months on condition that he support his wife.

STATE LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Anderson and Mrs. Minnie Cherry were the guests of Mrs. Ed McConnell Sunday evening. Mrs. McConnell is not improving very fast.

Misses Myrt and Charm Waldroup were the guests of Miss Pearl Coleman Sunday afternoon.

A few Sundays ago Mr. Ed McConnell when crossing the Blue Ridge mountains came across a large rattlesnake. He stopped his car and found the snake to be dead with an empty whiskey bottle lying by its side. Mr. McConnell decided that the snake had taken a little too much whiskey.

Miss Emma Sams was the guest of Misses Ethel and Jessie Long last Sunday.

Miss Gladys Neal has been right sick with tonsillitis the past week.

Mr. Fletcher is in from Ohio visiting homefolks for a few days.

The girl friends of Miss Hazel McClure White wish her much joy and happiness in the new life she has begun.

to die, we had the minister long before there was a public school but there are some people who still refuse to join in fellowship and brotherhood with the church, we have health officers and health campaigns but germs and diseases still rampant, we have the juvenile courts and officials but girls and boys continue to go astray, we have the courts and officers but the jails and chaingangs are overcrowded, and yet you do not hear any wholesale condemnation of either of them. I have heard the complaint more than once that "Mr. Shuler is a good man but—". I deny the charges, I am no better than the worst of you and I am no worse than the best of you. There is much of which I know nothing about. There is a little of which I know something. There is much that you know that I do not know but there is not a man of woman in Clay County that knows any more than I do about that school over yonder. It is a sure barometer and points toward weakness in constitutional authority when children realize, when they have a selfish motive in view, that they can change the sentiment of their parents at will towards the teachers of the school. They are already disorganized in mind and soul. You will never teach them the story of the good Samaritan. They will never know the meaning of loyalty and cooperation, they will grow into manhood and womanhood with the same grouch, the same complaint, the

FISH AND GAME PRESERVATION IN CLAY COUNTY

There has been a decided change in public sentiment in regard to preservation of fish and game in this, Clay County, in the past few months. We have at least realized the need of this preservation. Our fish were almost gone and some game and furbearing animals have been depleted to the point of extinction. The State is willing and anxious to restock these depleted regions, and game and fish are ours for the asking and the small transportation charges. Our mountains and wooded tracts are ideal places for nearly all kinds of game, and our clear, cold, swift moving mountain streams will make a fisherman's paradise when restocked and properly protected, fingerlings, (small fish) that have been placed in these streams are doing well. Mr. W. T. Hunt, County Warden, states that he has applied for more, and will go to the Morrison Hatchery at Balsom for them as soon as notified.

The Board of Conservation and Development has closed Tusquittee and tributaries from the bridge near D. H. McClure's upward, and Shooting Creek and tributaries from Old Shooting Creek Church upward, until July 1st, 1928.

Let us all pull together and uphold a law that is made for the good of all pure, red-blooded sportsmen.

The law as applied to fishing is as follows:

No one, not even land owners, can fish a closed trout stream.

No one except persons who own the land, can fish trout streams without license during the open season.

No license is required for non trout streams if old method of fishing is used, that is without jointed rod or reel or casting.

Ledford's Chapel

Mr. Oren Ledford and son have returned to their home in Fort Worth, Texas, after having spent several days in Clay.

Mrs. Frank Eppley, Mrs. Mack Rickman and children of Spartanburg, S. C., are visiting friends and relatives in this community. This being Mrs. Eppley's first visit since leaving here 30 years ago.

Mr. W. T. Henson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chambers.

Mrs. Minnie Scarborough and children, of Buffalo, S. C., are Mrs. Bessie Johnson and children, of Frankline, N. C., spent several days with their sister, Mrs. R. E. Long.

Mrs. James Crawford, of Union, S. C., is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. S. T. Crawford.

Mr. Carlton Ledford has carried his little son, Ensley to Waynesville for the purpose of having his tonsils removed.

Quite a crowd attended the funeral services of Mr. J. L. Sellers Thursday at Ledford's Chapel.

We were pleased to have Mr. W. J. Cabe with us in Sunday School Sunday, it having been some time since he was able to attend.

same constitutional ailment that this generation is blessed with, the world will be no better off by their having been here, no further order out of chaos than now and God's kingdom will be no further established. If you are willing to cooperate then you are willing to trust your boy or girl to my care and abide by my instruction with respect to its training and manner of education while under my charge. Let us all learn anew the greatest civilization builder there is "Suppose my little lady your doll should break her head, Would it make it whole by crying till your nose and eyes were red."

Cordially,
A. H. SHULER, Principal