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THANKSGIVING ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Going and Coming and Good Times of the People on this Eventful Day.

Thanksgiving day was observed in Shelby and Cleveland with a deal of glee and earnestness. Thanksgiving is a holiday originally and distinctly American, and the people of Cleveland with their beautiful crops and happy homes felt like giving thanks to Providence. They did it by religious services and in giving to their high and optimistic spirits in gay parties, jolly picnics, and delightful festivities of many kinds.

At the Shelby Baptist church services were held, Mr. Parrish preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon and the people responded liberally with contributions for the many charitable enterprises.

A big crowd attended services at the Presbyterian church where they listened to an excellent sermon by Mr. Minter. The people here were equally thankful and liberal.

Many of the country churches held Thanksgiving services and reports come in of the liberality and charitable spirit of the people.

After preaching the time for services sat in, Mrs. L. M. Hill, of Shelby, gave a dinner party to her many friends, who with such hospitable entertainment, were made to have a remarkably gay and pleasant time. Mrs. Hill is a most accomplished hostess.

Mrs. Hester McBrayer entertained a party of young people for dinner. They report a good dinner and a very enjoyable time.

In the afternoon many of the Shelby young people indulged in straw rides over the country. Merry rides were also much in evidence, several parties riding out to Cleveland Springs and other places of interest.

Thanksgiving evening, Miss Wray gave a delightful party in honor of her Gastonia friends, Misses Maggie McLean, Helen Jenkins and Lullie Marshall, and Messrs Will Marshall and Claude Gray.

In the country the people were more or less bent on having a good time. Guns were banging and hounds baying the whole day long. The pleasure of the hunters was the destruction of hundreds of partridges, rabbits and squirrels.

Many family reunions were held over the country where from great grand father to grand child, they met around the same festal board to enjoy the Thanksgiving turkey, and give thanks for long lives, big families, and happy, healthy children. Those of special interest were the Grigg family of Lawdale and the Roberts family, of Shelby.

On the whole, it was a good day for Cleveland county. May her prosperity continue and the happiness of her people be everlasting.

Show in Shelby Dec. 3rd and 5th.

Hillyer's Crack-a-Jack Company and refined Entertainment will show in Shelby the nights of December 3rd and 5th. The chief attractions are Marvels, Wonders, and Mysteries. It is no magic, no conjuring nor sleight-of-hand, yet an entertainment that will keep everybody guessing. Miss Allie Hillyer, nicknamed the living mystagogue, will give amazing and mysterious performances. Jno. Pool, the man with the original ideas will also be there to surprise all. Admission: Adults, with one child, 25cts.; adults, reserved seats, with two children, 25cts.; children, 15 and 10 cts.

New Partnership Formed.

The old and well established law firm of Webb & Webb becoming dissolved upon the appointment of Jas. L. Webb as judge, a new partnership was entered into Monday between Congressman E. Y. Webb and O. M. Mull. The firm will now be Webb & Mull. Mr. Mull is a talented, progressive young lawyer, white the legal as well as the political ability and success of Mr. Webb is known and admired throughout the State.

MR. HUNT ACQUITTED.

Judge Neal Instructs Jury to Bring in a Verdict of Not Guilty.

His many friends in Cleveland county will be pleased to learn that Mr. A. M. Hunt, one of our leading citizens, who was tried in Rutherford county last week for killing Joe Towery, was promptly acquitted, as all the evidence tended to show that Mr. Hunt acted solely in self defense. This was a most righteous verdict. The Rutherford Sun gives this account of the trial: "Readers of The Star will recall that on January 15th last, Mr. A. M. Hunt, a resident of Cleveland county, and two young men, named Fletcher and Joe Towery, got into a very serious fight at Mr. Hunt's saw mill, which is located in this county, the outcome of which was the killing by Mr. Hunt of Joe Towery.

The evidence produced in court last Wednesday was to the effect that these young men were employed at the saw mill and that Fletcher Towery had gotten drunk and came back to the mill and tried to raise a quarrel with the owner of said mill, causing Joe Fletcher to be drawn into the affair. The two brothers made an attack upon Hunt and according to the evidence of the defendant he hit Fletcher Towery on the arm and when Joe Towery made a pass at him with a knife he knocked him across the head with a piece of plank about 2 1/2 feet long and 4 inches wide, causing the death of the said Joe Towery.

The father of the deceased testified as to what he knew about the case. He was not an eye witness. He arrived after the affair was at an end and only knew what was told him. Leander Hunt was the State's eye witness. He testified as to all the facts in the case—it developing that the young man's evidence on cross-examination was very material to the defense.

After the testimony of these two witnesses the State rested its case. Mr. Hunt was put upon the stand in his own defense. He made a good witness. He stood the firing of the solicitor and left the stand, leaving his case much strengthened.

The defense then put up some of the most prominent men of Cleveland county upon the stand to swear to his good character. The young man killed was about 18 years old, was well known in his community and had many friends.

As we go to press the defendant's witness, J. S. Hunt is on the stand. It appears at this hour that the defendant will be acquitted.

Since the above was written the evidence of the defense was finished and the Judge charged the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, as the evidence clearly showed. McBrayer & Justice, and Congressman E. Yates Webb represented the defendant, while Solicitor Spainhour, J. W. Pless and James Carson represented the State."

Rutherford Man Missing.

RUTHERFORDTON, Nov. 25.—Mr. N. Laxton Walker, a prominent merchant, farmer and postmaster at Mack, this county, has mysteriously disappeared. He was in Rutherfordton, Monday night, November 7th, and has not been seen or heard of by his friends here since. It is rumored that his domestic relations were not pleasant; that he was financially embarrassed; and that he had threatened to leave without notice. His wife and several small children greatly need his presence, his care and his attention; and his departure under the circumstances is greatly regretted by those who lived near the family, and others to whom they were honorably and favorably connected.

Hamrick--Heafner.

A happy marriage took place in Shelby Sunday. Miss Ella Heafner became the wife of Mr. Beattie Hamrick. THE STAR joins their many friends in wishing them success and happiness.

GRIGG RE-UNION A SUCCESS.

A Large Crowd Present--Several Addresses--Big Dinner.

To the Editor of THE STAR: As was expected a large company of people assembled at the Grigg re-union on the 24 inst. at the Spencer M. Grigg homestead. Some 200 were present, most of whom were Griggs. There were tall Griggs and short Griggs, young Griggs and old Griggs. Also there was a large crop of pretty babies on hand which insures the perpetuation of the family cognomen. Widow Jane Grigg scored the high age mark at 78 years.

Rev. Clarence Canipe made the opening address, in which he announced that the Griggs were of Scotch Irish descent, having reached this state via Virginia, that the head of our family was Jesse Grigg, the father of Lewis, Frederick, Woodward and Burrell Grigg, from which all the Griggs in this country are descended. He was followed by Maj. Schenck in a happy speech suited to the occasion.

Taken an invitation was extended to dinner arranged on tables some thirty yards long, and Mr. Jim Willis (big Jim) did the Thanksgiving act. We had a general good time, each participant retaining a large ward assured that he had a large family connection.

Among our kind friends present who disclaim connection with our family were: Maj. Schenck and wife, Albert Whisnant and wife, Francis Crowder and wife, Jim Willis and wife, B. Y. McMurry, wife and others.

ONE OF THEM

Lawdale, Nov. 28th.

Death of a Sweet Young Girl.

It was a severe blow to the family and to her many friends when the death angel entered the home of Mr. Jno. Poston, of Shelby, and took away his daughter, Lillie. Lillie was a sweet, cheerful, kind hearted girl, liked by everybody who knew her. Deceased was 24 years old, and her body was laid to rest in Bethelhem graveyard, Rev. A. H. Simms, of King's Mountain, conducted the funeral services. THE STAR together with her friends extend their warmest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Death of Grover.

Chief of Police, Chas. Turner, died at his home in Grover, Sunday. His death was brought on by a severe attack of cramp colic. He was buried at Earls, Monday, at 3 o'clock, his funeral being preached by Rev. W. R. Minter. Deceased was thirty years old and leaves a wife and two children. To the bereaved family THE STAR extends its sympathy in this hour of grief.

Death of W. J. Brackett.

After a lingering illness with typhoid fever, Mr. W. J. Brackett, of Casar, succumbed to its fatal effects last Thursday. Lung trouble set in and death was inevitable. He leaves a wife and five children to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy. His remains were buried at Mt. Zion church last Saturday.

Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of THE STAR: My family and myself desire to extend our sincerest thanks to the good people of Shelby, our friends and neighbors, for their kindness and attention during the illness of my daughter whose loss we had to suffer. (NO POSTON.) Shelby, Nov. 29.

Cleveland County Medical Society.

The next regular meeting of Cleveland County Medical Society will be Dec. 5th, at 1 p. m., in Court House. At this meeting officers will be elected for next year. T. E. McBRAYER, Pres. S. S. ROYSTER, Sec'y.

A Fine Hunt.

Messrs. Josh Dillingham, I. H. Patterson, of King's Mountain, and Joo. S. Wray, of Shelby, had a fine hunt last Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, killing 14 birds and 24 squirrels. They report a great time and splendid success.

RE UNION AND BIG BATTLE.

The Old Soldiers and People Generally Have a Great Time at Hollis Thanksgiving.

Several thousand people of Rutherford and Cleveland counties picniced at Hollis Thanksgiving, listened to a great sermon by Rev. A. C. Irvin, and witnessed one of the biggest battles fought in this country for years. The Shelby Military Company was there in fine trim with its new guns and suits, and put up an excellent showing, but was no match for the veterans of dozens of well-fought fields. The old soldiers won the victory—much skirmishing and scouting was done and the guns cracked briskly. Each side made several doing charges, and the victory came for the old soldiers, when they tore the flag from the ranks of the young soldiers and planted it safe and sound on their own breast works.

The battle was watched with intense interest and the maneuvers of both side were admirable. The tactics of the Shelby company were modern, but the bravery of the old soldiers overcame everything modern. Capt. J. F. Roberts commanded the company, while Capt. L. E. Powers and Dr. V. J. Palmer generalised the old veterans, and both sides fought bravely.

Mr. J. P. D. Withrow, who was the genial host of the occasion, did himself great credit by his generous provision for all and it was a great time, and everybody enjoyed the day to the limit.

In Memory of Two Children.

To the Editor Star.

One of the saddest things that has occurred in our midst for a long time is the death of our neighbors two little children in less than five days time. The first was little Calvin Lee Spangler. He was one of the twins, and has left his little brother, Yates Webb, very sick. Calvin was only sick five days, when the Saviour called him home. Everything was done that could be, but the good Lord knew best and took him away. He was buried here on earth to bloom in Paradise.

Robert Stow was the little brother that was taken next. He was born Jan. 16, 1903, and died Nov. 16, 1904, being 10 months old. They were buried at Zion church beneath a bed of roses. We sympathize with the fond parents in the loss of their two dear little children.

A FRIEND.

Nov. 28, 1904.

New Pastor's First Sunday.

Rev. Geo. D. Hermon and family arrived last week and occupy the station parsonage at this place. Mr. Hermon occupied the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning and night and was heard by a large congregation at each service, and he delighted his hearers. The Baptist and Presbyterian pastors and congregations very generously and magnanimously joined in a welcome service Sunday night, and this evidence of christian unity and good fellowship is most commendable. The new pastor has already won a warm place in the hearts of Shelby people.

Broke the Man's Neck With a Blow of His Fist.

Louisville, Ky., Dispatch, 2nd. Frederick Sanders, a dairyman, was killed to-day by William H. Slaughter, Jr., a coal merchant and one of the best known men in Louisville. The men had an argument over a debt and Slaughter struck Sanders with such force as to dislocate the man's neck, death resulting instantly. Slaughter surrendered. Sanders was 55 years of age. The trouble arose over an amount of \$15 which Sanders owed Mr. Slaughter for rent.

Prof. Jno. Y. Irvin of Hollis

is in Shelby Saturday. He says the Hollis high school is in fine condition. The boarding hall is taxed almost to its utmost capacity. The debating society is well attended and the school is growing rapidly.

The Blessed Sabbath.

BY HENRY BLOUNT.

It is hard to tell how much the blessed Sabbath has helped and invigorated and strengthened and ennobled and elevated and purified man. No words can describe how its hush and its rest and its solace and its sweetness hath calmed and soothed the aching brain and fevered pulse and stinging nerve. Day after day thunders on with its cares and its toils and its troubles and its vexations and its embarrassments. Each one comes beating on us like a mighty wave from the storm-lashed ocean of time, threatening to engulf us in its widly seething bosom. We can stand one or two or three or four of such worry burdened days, but by the time the sixth one comes, we begin to totter and to stagger, for their hollow sweep of vexations have worn out nerve and brain and will and strength; but then, the seventh, the holy, restful Sabbath comes with its waves of healing and of solace, and in their dimpled bosom we find a surcease from trials and troubles, and a sweet and precious nepenthe for all the ills that life endures for them, with mind divorced from all business vexations, the thoughts can wed celestial scenes, and in the precious wet-look of our souls take in the beatitudes of the redeemed and the saved. Yes, thank God, for the blessed Sabbath, for it is a day of peace and rest when mortals get a fore taste of the sweets and the raptures of the saved and the blest.

A Delightful Party.

Special to The Star.

STICE, Nov. 28.—One of the most interesting and amusing affairs of the season was a "tacky" party given by Miss Mattie Turner on last Saturday evening. The hours were from eight till twelve, and during that time there were great roars of laughter as the merry party of mischievous boys and girls appeared in their "tacky" costumes. Miss Jennie Hughes and Mr. Orran Turner were awarded the prizes.

The "tacky" costumes were then changed to conventional evening clothes and in the parlor which was artistically decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums, many delightful games were played. They were then ushered into the dining room by Misses Belle Hughes and Mallie Davis, where dainty and delicious refreshments were elegantly served by Miss Myrtle Borders in her usual accustomed grace. Miss Turner is a young lady of many charms and accomplishments, and has already proven herself to be a charming and popular young hostess.

A Street Tragedy in Durham.

Durham, Nov. 25.—W. R. Murray, a prominent music dealer of this place shot and instantly killed his uncle, J. S. Murray on Main street at 10 o'clock this morning. Business troubles led up to the shooting.

J. S. Murray shot three times at W. R. Murray, one of the shots taking effect. W. R. Murray then wrenched the pistol from his hand and placed the muzzle to the breast of J. S. Murray, pulled the trigger. The ball pierced the heart and caused instant death.

The deceased was 48 years old and leaves a wife and 6 children. Earl, son of W. R. Murray, received all three of the shots intended for his father, being struck in the right wrist, arm and hip. The wounds are not dangerous.

W. R. Murray surrendered to the authorities. An inquest is to be held this afternoon. Murray will enter a plea of self-defense.

Miss Sallie Doty, chief clerk in the Lincolnton postoffice, walking out of the office early Tuesday morning and later it was learned that she and W. J. White, formerly of Lincolnton, now of Hickory, went to South Carolina and were married. The Lincolnton postoffice seems to be a marrying institution. Two of Postmaster Barkley's daughters have married out of the office in the last few years.

PERSONALS.

Chas. C. McBrayer and family, of Mooreboro, spent Sunday here at Mr. John S. Wray's. Judge Webb left Saturday for Halifax court.

J. A. Anthony, Esq., our popular County Superintendent of Public Instruction, left Tuesday for Raleigh on a business trip and will probably not return for a week or so.

Miss Madge Webb, the charming daughter of Judge J. L. Webb, returned home Monday from a visit to friends and relatives in Georgia.

T. D. Falls, Esq., of Fallston and son, Ben, of Lincoln county, were in town Monday.

Summey Alexander, of South Carolina, was here last week, visiting friends and relatives.

Marvin Willis, of Willis, visited friends in Yorkville, S. C., last week.

Mrs. A. P. Eaker and son Peter, are visiting in Morganton.

Ralph Webb, the popular son of Judge J. L. Webb, in the insurance business in Georgia, is spending this week in Shelby with his people. Miss Hattie McAfee, a popular student of the Shelby graded school, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Yorkville, S. C. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Zulia Green.

Prof. Joe S. Wray spent Thanksgiving at his home in Shelby. With him came as guests of himself and his sister, Miss Elva, five of his pupils. They were Misses Maggie McLean, Hellen Jenkins, and Lullie Marshall, and Messrs Will Marshall and Claude Gray. Prof. Wray and party returned home Saturday night.

Miss Lottie Eagle, of Salisbury, spent Thanksgiving here with her sister, Miss Jennie Eagle.

Miss Lula Tisdale, the charming and efficient teacher of music in Piedmont High School, spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Miss Selma Eskridge.

Congressman Webb, Representative Ryburn and Clyde R. Hoey are attending Rutherford court this week. This week the civil issue docket is being tried.

Miss Tonce Walker, of New House, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. L. Hoyle.

Mrs. L. A. Blanton and daughter are visiting relatives in Mooresboro.

C. M. Gettys and Lee Gettys, of Hollis, gave us a pleasant Tuesday. They are genial and clever young men.

A Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of The Star.

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses shown us during the sickness and death of little Calvin and Stow. We may never be able to comfort and bless them, but we pray God's richest blessing rest upon them.

G. W. SPANKER and FAMILY

Shelby, Nov. 28th, 1904.

—There was a good sized delegation from Cleveland in Rutherfordton last week to testify in the Hunt murder trial. They were: Capt. L. J. Hoyle, Sheriff A. B. Suttle, and Messrs. C. C. Blanton and Orlando Elam.

—The Baptist and Methodist churches will join the Presbyterians in worship to night owing to the fact that Dr. L. C. Vass, the distinguished South African missionary, is to deliver a lecture.

—Mr. Edgar Blanton, of Lincolnton, has sold out his entire stock of hardware at that place and will discontinue his hardware business in Lincolnton. Mr. Blanton is a fine businessman and his many friends and relatives in Shelby hope he will establish a business here.

—The box of money offered by C. M. Webb to the person having the lucky key to unlock it, was awarded to Mr. Joe Blanton. The box contained \$25.00 and Mr. Blanton is to be congratulated upon the shape of his key. Mr. Webb is offering another box under the same conditions.

A man lies about how big his income is, and a woman about how little her outgo is.