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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

BARN AND HOUSE BURNED.

Mr. Geo. Wray's Barn and Stall House Belonging to Mr. B. Blanton Destroyed by Fire Sunday Night.

Sunday night Mr. Geo. Wray's barn, situated behind the livery stable of Lattimore & Lattimore, and a small dwelling house owned to a negro family and belonging to Mr. B. Blanton, were completely destroyed by fire and but for the quick work and heroic efforts of a large number of citizens the livery stable of Lattimore & Lattimore would have been burned and very likely several other adjoining buildings.

The alarm was sounded about eleven o'clock, and in a few minutes water was being carried in buckets and dashed over the nearby buildings. All the bugies and horses of Lattimore & Lattimore were taken from the stable and all possible preparations made so that, if the stable should catch fire, the damage would be small. Fortunately the negroes had just moved from the small dwelling house which was destroyed, and the loss from its burning is no more than the value of the house. The feedstuffs in the barn were burned, and some gears and a few farming utensils. Neither building was insured, but the damage is light.

Various reports have been started as to the origin of the fire, some saying that a negro entering the adjoining lot a short time before the alarm was given to get his mule which was hitched there, must have thoughtlessly thrown a lighted match or a cigar stump near the barn. Others claim that, as the fire started near the top of the building, it must have originated from spontaneous combustion in the roughness.

Mention should be made of the fact that the first person to see the fire and to ring the alarm bell was Rev. G. W. King, colored.

The Sunday School Picnic.

The Sunday School picnic given at Patterson Springs by the Shelby Methodist Sunday School even exceeded expectations in being a happy and recuperating event to the people, old and young who attended. By eight o'clock the meeting place at the Methodist church was thronged with gay children and happy old people waiting for the wagons and carriages which when they came, were quickly filled and the picnicers carried to Patterson Springs, where all day they revelled in the delights of the shady groves and grass plots of that ideal place for a picnic. The little children took to the shallow branch like ducks and played games of various kinds to the amusement and joy of the old people. The dinner was good and plentiful, there being a wagon load hauled down in the dray wagon of Mr. Charlie Royster. Such an occasion is a great help to a Sunday school.

Killed By Lightning.

Ward Wilson, a negro 20 years old, who was working for Sam Poston, colored, near Double Shoals, together with a mule he was plowing, was struck by lightning last Thursday and instantly killed.

This young negro had been living with Sam Poston all his life and last year decided to leave him and work for himself when Poston told him he would give him a mule to stay with him. This mule young Wilson was plowing Thursday when he met his sudden death. Wilson was a sober and industrious negro. His remains were brought down on the Lawndale railroad Friday and buried at Eskridge's Grove church Friday afternoon.

Fingers Badly Cut.

Mr. Joe Black, son of Mr. Aleck Black, who lives near Fallston, met with a very painful accident Thursday while working at a planing machine. His hand was caught in the machine and badly mangled, two of his fingers being nearly sawed off. Dr. E. A. Houser was sent for, who dressed his wounds. The young man suffered much pain, but he will fortunately not lose any of his fingers.

FARMERS MEETING JULY 4TH.

Chairman Urges the Farmers to Attend This Meeting.

To Editor of THE STAR:

Please allow me space in your paper to call the attention of the farmers to our meeting on July 4th. President Jordan of the Southern Cotton Growers Association has requested that meetings be held throughout the entire cotton belt on that date. Let all township committees come prepared to make a report on the crop conditions in their respective townships. A full attendance at this meeting is especially desired, and we hope that every one who is in sympathy with the association will come out and cheer us with their presence if nothing more. We will try to have some able speakers to address the farmers on that date. Victory is already in sight and let us all turn out and have a gala day.

J. Z. FALLS,
Ch'm. Far. As. of Cleve. Co.

Mr. R. M. Gidney, Secretary of the Association, requests us to announce that Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, and probably Mr. W. C. Heath, of Monroe, will address the farmers at their meeting here Tuesday, July 4th, and a full attendance is desired. There are many important matters to be considered at the meeting, among other things arrangements will be perfected for observing Farmers' Day, August 17th, during the home coming week in August.

Cotton Blooms.

Among those who reported cotton blooms last week were the following: Mr. Columbus Hoyle one on June 18th; Mr. F. V. Hendrick on June 20th; Mr. T. L. Ellis on June 22nd; J. B. Pompey, colored, who lives on Mrs. Eliza McBrayer's place, on June 23rd; J. W. Webber, colored, on June 23rd; Mr. W. M. Wellmon, of Casar, on June 24th; Mr. James A. Wesson, of Grover, on June 25th; Mr. A. P. Spake, of Shelby, June 26th; Mr. J. C. Parker, of Waco, June 24th; Mr. W. L. Randall, R. F. D. No. 1, Blountsboro, June 24th; Mr. J. C. Pruett, Jr., R. F. D. No. 3, June 26th; Mr. Charlie Ellis, R. F. D. No. 4, June 26th; Mr. W. A. Walker, Cleveland Mills, June 27th; Mr. J. J. Lattimore, Shelby, June 26th; Mr. J. T. Spangler, Double Shoals, June 24th; K. L. Weathers, J. T. S. Mauney and C. A. Blanton, of R. F. D. No. 5, June 27th; Jno. B. Wright, R. F. D. No. 4, June 27th; Jas. Withrow, Ellenboro and Hubert Rhyme, R. F. D. No. 1, June 27th; P. J. Kendrick, R. F. D. No. 1, June 26th.

This is quite early considering the late spring, and the indications are that we will grow a good cotton crop in this county, in view of the reduced acreage.

Death of Little Vashene Weaver.

Vashene, the little grand daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, of Shelby, died Saturday, after a sickness of a few weeks, and was buried in the Double Shoals Methodist church cemetery Sunday, Mr. W. W. Whisnant conducting the burial service. This sweet little child was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Smith when she was but one week old, her mother dying at that time, and her death is a severe blow to the fond grand parents to whose lives she was almost inseparably tied. To them THE STAR extends its sympathy.

The Red Men at Hollis.

To the Editor of THE STAR:

The Red Men organized at Hollis, June 23rd, with 44 members. It was said by those present from a distance that this was the finest lodge they ever saw organized. Several applications are on the list and this will soon be the bonnet lodge of North Carolina. The organization was a success. This makes four lodges for Hollis. Come and see us, you will enjoy it.

HOLLIS.

The Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Grover will have a picnic at Patterson Springs, July 4th. A good time is anticipated.

IT WAS SELBY'S VICTORY.

Shelby Wins the Third Game From Monroe, Giving Her the Two Best Out of Three.

Last week's STAR conveyed the glad news that Shelby had walloped Monroe in a brilliant exhibition of the national game to the score of 3 to 0. But Wednesday's game resulted in a score disappointing to Shelby, but not discouraging as was so happily and gloriously shown the next day when in a fast and furious contest Shelby left Monroe in the rear, making 9 runs to her one and carrying away the victory which was so eagerly sought by both sides, because victory then meant a victory for the series.

Shelby trotted on the diamond with a resolute determination to win, and with them went the hearts of Shelby's base ball lovers, of whom there are many, all sure that we had the visitors outclassed and all perfectly satisfied that Monroe would lose out.

It is useless to attempt to give a detailed account of the game. Edwards and James was the battery, and their work was the kind that it takes to win over a team like Monroe's, made up of the most reputable college players in the state. Stem, Captain of the University of North Carolina for next year, was there, and his playing at second was superb, Goodwin, of Wake Forest, held down centre for Monroe, Barringer, of Trinity played left, and the rest of the places were filled with college players. Without attempting to tell it all, we will state that the last inning left Monroe away down in the hole with 2 score and Shelby crowned with 9. Justice to Monroe invites us to say that her team and management were made up of an exceedingly gentlemanly and congenial company of fellows, and during their stay in Shelby they won a warm place in the hearts of our people.

A Big Time for the Colored Citizens.

The colored people of the Shelby churches and the country will celebrate the 4th of July in Shelby. The day's exercise, says the circular issued, will consist of prayer and devotion by Rev. R. H. Simmons and addresses by several notable colored divines, prominent among whom is Rev. J. W. Roberts, who is orator of the day. The day's entertainment on the lawn of the Baptist church will consist of refreshments, cold drinks, etc., and a big church bazaar will be held that night on the graded school campus. There will be a base ball game between Shelby and Gaffney or Spartanburg; music will be made by the band; swings will be up for the young and ropes for old time rope jumping; and all in all the colored people of this section will celebrate the national holiday in good style.

Fine Prospects for Piedmont.

Prof. W. D. Burns, principal of Piedmont High School, is travelling in the eastern part of the state in the interest of that institution, and from him we learn that never were prospects for a large attendance brighter. Last year the actual cost of board was \$4.97 per month, for a full month, and 233 students were enrolled. The new catalogue has been issued, and a neat and handsome publication it is, giving the record of last year and emphasizing among many other valuable things, the mountain scenery around Piedmont, the absence of malaria, the thorough preparation for college it gives, its mineral water, the low cost of board, and the ability of the school to prepare for teaching and life. The session opens July 31.

Prof. Alex. Graham Coming.

Prof. Hardin and Patton having notified Superintendent-elect Falls that it will be impossible for them to assist in the Institute, he has secured the services of Prof. Alexander Graham, of Charlotte. Prof. Graham is Superintendent of the Charlotte Graded Schools and is an educator of established experience and ability.

HOME COMING WEEK.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 16th, 17th and 18th—A Great Time.

Shelby and Cleveland county will have a great home coming week in August, and the exact dates have been agreed upon as follows: Wednesday Thursday, and Friday, August 16th, 17th and 18th.

These will be three great days in the history of Shelby and Cleveland county. There will be a mighty outpouring of the home people and those from surrounding counties, and a vast concourse of the scattered sons and daughters and their families will return to their native home and country-land to spend a few days.

The general committee composed of Messrs. Clyde R. Hoey, A. C. Miller O. M. Mull, J. A. Anthony and C. C. Blanton met Tuesday, and began the outline work of preparing for this great occasion.

The first day will be given over to a general re-union of all home folks and old new comers, and there will be a number of five or ten minutes speeches by native Cleveland county people who reside out of the county, some of whom are quite distinguished. Among the speakers invited will be Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor. The principal address on this day will be made by Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., of New York, our most distinguished son.

The second day will be known as Farmers' Day and will be devoted to the great agricultural interests, with a tremendous country picnic, joined in by the people of surrounding counties also. The county Association at its meeting next Tuesday, July 4th, will make arrangements for this, and will invite the county associations of the surrounding counties to meet here on August 17th, Farmers' Day, and president Harvie Jordan and other distinguished speakers will be present.

The third and last day will be known as Veterans' Day, and the Confederates will be given a royal time. Governor R. B. Glenn, accompanied by many of his staff, will be present and make a great speech to the veterans. There will be a big military parade and other famous features.

There will be three fine games of baseball during these three days—one each afternoon, and there will be several entertainments at night, the Daughters of the Confederacy will give an elaborate play, "The Old Homestead," or some other equally as appropriate.

These will be great gala days! At least 10,000 people will attend each day's exercises. There will be numerous other attractions provided and announced later. All railroads will give reduced rates.

The following gentlemen have been appointed a soliciting committee to raise funds to defray the necessary expenses: Messrs. A. C. Miller, C. M. Webb and J. F. Roberts. Let the subscriptions be generous.

Infant Child Dies.

The infant child of Mr. Perry Humphries, who lives near Deepew, died Sunday and was buried at Beaver Dam Monday. The little child was about three weeks old and without a mother, she dying when the infant was born. Since the death of the mother the infant has been kept by its grand father, Mr. J. L. Hamrick.

Little Child Dead.

The two year old child of Mr. David Williams, of Caroleen, died Sunday of bowel trouble and was brought to Elizabeth church, near Shelby, Monday, for interment. Rev. Rome Melton, of Caroleen, conducted the funeral service. We sympathize with the fond parents in the death of their darling child.

German at Blacksburg.

The Blacksburg german club gave a delightful dance at Cherokee Inn Friday night, a large number of young people taking part from Blacksburg, Spartanburg and Gaffney.

DAVID McSWAIN DEAD.

An Old and Honored Citizen of Beaver Dam, Dies Suddenly.

Mr. David McSwain, age about 70 years, of Beaver Dam, died suddenly Monday morning. Although he had been suffering considerably with ill health for several months, his death was by no means expected so soon. He was living with his son, Mr. David Andrew McSwain, who lives near Beaver Dam Baptist church, and had just sat down at the breakfast table Monday, when he dropped dead beside the table. His death was brought on doubtless by heart trouble, with which fatal disease he had for a long time been afflicted.

Mr. McSwain was one of this county's true and tried citizens, always going where duty called and making felt in his community his great influence for good causes and righteous undertakings. Surviving him are five children, his beloved wife having preceded him to the grave several years ago. He was a member of Sharon Methodist church, at which place his remains were laid to rest Monday.

Honor Roll.

The following are the new subscribers and renewals to THE STAR since our last issue:

- J. W. Webber, Earl.
- R. C. Fortenberry, Boxville, Ky.
- C. T. Haynes, R. F. D. Lawndale.
- H. A. Guin, Lawndale.
- W. M. Wellmon, Casar.
- R. F. Ellis, Boyce Texas.
- P. A. Justice, Belwood.
- Rev. W. F. Ashburn, Elon College.
- G. L. Cornwell, Double Shoals.
- Miss Mattie Durham, Ellenboro.
- W. A. Spake, Spencer.
- R. S. Price, Rock Hill, S. C.
- Frank Limerick, Lattimore.
- A. P. Austell, R. F. D. No. 2.
- W. H. Brandon, Thomasville, Ga.
- J. N. London, R. F. D. No. 1.
- E. G. Whitaker, Mooresboro.
- J. J. Hardin, Chester, S. C.
- C. P. Wellmon, R. F. D. Cleveland M.

Trousers 54 Years Old.

Esquire A. P. Austell, of Stice has a pair of white pants bought 54 years ago. He states that it was stylish then to wear white pants and vests, and that he was right in the swim, paying \$5.00 for his breeches and about \$3.00 for a handsome white vest, both of which are well preserved and are now in the Snow Flake Steam Laundry being laundered and prepared for the 4th, when the Esquire will wear them to Shelby.

Died in Gastonia.

Gastonia News.

Mrs. Mary White, of Buffalo, Cleveland county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Morris, at the Loray, Friday afternoon. The remains were buried at the Loray cemetery Saturday. Mrs. White was about 70 years old. She came down on a visit three weeks ago and took sick and never recovered.

Stockholders Meeting July 4th.

The stockholders of the Shelby Cotton Mills will hold their annual meeting in Blanton hall on Tuesday, July 4th, at 3 o'clock. All stockholders are requested to attend. This June 20, 1905.

CHAS. C. BLANTON, PRESIDENT.

Shelby to Play Gastonia.

The Shelby ball team leaves to day for Gastonia where they will play that team three games, and possibly McAdenville before returning. The people of Shelby are confident that victory will be theirs wherever they go.

To Play Rock Hill.

The Shelby base ball team will cross bats with Rock Hill next Tuesday and Wednesday in the Shelby ball park. There will also be a game with Blacksburg Tuesday morning, the 4th of July.

—Cotton has now reached 9c.

OLD TIME SINGING.

At Beaver Dam Church Sunday a Tremendous Crowd Participates in One of These Commendable Gatherings.

The people of Cleveland county know how to have a good time and to have it in such a way that their spiritual and social selves will be greatly elevated and honor to their Master made plain. In two sections of the county, Sunday, were going on at the same time two gatherings, the continuance of whose widening influence and increasing popularity will place Cleveland among the greatest county's in the State and make the lives of her citizens constructed on the solid rocks of morality and religion.

At Pleasant Grove the day was devoted to exercises by the children, and at Beaver Dam met a tremendous crowd to participate in the pleasure that always attends an old time singing. From all over the county they went in such numbers that half could not get in the church. Leading the singing and really the chief organizer of this unique Cleveland county institution, was Mr. O. D. Price, of Lattimore, and his choir was made up of the venerable men and sweet, cheerful old ladies, whose voices had resounded in the old churches and inspired and pleased congregations 40 and 50 years ago. Mr. W. T. D. Green assisted in leading, and Miss Daisy Price presided at the organ.

But justice to the occasion would not be given should mention not be made of the immense crowd of young people whose social maneuverings were of the most pleasant and commendable kind; nor would it be fair to the people of Beaver Dam church to fail to mention the fact that the dinner was on the grounds in abundant quantity and the most palatable quality for everybody.

The Gantt-Gee Marriage.

Charlotte Observer

We see in The Evening Post, of Louisville, Ky., that Miss Eula Gee, of Dallas, Texas, who went to the recent Confederate re-union at Louisville to sponsor for the Fourth Texas Brigade, was married in the Broadway Methodist church of that city on the night of the 18th to Dr. A. M. Gantt, also of Texas. Gee! but wasn't that sudden? The father of the groom, assisted by the pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. The groom is a son of Rev. A. G. Gantt, of Belwood, Cleveland county, N. C., who was a lieutenant in the Fifty-first North Carolina Regiment, in the civil war, and who was a visitor at the re-union. And this gives a local interest to an event which was interesting of itself. We have all heard of men who went to scoff and returned to pray; but this is the first instance of a young lady who went to sponse and returned a bride.

Graham-Austell.

Handsome invitations are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Carrie Austell, of Earl, to Mr. Walter Graham, of Maxton, the happy even to be celebrated at Earl, July 12. This marriage will doubtless be largely attended and will attract wide interest, owing to the popularity of the couple. Miss Austell is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. W. Q. Austell and Mr. Graham is a very popular and highly esteemed young man of Maxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tidley, of Rock Hill, arrived in Shelby Tuesday and will spend several weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Tidley.

Land Sales.

Mr. J. B. Eskridge sold 1164 acres of land, last week, lying on the county line road, four miles above Shelby, to Judge J. L. Webb for \$2350.

Mr. A. Hatcher Webb sold for the D. C. Webb heirs 22 acres lying 24 miles south of Shelby to Mr. W. H. Blanton, the consideration being 880 dollars, 40 dollars an acre.

Maj. H. F. Schenck, of Lawndale, was in Shelby Tuesday.