

REV. DR. SCROGGS DIES AT MARION

BODY BROUGHT TO SHELBY AND WILL BE BURIED FROM CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH TOMORROW MORNING AT 10:30.

Rev. Dr. Scroggs died suddenly yesterday morning at Marion where he held a pastorate and will be buried tomorrow in Shelby the funeral to take place from Central Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock. The news of Dr. Scroggs' death was learned yesterday by his many friends in Shelby and caused the greatest surprise and deepest sorrow. He was one of the oldest and best known Methodist ministers in the Western North Carolina Conference and previous to his going to Marion about two years ago he was presiding elder of the Shelby district and lived here. Several years ago he was pastor of Central Methodist church and was loved by people of all denominations. In the western North Carolina Methodism he was held in the highest esteem and filled positions of honor being at one time secretary in the Bishops cabinet.

Dr. Scroggs is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son. His son, Mr. Clarence Scroggs is city editor of the Winston-Salem Journal. Miss Etzel Scroggs was last year one of the efficient teachers in the Shelby graded schools. The other daughter, Mrs. Fortune lives in Asheville where her husband is a prominent lawyer.

SCHOOL CHILDREN CALLED ON

Sell Thrift Stamps and Become a Soldier of Thrift—You Obtain Rank by Number Sold.

Every school teacher in the state is asked to organize a War Savings Society in his or her school room. One of these societies may be organized as soon as ten persons become war savers by purchasing one or more Thrift Stamp according to the plan of the National War Savings Committee.

The teachers are also urged to stimulate patriotic rivalry among the children by encouraging them to enter training for the army of thrift. As soon as a child becomes a war saver and joins the war savings society, he is eligible to strive to enter the army of thrift; when he gets ten other persons to purchase a \$100 war savings certificate each, he becomes a soldier of thrift and receives from the government an appropriate badge; when he gets twenty-five persons to purchase a \$100 war savings certificate each, he becomes a captain of thrift and receives an appropriate badge; when he has caused the purchase of fifty certificates, he is made a major of thrift; one hundred certificates, a colonel of thrift; and when he has caused the purchase of two hundred certificates, he will be made a general of thrift and his name will be entered in a permanent register in the office of the secretary of the treasury in Washington and he will be immortalized as a soldier of thrift.

MEANS GETS "NOT GUILTY" VERDICT

Concord, Dec. 16.—Gaston B. B. Means, acquitted of the charge of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, for which he had been on trial the last three weeks, spent today a free man with his family at the home of his father, and going about the streets of Concord, his boyhood home, receiving the greetings and congratulations of friends. "Not guilty" was the verdict rendered by the jury this morning at 10:22 o'clock before Judge Cline, members of counsel, the defendant, his wife and father and other relatives, and a considerable number of spectators who had gathered in the Cabarrus county courtroom.

Those old electric light globes you are burning are taking too much juice. It will pay you to buy new ones. Save juice, save money by replacing your old globes for new ones, J. D. Lineberger's Sons. Adv.

Buy yourself a 22 Winchester repeating rifle. Cheap shooting and fine sporting rifle. Farmers Hardware Co. Adv.

Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, founder of the science of osteopathy died at the home of his daughter in Kirksville, Mo., Wednesday, aged 79.

BLAME SUGAR SHORTAGE ON FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

President of Big Sugar Refinery Says There is Plenty of Sugar—Low Price in U. S. Sends It to Canada.

Declaring that there is not shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Spreckles of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, testifying in Washington at the senate committee investigation, placed the responsibility on the food administration. Sugar, he declared, was plentiful in the country.

At the opening of the investigation Mr. Spreckles testified that there is no shortage in the world or the country's sugar supply and that the only deficiency was localized in the eastern Atlantic states. "The world's supply is approximately the same as in former years," said Mr. Spreckles. "The available supply of the United States is the same. There is no shortage in this country except in spots. The United States has ample today in spots in the Atlantic states."

Mr. Spreckles said there were still 900,000 tons of last year's crop not used and estimated that the 1917-1918 crop, exclusive of the output in Germany and her allies and in Russia, is 1,230,000 tons in excess of the amount produced in the same territory last year.

"By eliminating Java, there would be 180,000 tons less than the available in sight last year," Spreckles said. He estimated the Cuban crop this year at about 600,000 tons more than ever before.

"The sugar is going through New York," Mr. Spreckles said, "and the Canadians are getting it because they pay more for it."

"We entered into an agreement with the food administration to pay a certain price for raw sugars," said Spreckles. "We adhered to that agreement and the product normally imported into this country went elsewhere because better prices could be obtained. We were forced to close our refinery because we could not buy raw sugar at the price named."

"If you could pay a higher price now, could you open your refinery?" Senator Reed asked.

"Not at once. Much of the supply has gone abroad and it would take time to get the raw product here."

CLUB RALLY DAY

Is Announced by Farm Demonstrator R. M. Gidney for December 29th—Prizes Offered.

To Club Members:

We announce Saturday December 29th as Club Rally Day and ask all club members to select ten ears of corn for the contest of seed selection. Bring or send your seed corn to me by December 28th as entrance to the contest closes on that date.

Another contest in making seed selection by selecting ten ears of seed corn and send to the county agent by December 28th if you wish to enter the contest. Prizes will be offered for the best single ear variety; for the best two ear variety and prolific and in addition to the best 10 as seed selection. R. M. GIDNEY.

Tin in Kings Mountain District.

The United States Geological Survey department of interior, has recently issued a report on the tin resources of the Kings Mountain district, North Carolina and South Carolina. The presence of cassiterite, oxide of tin, at many places in the district has led to much prospecting and to attempts at mining. In at least one place—the Ross mine, near Gaffney—placer mining was temporarily profitable. Practically all the work on the lodes, which are pegmatite dikes carrying cassiterite, has been done at a loss, but the results of this work have not been sufficiently conclusive to prove or disprove the value of some of the deposits. The report can be had free on application to the Director U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., asking for Bulletin 660-D.

Time to Conscript Labor.

It is about time for the government to conscript labor. It has conscripted the young men, it has conscripted capital, and now it is time for Congress to pass a law authorizing the government to conscript every man, if necessary, who can do manual labor. Many of them are refusing to "do their bit."—Roanoke News.

Near Eleven Million Bales

Cotton production this year is estimated at 10,949,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, the average weight per bale being estimated at 501.2 pound gross. The number of bales estimated for North Carolina was 57,000.

Don't ride with cold feet. Use Clark heater coal and keep them warm. Farmers Hardware Co.

NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED MEN IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

Valuable Information in Regard to Answering the Questions Concerning the Army Draft Are Being Sent You.

To all Registrants of Cleveland County:

Each person who was registered under the selective service act of May 18, 1917, will receive a questionnaire. Five per cent of these will be sent out each day until every person receives one. And if you do not receive one, notify the board and it will send one. The board is not responsible if you fail to get one. The answers you make to the questions therein propounded, and any additional affidavits that you may desire to file with said questionnaire, will determine your classification. In answering the questions you have a right to secure advice and help from the legal advisory board, without charge. The members of said board are: Messrs. John P. Mull, O. Max Gardner, J. H. Quinn, and any others they may designate. The exemption board is instructed not to help any registrant in preparing his questionnaire. Be sure you get your questions properly answered, or you may deprive yourself of rights to which you are entitled.

There will also be sent with each questionnaire a return envelope, which you can use in mailing your questionnaire back without paying any postage. And your return must come within seven days after the date noted on questionnaire.

Each registrant, as soon as he is classified, will be notified by mail of his classification on the grounds of dependents. If you desire to claim a deferred classification on the ground of being engaged in agriculture or "deferred classification" means a temporary exemption.

some industrial occupation, you must do it on the questionnaire; and the local board will forward same to the district board for classification. A registrant in the class that he is entitled to be placed in; but cannot do it unless it has the facts and nothing but the facts.

The task is big; and its success depends upon the willingness of the people to help and not to mislead. So it calls upon every citizen of the county to place patriotism and justice above personal favor. And it feels it will not call in vain.

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD OF CLEVELAND COUNTY.

PENSION CHECKS ARRIVE FOR THE VETERANS—KITCHEN RANGE BURSTS

Lincoln News, Dec. 11.

There seems to be a variety of wood sawyers in this section. People are using more wood than usual, and the wood saw man has about a hundred cord order on the hook all the time.

The depth of snow in Lincolnton ranged from 5 to 6 inches. In the western part of town it was 6 inches, in the eastern part 5 inches, according to those who measured Wednesday morning. At Stanley Creek it measured 7 inches.

The hot water coil in the kitchen range at the home of Mr. J. Thomas McLean burst Monday at the noon hour while the family was at dinner. No one was hurt, but all were frightened. The damage was mainly from the water which flooded the kitchen.

Mr. A. Nixon, clerk of Superior court is in receipt of the pension checks for the veterans and widows of Lincoln county. There are on the rolls two veterans who receive \$75.00 each; four in the third class who receive \$55.00 each; and ninety-three in the fourth-class, \$45.00 each; 87 widows \$45 each. Total in Lincoln county \$9,470.00. Mr. A. Nixon will be glad to hand these out as rapidly as they are called for.

ROMANIA MAY BE EVACUATED BY TEUTONS

London, Dec. 12.—The central powers appear to be willing to evacuate and restore Rumanian territory on condition that new dynasty be established, the new sovereign to be a sympathizer with the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, says a dispatch to the Manchester Guardian from Petrograd. On the other hand, the message states, the bolsheviks are carrying on a republican agitation in the Rumanian army.

Oil Heaters Coal Heaters Wood Heaters Oil Stoves Cook Stoves For sale at J. D. Lineberger's Sons. Adv.

Electric Light Globes from J. D. Lineberger's Sons. We sell the kind that saves juice, which means money in your pocket. Phone, call or send, to Lineberger's for Electric Light Globes.

GET A RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG FOR THE HOME

BIG DRIVE FOR MEMBERS—SHELBY PEOPLE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE NIGHT BEFORE—RED CROSS SERMONS SUNDAY.

Every member of the Shelby chapter of the American Red Cross is entitled to a service flag free. These flags were placed for distribution at the Riviere Drug Co., (Kendall's) and at the Red Cross Work room.

The flag has a blue border, white field and red cross in the white field of the homes of members. No identification is necessary. All that is required is to state that you are a member, and a flag will be given you.

The following instructions are printed at the bottom of the flag and should be observed:

1.—Pin or paste this flag in your front window (showing to the street).

2.—Paste on one additional red cross for each member of your family when they join.

3.—Display this service flag beginning Saturday December 1.

4.—On Christmas eve, Monday December 24, place a lighted candle or electric flashlight just behind the service flag. (The flag is on thin paper to insure the effective showing of the great Red Cross of mercy and relief).

5.—Those who desire may use this as a pattern for a cloth service flag of similar design.

Ministers were requested to preach Red Cross Christmas sermons on December 16.

The Red Cross needs the active support of millions whose good will it already has. The big Christmas membership drive was conceived in and will be carried out largely for the purpose of turning passive friends into active workers. And it was a peculiarly happy thought that gave expression to the idea of making this a "Red Cross Christmas." It will be America's first Christmas in this war.

It will be a Christmas of serious purpose, when the minds of every one will be turned to the war, to our soldiers in France and in training camps waiting orders to cross the sea, and to our sailors and marines. Thought, too will rest on the soldiers of our allies and on the suffering peoples in the war zones. That the nation will be in just the spirit at this Christmas time to produce a whole-hearted response to the Red Cross appeal is not doubted.

At the conclusion of the Red Cross membership drive, there will be any excuse for saying the rest will become a member. There are thousands of persons who are not yet on the Red Cross rolls, and by reason of their own thoughtfulness. All these will have the chance and be reminded of their patriotic duty to join the Red Cross. In the words of President Wilson, the people as a whole will be afforded opportunity to show the Christmas spirit in terms of action.

Illumination as Climax.

Plans have been perfected to make the Christmas Eve ceremonies a fitting climax of the patriotic campaign. At 7:30 o'clock on the night before Christmas it is proposed that a lighted candle shall be placed behind the transparent flag in the window of every Red Cross home. Local chapters will strive to see that this idea is carried out. That the nation will be in just burn until 9 o'clock, and at half-hour intervals during the evening church bells are to be rung to lend impressiveness to the Red Cross ceremony.

During the same hours Christmas carols will be sung on the court square and later automobiles carrying the singers will be driven slowly through the streets.

Caroleen Nuptials.

Special to The Star. At the Davis cottage by the brook at Caroleen, on December 9th, Mr. Wayne Ledbetter and Miss Inez Guffey were joined together in holy matrimony. Rev. S. M. Davis officiated. The very happy couple in their union represent the kinship of old Rutherford and new Cleveland.

Congratulations in abundance upon enterprising citizens of progressive and popular Shelby in a view of that handsome postoffice. Let this card extend greetings from S. D. Davis.

Notice.

There will be a box supper at Double Shoals school house on Friday night, Dec. 21st, at 7 o'clock.

A big stock of Smith and Wesson pistols. All size pistol cartridges from 22 to 44 at Farmers Hardware Co. Adv.

FLASH LIGHTS—make such nice Xmas gifts and we have an assortment. J. D. Lineberger's Sons. Adv.

MRS. SOPHIA SHUFORD DEAD

Widow of the Late Abel Shuford and Fine Type of Christian Woman Passed Away.

Special to The Star.

Saturday evening November 24, Mrs. Sophia Asberry Shuford Widow of the late Abel Shuford died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Beatrice Smith between Waco and Fallston at the age of 79 years 7 months and 14 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Pryor of near Charlotte and was born April 10, 1838. On April 10th, 1865 she was married Abel Shuford of Lincoln county who died 28 years ago and left her with a large family of children to rear. Mrs. Shuford met the situation as only a brave courageous mother could and reared them all in the admonition and nurture of her Saviour. She was a woman of exemplary Christian character who always lived close to the Lord. In her life of nearly 80 years she was obedient as a child, kind and tender as a wife and mother, earnest and faithful as a Christian church member, hospitable and kind as a neighbor and friend. Few women enjoyed the love and esteem of so many people who had been won to her by her splendid traits of character and the world has been made better by her having lived. After she broke up house keeping, she made her home among her children. She held her membership at Bethel near Reepsville. For some time she had been suffering from Bright's disease and heart trouble, which was the cause of her death. All was done that loving hands could do but God knowing best took her to live with him in the great beyond. Surviving are eight children: Messrs. Robert Shuford of Lincoln, J. P. Shuford of Gaffney, S. C., Wiley and Frank Shuford of near Waco, and four daughters, Mrs. C. P. Gardner of Gastonia, Mrs. Peter Beam of Reepsville, Mrs. Beatrice Smith of near Waco, and Miss Elizabeth Shuford together with 50 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at Bethlehem church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. F. Moser, where the interment took place beside her beloved husband. The best evidence of the esteem and love in which she was held was shown in the large crowd that attended her funeral and the new made grave as well as that of her husband was covered with the seasons richest gifts of flowers.

Six of her grandsons: Messrs. Charles, Columbus, and Grady Smith, Lonnie, James and Caleb Shuford acted as pall bearers.

The Blessing of the War.

This is a rather strange caption for an article, for we all know that war is of the devil and the Lord is not the author of war. He did not make men to murder each other. There ought to be and there will be a more reasonable way to settle differences, than to shoot millions innocent men who had no part in the dispute. But while this is true, the Lord can and does make the wrath of man to praise Him. And he is doing it in this horrible and brutal war. A new note has already been struck in our national life. The cynic who sneers at religion has less sympathy than he formerly had. This is a poor time for a skeptic to be airing his doubts. The people have been brought face to face with the most serious of all issues—that of life hereafter—and the man who refers flippantly to matters of the soul finds that his audience has gone. The heart of the nation has been touched. Men are ready to heed the cry of distress and to hold out a hand of help to those in need. The finer qualities of our nature have been developed by the brutal orgie of blood and death. The Y. M. C. A. is doing a spiritual service whose value cannot be estimated, and which the boys at the camps gratefully appreciate. The people understand the deep meaning of this spiritual service, and handed out forty-nine million dollars for that mighty work a little while ago. Indeed, the gospel, with its gentle and persuasive power, is having access where in times of peace it would not have gone. The devil seems to have hardened the heart of Germany, but among the allies, hearts have been softened, and sympathy and brotherhood have been developed. France, Great Britain and the United States are being purged and purified for the great work they are to do when the war is over. We cannot yet fully realize the scope and meaning of the blessing that will come out of the war, but it will be seen and understood when the war clouds roll away.—Charity and Children.

The Child Labor Law.

The Star is receiving a shipment of machine gum paste from New York and stamped on the bill are these words: "We, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee the articles listed herein, were manufactured and produced by us in accordance with the Federal child labor act of September 1, 1916."

LIVE NEWS OF EVERYWHERE

ITEMS OF INTEREST BOILED DOWN FROM THE DAILY PAPERS FOR BUSY READERS TO GRASP QUICKLY.

A negro charged with molesting women residents, was taken from the city jail at Rock Springs, Wyo., by a mob and hanged.

A resolution declaring that a state of war exists between Austria-Hungary and Cuba has been passed by the Cuban house of representatives.

An embargo on all export freight except for the United States government, on all railroads reaching North Atlantic seaboard ports, is ordered by the general operating committee of the eastern railroads.

Two million dollars will be advanced by the war and navy departments to the Bethlehem Steel Company, on munitions contracts, because of the company's difficulties in obtaining funds from private sources to expedite deliveries.

At the request of Food Administrator Hoover, President Wilson will issue within the next few days a proclamation reducing the alcoholic content of beer to 2-3-4 per cent. The use of grain for brewing thus will be cut about 30 per cent.

A recommendation that three wheatless and two meatless days be observed each week in New York restaurants has been adopted unanimously by the New York Society of Restauranters. This is one more wheatless day than the government is advocating.

Construction of a concrete vessel largely as an experiment, will be begun soon by the United States bureau of standards. The vessel will be built after designs by experts of the bureau and if it proves successful many more may be turned out.

Four thousand 3-inch shrapnel shells were exploded by a fire at the plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company near New Castle, Del. One man was killed and the building where the shells were stored was destroyed. Whether the fire was accidental is a matter of doubt.

Miss Katherine Stinson, Texas aviatrix, made a non-stop flight from San Diego, Cal., to San Francisco. She was the first person to pilot an airplane over the Tohachapi mountains on a non-stop flight. The distance between San Diego and San Francisco on an air line is 461 miles.

A division of regular cavalry, the first the American army has had since the Civil war days, is being formed at El Paso, Texas. Officials say the step is in preparation for eventualities abroad, and has no significance so far as the Mexican border is concerned. The division is to be organized under the old army plan, with about 11,000 men.

Seventy persons were killed and 300 or 400 wounded in the uprising in Portugal last week, according to advices reaching Vigo, Spain. Most of the houses of that city were damaged by the bombardment. Several projectiles struck a hotel occupied by diplomats, including the Spanish ministers and the British mission, none of whom was hurt.

Navy department bills to increase the number of midshipmen at the Annapolis naval academy to a maximum of 3,128, and to allow naval and marine officers and enlisted men serving in the Dominican republic to receive compensation from that government in addition to their regular United States pay, have been favorably reported to the house of congress.

Representative Shirley of Kentucky will be chairman of the appropriations committee of the house of congress, succeeding Mr. Fitzgerald, who retires from congress. The Republicans wanted Miss Rankin made chairman of the new committee on woman suffrage, but the Democrats assigned Mr. Raker of California to that position. Miss Rankin is the ranking Republican member.

Hog Killing Time is Here Buy your Butcher Knives from J. D. Lineberger's Sons this week Adv.

Big shipment of Butcher and Pocket Knives received by express today. We have just what you want. J. D. Lineberger's Sons. Adv.

Christmas Concert.

A Christmas concert will be given Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 in the Boiling Springs High School auditorium. A most interesting program has been arranged for the evening.

SEE OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS THIS WEEK SURE—J. D. Lineberger's Sons. Adv.