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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

T. W. BICKETT DIED AT RALEIGH HOME

FORMER GOVERNOR OF N. CAROLINA

Succumbs to a Stroke of Paralysis From Which He Never Rallied to Gain Consciousness

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Former Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, who suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home here last night, died at 9:15 this morning without ever regaining consciousness.

The former Governor was stricken last night while he was seated beside the bed of Mrs. Bickett, who is slightly ill. Seemingly in the best of health and spirits Governor Bickett prepared supper for Mrs. Bickett, who was confined to her room by illness. He had eaten his supper and returned to Mrs. Bickett's room and was sitting beside her bed when he suffered a violent headache. A few moments later he went to his own room to lie down.

Within five minutes Mrs. Bickett heard him scream that his head was "almost killing him." He returned to her room, fell across the bed and lapsed into unconsciousness. A physician was summoned and an examination revealed no outward signs of life, but he soon developed a slight pulse, and the former Governor began breathing perceptibly after half an hour.

His physicians from the first held out no hopes for his recovery, his entire right side being paralyzed. Strong restoratives were administered to the former Governor at intervals throughout the night, but without effect.

The end came peacefully at 9:15 this morning. Mrs. Bickett, their one son, William Bickett, relatives and close friends were at his bedside.

The body of former Governor Bickett will lie in state in the rotunda of the State Capitol from 9 o'clock tomorrow morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when it will be carried to Christ Episcopal Church, of which the former Governor was a member, where funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Milton A. Barber. Following a service at the church the body will be taken through the country to Louisburg, 37 miles north of this city, where burial will take place late tomorrow.

As soon as the news of the former Governor's death was announced, the flags on all State buildings were placed at half mast and the State offices were closed.

Governor Bickett was reputed to be one of the best debaters and orators in the State. He was in great demand during the war as a speaker and visited various sections of the country in the interest of the Liberty loan drives and other war activities.

Born at Monroe
Thomas Walter Bickett was born in Monroe, N. C., February 28, 1859, a son of T. W. and Mary A. (Covington) Bickett. When he was 13 years old his father died and as the oldest of four children he had heavy responsibilities and in providing for their support he acquired much of the self-reliance and the sturdy manhood which have always distinguished him.

OLD SANTA SEES VIOLETS BLOOMING

Christmas Unique in the Way of Weather—Flowers are Found in Bloom

When Santa Claus came this year there was no snow to crunch under the hoofs of his reindeer but on the other hand he found violets holding up their heads in the yards of hundreds of Shelby people. Some reported roses in bloom, so mild has been the Fall and winter thus far.

The weather man was taken by surprise. Certainly he was asleep at his switchboard. So utterly had he forgotten to prepare for Santa Claus that he actually permitted the violets to hold up their heads in the yards of scores of Shelby residents. Not once during the long Fall has he permitted Jack Frost to get a good wallop at the little purple flowers, and they have clung on to their stems, seemingly defiant to all the elements of winter. Those in whose yards the violets are still blooming declared that never before have they seen them linger on as they have. It is scarcely believable that they should continue in the open with proud heads right up until Christmas Day.

But they have! And, perhaps, old Santa got the surprise of his life when he beheld them Christmas Eve night. With the mercury rather bold in its attempt to scale the thermometer and the violets waving in the breeze, it is indeed an unusual Christmas for this section. In truth, it is an Indian Summer Christmas.

FOR SALE or rent seven room house, water and lights. L. E. Ligon, Shelby.

MR. WEATHERS CHAIRMAN FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

Drive Will be Made Sometime in January for Funds for Starving Children

Editor Lee B. Weathers has again been appointed chairman of the Near East Relief work in Cleveland county by Hons. Josephus Daniels and Geo. H. Bellamy of Raleigh and a drive will be made in Cleveland county sometime in January or early February for funds. At a union meeting of the three up-town churches held at the First Baptist church Christmas night a collection was taken which amounted to over \$50 in cash. Mr. Weathers has been chairman for this relief work in Cleveland for a number of years, the collection last year being taken in cast-off clothing which amounted to a half ton of serviceable garments. There appeared recently in the daily press a threat from the Turks that they would build temples out of the skulls of the Armenians and Syrians who have been victims of the Turks for several years when countless thousands were ruthlessly murdered.

Charles V. Vickery, general secretary of this work has the following to say about the need:

I have just returned from Caucasus and the heart of Armenia. I have seen Near East Relief orphanages in the midst of desolation caring for tens of thousands of homeless orphans. I have seen hospitals filled with children.

I have also seen orphanage gates daily besieged by other children, all but naked, cold, hungry, sick, pleading for admission, but being refused because our incoming funds are barely sufficient to care for those already admitted. I have seen children dead and dying on the streets from starvation.

This was in the month of August, but winter is coming. The only possible chance for the life and safety of these children through the coming winter lies in the continued generosity of American Sunday Schools and the Christian-hearted people of America.

TAR HEEL FARMERS ARE RECEIVING GOOD LOANS

Two Immediately Preceding Christmas Holidays \$65,000 Were Loaned to Farmers of State

Washington, Dec. 27.—Reviewing today its advances for agricultural and livestock purposes made for the two days immediately preceding the Christmas holidays, the war finance corporation reported loans of \$65,000 to North Carolina banks to finance agriculture. On December 22 and 23 the corporation approved 142 advances, aggregating approximately \$5,000,000. For the entire week ending December 23 it made 347 advances aggregating \$12,000,000.

Since the statement made several months ago by Angus W. McLean, the Tar Heel member of the government board, that North Carolina farmers, bankers and exporters did not seem to be taking full advantage of the terms of the amended war finance corporation act, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of Tar Heel applications. It is estimated that \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 loans have been made to Tar Heel banks and exporters during the past two or three months. Mr. McLean is gratified that the agricultural interests of the state are availing themselves of government aid during the period of depression.

North Carolinians whose names today were placed on the federal pension rolls at the monthly sums indicated were: Mary J. Mikael, Reedy Branch \$30; Sidney A. Slunder, Leicester \$18; Nancy R. Sink, Clemmons, \$30.

IN MEMORY OF A LONG AGO FRIEND, MRS. GOLD

To the Editor of The Star:

While enjoying the contents of my welcome home paper, I was attracted to the passing of a companion of a long ago friend, Mrs. W. F. Gold who is kindly and tenderly remembered by me. This said death is a reminder that we, too, ere long, must meet the same fate. Since the passing of years are seemingly legion, sweet memories rush to my mind of that sweet little home where I dwelt peace and love and where we enjoyed life so dear to each. In that home was joy and happiness that so soon must pass away that we could not penetrate death. God's will was accomplished. Remembering this long away friend in his bereavement, I extended sympathies as I too well remember the said vacant chair. Wishing for this friend, peace and happiness and the joining of that dear companion in the sweet Home of Rest, I am, Mrs. Hattie Garlock, San Diego, California.

WANTED—to trade good automobile for a pair of mules. Phone 466. M. P. Coley.

SOCIETY and Club

Harrill-Austell Wedding

The following interesting wedding announcements have been issued to the host of the popular young couple: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Forest Austell announce the marriage of their daughter Aileen to Mr. Lawson Herbert Harrill on Monday, December the twenty-sixth, 1921, Shelby, N. C.

The bride is the lovely young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Austell of Earl, Mr. Austell being a prominent merchant, and member of the mercantile firm of Bettis-Austell Co. She is a beautiful and cultured young woman and beloved by all who know her. For the past few year she has been making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Tom Lowery of Patterson Springs and it was at the Lowery home, in the presence of only the immediate members of the two families and a few intimate friends that the ceremony was performed Monday evening at 6:30 by Rev. B. Wilson.

The groom is the popular young son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Harrill of near Shelby commanding a wide circle of friends. He holds an important position with the A. Blanton Wholesale Grocery Co. of this place and he and his lovely young bride will make their home in Shelby.

Mr. Forrest Eskridge Entertains at Bridge Dinner

Mr. Forrest Eskridge was a most genial host during the Christmas holidays, entertaining a number of the younger set at a bridge dinner at his handsome home on West Marion St. last Monday evening.

The house was bright and beautiful with a wealth of Christmas decorations, and the elegant dining table presented a most pleasing effect with its handsome silver cut glass and nappery, the centerpiece being a bowl of exquisite narcissus embedded in the wee, purple hued violets.

Covers were laid for fourteen, five elegant courses being served in faultless style. Following the elegant dinner an enjoyable game of auction bridge was indulged in, the following guests enjoying this hospitality:

Misses Lucy Hamrick, Mae Kendall, Millicent Blanton, Mabel Quinn, Elizabeth McBrayer, Ora Eskridge, Della Stamey of Falston, and Deck Wilson of Cliffside; Messrs. Grover Hamrick, Jake Rudasill, Dr. McLean of Spartanburg, S. C. and Midshipman Charles Steele of Texas.

Popular Young Shelby Couple Married December 23

A marriage which came as quite a surprise to the host of friends of one of Shelby's most prominent and popular young couples is that of Miss Lallage Whisnant and Mr. Cicero C. Patterson which happy event occurred on Friday evening, December 23rd at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whisnant on North LaFayette street. The marriage was kept a profound secret and only the immediate members of the two families were present, there being no attendants. The handsome parlor was beautifully arranged in altar effect by the lavish use of giant white Chrysanthemums and asparagus ferns. The vows were spoken by Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of the bride, the wedding music being beautifully rendered by the bride's sister, Mrs. W. C. Harris. Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple motored to Kings Mountain where they took the southbound train for a wedding trip of several weeks to various points in Florida.

The bride is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whisnant, a bright and vivacious young woman, with many warm friends. She was educated at Davenport College, Lenoir and later going to Greensboro College for Women.

The groom is the son of late Mr. Bert Patterson of near Shelby and holds a lucrative position as traveling salesman for Fields-Walkins Co. of Lynchburg, Va. He is a young man of pleasing personality and of splendid business ability, and commands a host of friends in North Carolina and our sister state, Virginia.

Pastors' and Workers' Conference

The Pastors' and Workers' Conference of the Kings Mountain Association will hold their regular monthly meeting in the First Baptist church next Monday, January 2 at 2 o'clock. Come and let us start the New Year with a good attendance. W. A. Elam, Sec'y.

Hawkins-Love Wedding

The following account of the marriage of Miss Mary Sue Love to Mr. R. D. Hawkins which we clip from the Charlotte News of Tuesday will be of keen interest to the hosts of friends of the bride, who at one time

was one of Shelby's most popular girls:

Miss Mary Sue Love and Ralph D. Hawkins were wed on Monday at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride on East avenue, Dilworth. Rev. Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated, and the double ring ceremony was used.

The only attendants were the ring-bearers, Bobby Jean Love, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Love and Boyles Cade Love, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Lyman Love, the latter of Charleston, S. C.; niece and nephew of the bride.

The bridal music was rendered by Mrs. Alex Stephens, organist of the First Baptist church. The bride was a member of the choir of which Mrs. Stephens is director. A reception followed the ceremony, during which a salad course with accessories was served. Mr. Hawkins and bride left after the ceremony for a bridal trip.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Dr. and Mrs. R. Lyman Love and Mrs. Bayles Cade of Charleston, S. C., Miss Myrtle Houston of Greensboro, Miss Flossie Houston of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Moore of Middleton, Ohio.

The bride is a daughter of the late Capt. W. P. Love and Mrs. Roberta Brady Love of the city, and is a charming, accomplished young woman and possesses a lovely voice. She has many friends in the city.

Mr. Hawkins is originally of Greenville, S. C., and is a graduate of Furman College. At present, he holds an important position with the American Trust Company. He is a young man of excellent qualities and much business ability, and has a wide circle of friends both here and in Greenville.

Twentieth Century to Meet This Afternoon With Mrs. McMurry

The Twentieth Century club will convene this afternoon with Mrs. A. W. McMurry at her home on West Marion St.

The hour of meeting is 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Jack Palmer Critically Ill

It is with a keen feeling of sadness that we chronicle the illness of Mrs. Jack Palmer who for the past week has been in a most critical condition, suffering with peritonitis. All that medical skill can do has been brought to bear upon her case, specialists from the Rutherford hospital and from Charlotte have been in attendance on her, and on Wednesday an operation of the transfusion blood was performed, as the final effort, but her condition has shown no improvement and her life is despaired of. Her mother, Mrs. William Corbett of Houston, Texas is at her bedside and her father and sisters have been summoned to her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Flay Hoye Honored at Reception in Statesville

Mr. and Mrs. Flay Hoye's friends will be interested to know that they were honored at a beautiful reception given in Statesville on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28 by Mr. Hoye's kinspeople, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Henkle. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duvanon, the former, a brother of Mrs. Henkle, who have just returned from their bridal tour to Florida, also shared the honor of the occasion.

Miss Mabel Quinn Charming Club Hostess

On Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Quinn home on West Warren street was the scene of one of the most attractive affairs of the Christmas season, when Miss Mabel Quinn was hostess to the membership of the Ishpeming club and the Cecelia Music club, jointly.

The house was beautifully and appropriately decorated in exquisite roses, narcissus, Christmas bells and bright berried holly. As the guests arrived they were greeted by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Quinn and ushered into the handsome dining room where Miss Lill Kerr graciously presided over the table, pouring, from an elegant silver service, coffee, she being assisted in serving sandwiches by Miss Margaret Anthony. After which the guests found their places at ten small tables which had been arranged for a game of progressive rock, which held their interested attention for the remainder of the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the game, the hostess served an elegant and elaborate ice course.

Miss Quinn was again hostess that evening at 8 o'clock, entertaining in honor of her charming home guest, Mrs. A. L. Duckett of Raleigh.

Rock was again the game for the evening, being played at the five tables, at the conclusion of which a tempting sweet course was served.

Meeting of Children of Confederacy

The Junior Division of the Children of the Confederacy will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Jennie Lee Packard at her home on North Morgan St.

As this is purely a social meeting all members are urged to be present.

Church and Sunday School

Services at Episcopal Church Sunday

There will be special services at the Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. George Manley of Bessemer City.

At Central Methodist Church

"The Plan of the Ages" is the title of a new sermon-series announced to be delivered by the pastor on Sunday morning during the month of January at Central Methodist church. It will deal with the crises and the outstanding characters of the early dispensations in the divine economy.

At the evening services during the same period, the pastor has invited the pastors of contiguous churches to occupy his pulpit, "in order that the people of Shelby may have an opportunity," says Mr. Poovey, "of hearing some real preaching."

Rev. Beverly Wilson, of the Shelby Circuit, will preach Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. and the Epworth League at 6:15 p. m.

The administration of the Lord's Supper will follow the morning sermon.

The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

TRANSPORTATION TAX TO COME OFF

Pleasant Little New Year Gift is in Store for The People

A pleasant New Year gift is in store for the people of Shelby, as well as the rest of the country, at the hands of the railroads.

In a word, the war transportation tax of 1918 is abolished, effective January 1, and will not thereafter be collected.

The transportation tax is three per cent on freight, one per cent on each 20 cents paid on express packages, eight per cent on passenger tickets and a special stamp tax on parcel post shipments.

The transportation tax, which has lasted four years, has netted the government approximately \$350,000,000. No benefit, of course, has ever accrued to the rail management because of this added revenue they had to collect, as strict accounting had to be made immediately to the government by every carrier.

Relief from any tax is acceptable but that on transportation was an added burden because it came with higher transportation charges. Abrogation of the tax will be, indeed a pleasing New Year gift.

The repeal of this tax is also cheering because it marks one more departure from the conditions brought on by the war.

Of the \$350,000,000 paid by the public annually to Uncle Sam on the transportation act, it is estimated that \$30,000,000 a year went for passenger fares, hence the American public will have to pay just eight millions less to travel on the country's railroads in 1922 than it paid this year.

Between all stations where the passenger fare is less than 42 cents there has been no tax under the old law.

The saving of \$30,000,000 in passenger fares of 1922 is computed on the basis of passenger revenues totaling approximately \$1,600,000,000 for all the railroads.

AGED BLACKSBURG MAN STRUCK BY TRAIN—DIES

Blacksburg, S. C., Dec. 26.—J. D. Kennedy, 79 years of age, died at his home on Carolina street Sunday morning after a brief illness, due to bruises received when struck by a train while crossing a track Saturday morning.

Mr. Kennedy was a well-known veteran of this community, having resided here for about 30 years. He is survived by two foster sons, Messrs. Joe Kennedy, of Blacksburg, and Simpson Kennedy, of Cramerton, N. C.

The remains were carried to Henrietta where the interment took place.

MR. CONE ELLIOTT HAS TRAGIC DEATH

CAR OVERTURNS CHRISTMAS MORNING

Prominent Young Business Man Was En Route Home For Christmas When Car Overturns on Him

Mr. Robert Cone Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hoyle Elliott of Waco met a tragic death Christmas morning on a public highway near Chester, S. C. when his car overturned on him as he was en route home to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. Elliott was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Columbia with his brother, Mr. Onslow Elliott. He had worked until about midnight when he started for home alone in his car. No particulars of his death are known other than Mr. Charlie Kennedy passed along the road next morning about 8 o'clock and seeing the car wrecked alongside the road, made an investigation upon which he found the body of the young man pinned underneath the wreckage. Mr. Kennedy himself lived in Columbia and was en route to Shelby, but did not know young Elliott. Papers in his pocket gave his name and address so by communicating with officers in Columbia, his brother Mr. Onslow Elliott was located and hastened to the scene. It is supposed that he had overworked himself during Christmas week and went to sleep at the wheel of the car with the result that it left the road about 4 o'clock in the morning.

His body was prepared for burial at Chester upon the arrival of his brother and wife and brought home by them and a number of other relatives and friends from Waco. Mr. Elliott was born July 13th 1890. In 1906 he joined the Waco Baptist church and had led an exemplary life. He was a young man of noble character, a dutiful son and a loving brother. His service overseas in the famous 81st Division was conspicuous.

The funeral was conducted in the Waco Baptist church by Rev. J. Marcus Keater pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby, assisted by Rev. D. F. Putnam of Cherryville. The church was filled with sorrowing friends and relatives, and the floral designs were numerous and beautiful and were carried by six young ladies, cousins of the deceased, while six young cousins served as pall bearers. The interment was in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

The entire community extends sympathy to the bereaved family. Besides his parents, the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Maud Whitworth of Waco, Mrs. Boyd Stroup of Georgia, Mrs. Theron Allen of Cherryville, Miss Nita Elliott of Waco, Messrs. Onslow Elliott of Columbia, Hoyle Elliott of Forest City and McBrayer Elliott of Waco.

PERSONALS

Mr. Otto Long expects to leave today to join Mr. W. N. Dorsey in Chattanooga, Tenn. for a short visit to Mr. Dorsey's relatives. They will both return to Shelby the first of next week.

Miss Virginia Bell a charming young lady of Charlotte after a very delightful visit here, the guest of Misses Eugenia Holland and Dorothy McBrayer, returned home yesterday.

Mr. T. W. Hamrick, Jr. the bright young son of Mr. T. W. Hamrick, who has been spending the Christmas holidays here expects to return to the D. & D. School at Morganton Monday.

Mr. Czar Mundy who has been home on a three weeks vacation, visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Mundy, has returned to the Greenville Sanatorium where he is undergoing treatment.

Atty. O. N. Lovelace, one of Cleveland county's popular young men who is practicing law in Goldsboro spent the holidays at Bolling Springs with his parents, returning to Goldsboro Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Hoey is spending the holidays with his wife and little daughter who are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Churchill in Augusta, Ga. They expect to return home next week.

HUDSON AND ESSEX PRICES ARE REDUCED

Announcement has been made by the Cleveland Motor Company of this place, of substantial reduction in the entire line of the Hudson and Essex cars, effective immediately.

The new prices place the lines in a list enjoyed by few of the recognized popular automobiles, it is declared, the Essex ranging from \$1,095 to \$1,895, while the Hudson, far below its former price, comes to \$1,685 for the Speedster, to \$3,495 for the Limousine, which includes all the usual equipment that has contributed greatly to making these two cars among the most popular of any on the market.

To My Debtors

I will thank you very much to pay every dollar you owe me by January 1st that I may make a final settlement for the year with my companies. I greatly appreciate your patronage and hope for a continuance of the same. C. J. Woodson.

FORREST ESKRIDGE, Cashier.