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FOUR THOUSAND HENS IN NEW CLUB

FIFTY-THREE POULTRYMEN HAVE JOINED

Co-operative Egg Producers Association Has Set Goal For Ten Thousand Hens—Market Opens January 1st.

(Extension Service.) The Cleveland County Co-operative Egg Producers association which was recently organized in Shelby is meeting with favor among the poultrymen in the county which is manifested by the large sign up of members. Up-to-date fifty-three poultrymen in the county have signed the contract with a total of four thousand hens.

The following poultry producers have signed the contract. Zem Grigg, L. F. Grayson, Weldon Walker, Delfau Walker, Mrs. G. H. Grigg, Lamar Davis, S. C. Wright, W. S. McCurry, R. R. Crawford, W. M. Newton, J. C. Downs, G. K. Newton, McClure Pruett, L. F. Self, M. G. Hunt, A. A. Richards, A. L. Workman, R. C. Fortenberry, J. M. Hasting, C. F. Ramsey, Fred Greene, Lawrence Hawkins, C. C. McSwain, J. B. Wright, R. C. Covington, C. H. Barrett, J. M. Gardner, F. R. Washburn, J. C. Washburn, D. P. Washburn, A. V. Washburn, W. Washburn, J. A. Plummer, B. P. Dixon, R. B. Dixon, J. P. McDaniel, N. R. Morris, T. D. Blalock, J. D. Watterson, J. P. Blalock, R. W. McCurry, J. S. McSwain, J. C. Randall, W. C. Whitworth, Mrs. Guy Harelson, John Wacaster, M. S. Beam, L. M. McSwain, J. T. Crawford, James Rippy, D. H. Hopper.

Officer Makes Raid on Christmas Stock

Deputy Bob Kendrick Annexes Several Neat Christmas Packages in Woods Near Town.

All of the Shelby merchants are ready for the Christmas trade but Deputy Sheriff Bob Kendrick Thursday spoiled one merchant's entire holiday patronage by annexing his stock of goods—wet goods. The stock consisted of one one-half gallon fruit jar and eleven pints all done up in nice plev Christmas bottles, and corked on the fluid that cheers or kills.

Several reports heard were that the boys had been tormenting Thackeron by shooting a cap pistol at him and that he retaliated by firing the rifle at them, the bullet striking Cook. These reports could not be substantiated previous to the preliminary hearing as according to the present status of the affair no other boys were present at the actual shooting. Thackeron interviewed in jail admitted that Cook had a cap pistol but denied that they were mad at each other. Frightened and shaken over the incident, Thackeron, who is undersized and slender for his years, could hardly explain coherently just how the gun was discharged, but was of the impression that he was starting to unload it at the time. His brother, who was visiting him at the jail, was equally as steadfast that the shot was unintentional.

MISSIONARY GETS FORD CAR FOR HER CHRISTMAS

Miss Attie Bostick, missionary to interior China, will receive a Ford coupe for Christmas through the efforts of the W. M. U. of Kings Mountain Baptist association, as a check for \$625 was sent her about two weeks ago. The Shelby W. M. S. raised nearly \$500 of this amount.

Miss Bostick is in the foreign mission field, located in China. She is a native of Shelby and those who have been interested in the gift will be pleased to learn that the necessary amount has been secured.

YOUTH KILLED BY PLAYMATE TUESDAY

TRAGEDY SAID TO BE ACCIDENTAL

Loren Cook, Nine-Year-Old Double Shoals Boy, Dead. David Thackeron Held For Hearing

Loren Cook, 9-year-old son of Sid Cook, of Double Shoals, cotton mill village, six miles north of Shelby, was killed shortly after 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a bullet discharged, accidentally, it is said, from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of David Thackeron, 17-year-old mill worker, who is being held in jail here pending a preliminary hearing in Recorder's court today. Thackeron being placed in jail following the coroner's inquest held Tuesday evening at Double Shoals.

(Trio Playing With Guns.) According to evidence presented to the coroner's jury and other information secured, Cook, Thackeron and Thackeron's younger brother brother were playing or rather walking near the rear of the company store at Double Shoals when the tragedy occurred and so far as is known, no one is thought to have witnessed it with the exception of the younger Thackeron, who with his brother steadfastly maintains that it was an accident. Reports have it that Cook, the deceased boy had a cap pistol and that the three were walking towards the store, the younger Thackeron in front and the other two following, when as David Thackeron contends the rifle went off in some unexplainable manner, probably ejecting the cartridge, the bullet striking the youthful Cook in the right side of the neck. When the wounded boy fell to the ground the Thackerons are said to have become frightened and ran home, leaving him where he fell and was found by others who heard the shot. He died within thirty minutes or less, it is said.

Coroner T. C. Eskridge was notified and proceeded to Double Shoals where the inquest was held. The Thackeron boys and others thought to know anything concerning the incident were brought up for examination. The boys at first declared that Cook shot himself, but later the elder Thackeron broke down and admitted the gun was in his hands when it was discharged, and that they had been playing with the gun and a cap pistol which Cook had when he was shot. His statements were supported by those of his brother. At the conclusion of the inquest, which found that Cook came to his death from a gun-shot wound at the hands of David Thackeron, Thackeron was brought here and placed in jail.

Reported Arguing. Several reports heard were that the boys had been tormenting Thackeron by shooting a cap pistol at him and that he retaliated by firing the rifle at them, the bullet striking Cook. These reports could not be substantiated previous to the preliminary hearing as according to the present status of the affair no other boys were present at the actual shooting. Thackeron interviewed in jail admitted that Cook had a cap pistol but denied that they were mad at each other. Frightened and shaken over the incident, Thackeron, who is undersized and slender for his years, could hardly explain coherently just how the gun was discharged, but was of the impression that he was starting to unload it at the time. His brother, who was visiting him at the jail, was equally as steadfast that the shot was unintentional.

The funeral of the deceased boy was held at Zion Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SENDS BODY HOME AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

After writing a note asking that his body be taken to his home as a "Christmas present" for his wife, Allan Sney, New York tailor, Tuesday night leaped to his death from the platform on an elevated railway station 110 feet above the ground. The body narrowly missed two women pedestrians.

Episcopal Church Service. Rev. George M. Manley of Bessemer City will preach at the Episcopal church here on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

No Santa Claus Ever Heard of In Egypt

Twenty-eight-Year-Old Traveler of The Seas and Continents Knows Not Kris

He has never heard of Santa Claus! Twenty-eight years old, a traveler of the seas and continents, with the black piercing eyes of Egypt that must have searched the depths of thousands of the world's mysteries, and "Kris Kringle" falls meaningless on his ears, relates the Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

It's from Egypt he comes and his name is Mina Mandanol. Four years he has been in America, a student at Temple University and now studying medicine at Hahnemann and a little, old man in red, with twinkling eyes and a long white beard, is a stranger to him, a little old man with whom we leave our cradles at night to go riding in a reindeer sleigh.

For the Sphinx has never told her children of good St. Nick and there's no Kris Kringle romance about the pyramids at Christmas time. Along the Nile no one hangs up his stockings, for there is ignorance along the Nile and persons go barelegged because they've never been told of Santa Claus.

Unbelievable! Yes, but listen. Some one mentioned Santa Claus to him. To his untuned ear it sounded like "clothes" and he talked of turbans and thought he was being polite.

"No," said his questioner who had not the Egyptian courtesy. "Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle. Surely you know Santa Claus."

The great, black eyes looked kindly but very, very perplexed.

"No-o-o," said Mina Mandanol, slowly, musically, wonderingly.

"Santa Claus who comes down the chimney at night and fills stockings? You've heard of him."

"No-o-o."

"You have walked down Market street at Christmas time?"

"Yes," a ready, brightening "Yes."

"And you saw an old man dressed in red from head to foot?"

"Yes." It was almost a joyous yelp.

And someone tried to tell the tall student, who had spent four lonely Christmases in America, who Santa Claus is. But it's probable he only partially understood because four lonely Christmases blurred the vision of a saint in red who drives reindeers and never forgets where anybody lives.

"No, there is no Santa Claus in Egypt," he explained. "Christmas is a feast. For one month the people fast and then a great banquet is prepared in the homes. And all the people take great quantities of food into the cemeteries early in the morning of Christmas day and there they give it to the poor and so remember the dead. Santa Claus does not come to Egypt."

But one must wonder if the Sphinx, who is very, very old and oh! so wise, has not somewhere concealed a stocking to hang up on Christmas. And wondering long enough, one will some times say that perhaps, Santa Claus after all does go to Egypt on Christmas eve to fill the Sphinx's stockings with candies and raisins and a doll that opens its eyes and shuts its eyes. It might well be, because Sphinxes won't tell. And Santa Claus is a gentleman.

POTATO PEEL IN THROAT KILLS IREDELL COUNTY BOY

Raymond LaFayette Austin, thirteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin, of near Turnersburg, Ireddell County, died at a Statesville hospital Tuesday morning, 6:30 o'clock, following an operation which was attempted in an effort to save his life. The child was brought to the hospital in a critical condition, having swallowed a piece of potato peel which lodged in his wind-pipe.

After the first operation Monday afternoon, Master Austin's condition was apparently, much improved. There followed a relapse at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, when there was an edema of the lungs and at 6:30 death occurred.

Max Gardner Gets Parole For Client

O. Max Gardner, Governor Morrison's opponent of the 1920 primary, was before his excellency Wednesday with a pardon application. And "he won his case," getting a parole for Montgomery Burnett, of Polk county, who had been serving two years for violating the prohibition laws.

Woman Trying To Think Self To Death

Rather Than Face Trial For Poisoning Husband and Attempting to Kill Her Children.

Thinking herself to death rather than face trial for the poisoning of her husband and an attempt to kill her five children, Mrs. Myrtle Schaudt, of Whitewater, Wis., lies near death in her cell in the jail at Elkhorn.

For weeks she has been unable to walk, and now she cannot sit alone. December 13th, has been set as the day for her trial, but the woman declares that she will kill herself by that time by concentrating her mind on one object—that she must die. Jail authorities, from the decline in her health during the past few days, believe that she will accomplish her purpose.

Mrs. Schaudt has confessed to police that she fed her husband poison because she "hated him" and tried to kill all her children so that she could become the bride of Ernest Kugahl, who had not enough money to support them all. Kugahl, although he maintains that he had nothing to do with the poisoning, also is held in connection with the case.

The case of Mrs. Schaudt recalls similar case of Harvey Church, accused of killing two salesmen at Chicago. Church also vowed to think himself to death. And apparently he did. Before he was carried unconscious to the electric chair, pins were stuck into his eyes and under his fingernails, his feet were tickled and his nose was burned, but he did not move a muscle. Still his heart was beating.

New Yorkers Rave Over Our Sausage

Lector Eskridge Makes Glowing Report on all Pork Sausage Made in Shelby.

When J. Lector Eskridge, native of Shelby, was here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Webb Eskridge and brothers, Charles L. and Herman Eskridge in the early part of the fall he bought a quantity of old-fashioned Cleveland county pork sausage to distribute among his friends in New York. After receiving and distributing this sausage, he wrote William E. Crowder of the Sanitary Market the following report:

Please accept thanks for your promptness in filing the several orders for the old-fashioned all pork sausage. It may interest you to learn that one of your customers, Mr. William Worrall for the New York Evening Mail, told me after sampling some of his shipment that one of his life-long ambitions had been realized in that he had finally found a sausage that "tasted like it used to taste."

From a number of sources I have purchased sausages for the past few years but none of it has compared with yours for purity, flavor, and quality. There is no reason in my mind why you can't build up quite a large business on Crowder's old fashioned all pork sausage, "just like mother used to make."

Thanking you for all courtesies extended and assuring you that I will continue to spread the good news in this vicinity.

BOX SUPPER AT DOVER MILL SCHOOL SATURDAY

The box supper scheduled to take place at Dover Mill school has been postponed from Friday until Saturday night. Proceeds from the sale of boxes will go for the benefit of the school. There will also be a beauty contest with a prize offered. The Dover Mill school has a large enrollment with four teachers: Misses Louise Peeler, Beulah Logan, Fay Dellinger and Mrs. Bloom Costner.

At First Baptist Church. The pastor is attending the Baptist State convention at Gastonia this week where he is receiving inspiration and information. The regular services of the church on next Sunday. A special service at the 11 o'clock hour and every member of the church is urged to be present. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and a place for all and an interesting lesson. You are invited to be present at all these services. Visitors and strangers are always welcome.

Will Realize Dream.

Wilmington—Wilmington's dream of years a 30-foot channel in the Cape Fear river, between Wilmington and the sea, will be realized fully by 1927, and actual work on the project will be started next year, providing congress approves recommendations of General Lansing H. Beach, chief of engineers, by authorizing an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Cape Fear below Wilmington.

Two Class Contests Monday and Tuesday

Seniors Defeat "A" Juniors, With Beam, Auten and Wall Starring. 9-A Wallops 9-B Eleven.

In the two class football games played Monday and Tuesday 9-A defeated 9-B 18 to 3, and the senior eleven swamped 10-A 14 to 0. A game will be played each school afternoon until the class championship is decided.

Several likely prospects for next year's varsity were evident during the course of the games. Along with new men varsity stars were outstanding in Tuesday's game. Aften, captain-elect for next year, playing at full back for the defeated juniors, hit the line and swept around the ends with a dash that likely assures him a backfield berth next season. Quarterback teammates were Gray in capital and Surratt in line. For the victors Bill Beam, Wall and E. Beam were stars. W. Beam picking his holes like a seasoned back, while Wall proved his adeptness at the passing game and skirting the ends. Several new men looked well in the line for the seniors.

Seniors (11) 10-A (9) Barrett l. e. Grice Stockton l. t. Surratt Palmer l. g. Eskridge Babington c. Edmond Doggett r. g. Costner Mauney r. t. Sparks Houser r. e. Dixon W. Beam q. b. Wray Hoyle l. h. C. Eskridge Wall r. h. Pendleton E. Beam f. b. Auten

The line-up of Monday's game in which 9-A defeated 9-B 18 to 3, follows:

9-B (3) 9-A (18) Lackey l. e. Cline Webb l. t. Mahew Frances l. g. McSwain Roberts c. Morehart Carter r. g. F. McSwain Noggles r. t. Branto Propst r. e. Harris Hendrick q. b. Archer Allen l. h. Peeler Wilson r. h. Magness Elam l. b. Hoyle

Cotton Forecast Drops Down 167,000 Bales

Government Now Places Estimate at 10,081,000 Bales, Is Fourth Most Valuable Crop.

Total production of cotton for the 1923-24 season was placed Monday by the department of agriculture at 10,081,000 equivalent 500 pound bales in the final cotton report of the season. That quantity is 167,000 bales less than the department forecast on November 2.

The crop amounts to 4,821,333,000 pounds exclusive of linters, and at the December 1 average farm price of 31 cents per pound, is worth \$1,494,613,230, making it the fourth most valuable crop ever grown. It is the sixth crop that has been worth a billion dollars or more.

The estimated production by states in 300 pound green bales, follows: Virginia, 50,000 bales; North Carolina, 1,020,000; South Carolina 795,000; Georgia, 580,000; Florida, 12,000; Alabama 800,000; Mississippi, 617,000; Louisiana 285,000; Texas, 4,290,000; Arkansas, 620,000; Tennessee 220,000; Missouri, 115,000; Oklahoma, 220,000; California, Arizona 83,000; all other states 37,000.

About 85,000 bales additional to California are being grown in Lower California, Old Mexico.

53,841 COTTON BALES WERE EXPORTED FROM WILMINGTON

Since July 1, the beginning of the present fiscal year, there has been exported the foreign countries from the port of Wilmington, this state, 53,841 bales of cotton, according to custom house figures. That is approximately the same amount that was shipped during the same period of 1922, and has an approximate value of \$8,000,000.

During the past week the cotton receipts at the port of Wilmington were 6,380 bales, for same week last year 2,204 bales, a difference in favor of this year of 4,176 bales. The total receipts at this port since August 1, 1923, have been 88,541 bales; for the same time last year 66,558 bales; a difference of approximately 20,000 bales.

On Friday of last week the stock of cotton at that port is shown to have been 28,840 bales. On the same day last year the stock was 22,192 bales.

GILMER'S STORE TO STAY OPEN AT NIGHTS TILL 8

Gilmer's department store will remain open beginning Monday until 8 o'clock each evening to take care of the Christmas shoppers, according to an announcement made yesterday by Manager Paul Wootten.

1,423 PUPILS IN SHELBY SCHOOLS

39 STUDENTS PLACED ON HONOR ROLL

New Attendance Record is Set At End of Third School Month. Other Records

The third month of the school year closed last Friday with a record attendance according to Superintendent I. C. Griffin, the new attendance figure being 1,423 at the end of the month.

Along with the new attendance record is a record of perfect attendance that is a credit to the school, together with a record honor roll. For the month five teachers had perfect attendance, these being Misses Moscs, Newton, O'Brien, Tyson and Mrs. Ramsour. Three teachers, Misses Bostick, and Moses and Mrs. Honeycutt reporting no tardies. The record established by the class of Miss Moscs, of no absences and tardies, is unusual in any school. Thirty-nine pupils were on the honor roll for the month, being 17 more than attained that honor during the previous month.

The new attendance figures are as follows: Marion school 209 LaFayette school 259 Central (elementary) 184 Central (grammar) 141 Central (high) 376 Colored school 254 Total attendance 1,423

"Uncle" Davis Writes Sketch of His Life

Nearing End of Trail Pioneer Minister Prepares Detailed Outline of His Life.

Rev. S. M. Davis, Methodist minister who recently died at Caroleen was noted for looking ahead and making preparations for emergencies. Knowing that the papers, especially his church paper, would want a sketch of his life, he had one in readiness, of which the following is a copy:

"Caroleen, March 20, 1921.—The editor of the Christian Advocate will please use this sketch in his tribute of my death.—S. M. Davis.

Rev. S. Micajah Davis, born in upper Cleveland, North Carolina, March 7, 1847. Died. The son of J. E. and Mary Davis. His father was an excellent citizen, member of the well-known Davis and Durham families. Mother, Miss Mary Parker, sister of Rev. Joseph Parker, of the South Carolina conference, and Dr. George Parker. Brother Davis the only son, with four sisters, all married and raised up good families. He was converted and joined the Methodist church in early life; brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and in the love of Methodism; educated in the Yarbrough high school; joined the Confederate army at 17; entered the South Carolina conference at the age of 20. Bishop Doggett sent me as a junior preacher with Rev. Simpson Jones to Darlington circuit with 15 churches. Second year appointed by Bishop Kavanaugh to the Kingstree circuit with Rev. J. W. Jones; 15 churches. Third year sent by Bishop Pierce with Rev. R. R. Peeggs to Wadesboro circuit; 15 churches—45 churches served in the three years.

"As pastor I served the following churches each from one to four years: Happy Home, Pineville, Mt. Airy, Magnolia, Jamesville, Washington, Wilson, Shelby circuit, Hopewell, Matthews-Mt. Island and Charlotte B. street.

"My presiding elders during the 35 years of my active pastoral work were the following fine preachers and faithful followers of Christ: Revs. J. W. North, R. J. Boyd, Charles Betts, W. S. Black, M. L. Wood, J. E. Mann, Dr. Closs, D. R. Bruton, E. W. Thompson and J. J. Wrenn.

"My health gave way while paston in Plymouth and Washington—malarial prostration and nervous breakdown.

"During the many years of my superannuation I have endeavored to serve the Master and the church by preaching, teaching and writing. Have written and published several helpful pamphlets.

"Let me say to the pastors of the 20th century centenary that my lowest salary received was \$83 and the highest salary \$600.

"S. M. DAVIS."

Kill Huge Wild Hog.

Mount Tabor—A few night ago while J. D. Waddell and C. R. Turbeville, two farmers, were returning to their homes a few miles out from town, they killed a wild hog believed to have been several years of age. The monster 'pig' weighed nearly 400 pounds and its tusks were four or five inches long.

BAPTISTS DISCUSS STATE MISSIONS

STATUS OF \$75,000,000 CAMPAIGN CONSIDERED

Denomination Must Raise \$2,000,000 Within Year. Attendance Record at Convention Is Broken.

The morning hours of the second day's session of the Baptist state convention at Gastonia were featured with a genuinely interesting discussion of state missions coupled with which was much consideration of the status of the \$75,000,000 campaign.

Four years of the campaign have expired and there is one more year to go, and as Dr. Maddy, corresponding secretary of missions says there faces the denomination the necessity of raising practically \$2,000,000 within one year if quota asked of North Carolina is to be met.

The raising of this amount is absolutely important. All of denominational interests are dependent upon the contribution of the quota if they meet the obligations that are already upon them; North Carolina's state board of missions did not receive as much of the total quota as was first expected because of the urgent need of other interests and the needs of the boards have not been covered by the funds that have come into the board's treasury.

During the past year the state mission work has demanded far more money than the board has had at its command. Special workers have been employed, following the instructions of the convention, at educational centers. The A. and E. college, Raleigh, the North Carolina college for women at Greensboro and Chapel Hill have had the service of trained religious workers, under the supervision of the churches at those centers. This work is to be continued.

Aid For New Churches.

During the year the demands for financial aid for the erection of church buildings has increased largely and Dr. Maddy said that he could easily use \$25,000 in aiding weak churches in the erection of buildings this year if he had the money.

The state mission board closed the year with a debt of \$38,000 and in addition had borrowed \$15,000 to assist the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem. These amounts must be set against the appropriations for the current year and there is no place to cut down, said Dr. Maddy. The temper of the convention as expressed by various speakers was not in favor of any cutting down especially in view of the imperative need. The committee which had considered the report of the board unanimously recommended that the work go forward as planned, in-lorced the work of last year, mention particularly the establishment of the department of stewardship. The board was advised to employ Rev. A. C. Hamby as associate corresponding secretary and to continue the department of enlistments as the board might determine.

Over 600 Messengers

The committee on entertainment reported that the actual number of messengers given entertainment had passed the 600 mark at noon—breaking the record for attendance—and the committee said that there was still room. Truly Gastonia is making a record for entertainment.

At the afternoon session Dr. I. J. Vanness of Nashville discussed the work of Sunday schools in his characteristic manner. Dr. Vanness is the secretary of the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist convention. The work of the Sunday school department was indorsed by the convention and Secretary Middleton was commended for his efficient service.

The Baptist foundation reported an evident increase in interest among the Baptists as being shown by the inquiries coming to the secretary. Over \$500,000 has already been placed through wills, in the hands of the foundation.

MORE MEN LIKE "UNCLE" DAVIS ARE NEEDED

Raleigh News and Observer. Rev. S. M. Davis, faithful Methodist minister who died at Caroleen the other day, received during a long life, salaries ranging from \$83 to \$600. In a grasping age it is heartening to find a man like this who demanded nothing and was content with little. We happen to know of another man, formerly a preacher, living in another state, who sets himself up as counselor of men and preaches generosity and self-sacrifice, but demands the last cent that his ability can command. The world needs more men after the fashion of the western North Carolina Methodist preacher and fewer after the fashion of the other example cited.

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