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PUBLIC NURSE IS ASSURED SCHOOLS

ANOTHER FORWARD STEP IN SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Funds Raised By Woman's Club and Mission Classes. Miss Bowman Is Selected.

Shelby is to have a full time public school nurse. This was definitely decided following a meeting of Shelby physicians at the hospital Monday night, where it became known that the funds for this beneficial work had been raised by the Woman's club and the joint mission study classes of the Shelby churches. This means that another forward step in a modern school system for the better interests of the coming generation has been realized after considerable contemplation. For the newly created and responsible position Miss Bowman, one of the most capable nurses in the state, was the unanimous selection. She will enter upon her new duties Monday, January 7.

The movement for a public school nurse was started at a meeting of the local Kiwanis club last spring, when the needs of a nurse were presented by Dr. E. B. Lattimore. At that time ways and means for providing a nurse were not in evidence, and nothing more was done in the matter until this fall when the necessary funds were raised by the woman's club and the mission study classes, organization at all times interested in the bettering of their town. Monday night at a meeting of the local physicians the plan was heartily endorsed and all were agreed that Miss Bowman was the best fitted for the position. The medical society appointed a committee, composed of Drs. Houser, Lattimore and Mitchell, to assist the school board, superintendent and Miss Bowman in planning the exact work to be carried on. One of the first tasks facing the new school nurse will be weighing and measuring all the children of the school to discover underweights and note any other physical defects that might need the attention of a physician. Among the details of her other work will be lectures to the children on personal hygiene.

A Very Capable Nurse. Miss Bowman, who is the daughter of Mr. J. T. Bowman, is regarded as one of most efficient and intelligent nurses in North Carolina or anywhere in this section of the country. Following her graduation at the New York city hospital she gained considerable experience in practical nursing and later took post-graduate work in leading New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Rochester hospitals. Her duties as a school nurse will not be unfamiliar as she at one time held a similar position in the city schools of Lynchburg, Va.

Shelby Schools Open Following Holidays

The Shelby schools opened Wednesday after the Christmas holidays with a very creditable attendance considering the inclement weather. Holiday merriment and the youthful interest in the Kris Kringle period was in evidence but by Thursday practically the entire school had "buckled down" to the regular routine. Very few changes have been made since the first term according to Superintendent I. C. Griffin.

Building Improvements.

Among the improvements noted at the re-opening of the city schools following the holiday vacation was the almost completed work of re-modeling the junior high, or grammar school, building. The entire work of remodeling is near completion and the heating system and sewerage has already been installed. The building is now modernized throughout, compares favorably in appearance with any of the new structures, speaking well for the business sagacity of the school board.

The wooden building constructed during the war at a cost of \$12,500 has been brick veneered, heating and lighting system and sewerage installed and made a modern school building at a cost of around \$7,500 or a total cost of somewhere near \$20,000, it being estimated that a similar structure entirely erected now would have cost at least \$40,000. The building, which is two stories, contains eight class rooms, the largest rooms of any in the city school buildings.

LADY CHIROPRACTIC IN OFFICE OF DR. JARRETT

Dr. E. C. Jarrett and wife, Dr. Laudis Berry, recent graduates of the Palmer school of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, will be in the office of Dr. Jarrett's brother, Dr. B. M. Jarrett, and will assist him in his practice. Dr. Laudis Berry Jarrett will serve as special assistant in the practice among ladies and children.

\$88,812.82 Increase In Freight Receipts

Freight Receipts Show Increase of One-Seventh in 1923. Reflects Growth of Shelby.

Freight receipts can be and are used to gauge the growth of a town, because increased population and industry means increased freight business, incoming and outgoing, and usually about on the same plane with the growth of a town. Estimating on this basis Shelby has grown about one-seventh larger during one year, 1923. Freight receipts at the local railway freight stations during 1923 show an approximate increase of one-seventh over those of 1922.

Combined freight receipts at the Southern and Seaboard stations in 1923 reached \$266,800.91, as compared with \$537,988.09 during 1922. Freight receipts at the Southern during 1923 amounted to \$395,856.14 or \$53,244.81 more than the \$282,611.33 of 1922. Seaboard freight receipts during 1923 were \$290,944.77 or \$35,657.01 more than the receipts of 1922, which were \$255,377.76. According to these figures the combined increase in freight receipts of 1923 over 1922 was \$88,812.82.

Forest City Speed Cop Is Injured

Mr. Garrett Edwards, speed officer from Forest City to the Cleveland county line, while chasing a Dodge touring car was painfully injured Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock when his motorcycle casing pulled off and locked the front wheel, throwing him on his head at the side of the road. He was found near his motorcycle in a semi-conscious condition a few minutes after the accident by Messrs. Louis Gardner and Ralph Royster, of Shelby who were en route to Rutherford. They assisted in taking the injured man to Forest City, where he was placed under the care of a physician. Later he was taken to the hospital where a X-ray picture was made, revealing a fracture of the skull. Later reports state that he is getting along nicely however. The man speeding in the Dodge, and who was met by the Shelby men, made good his escape. The accident occurred one mile this side of Ellenboro.

Colored Celebrate Their Emancipation

The colored people of Cleveland county celebrated their 60th anniversary of freedom in Shelby Tuesday. A large number of colored people gathered for the occasion and a program was rendered at the county court house.

The program which began at 2 o'clock with Rev. A. W. Foster, master of ceremonies, was as follows: General singing of "America" and a prayer which was followed by the reading of the emancipation proclamation by Rev. J. W. Bridges. The speaker of the occasion Dr. S. E. Baker, pastor of Shiloh colored Baptist church, made an address interesting to his hearers on "The Conditions of Life." General and quartet singing followed. Officers of the Cleveland county body are W. R. Hunter, president, and Essie Odom secretary.

Dick Gurley Taken In State Fraternity

Seven State college alumni in this section of the state including Richard N. Gurley, Shelby football coach, were initiated into the college chapter of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity Tuesday, the formalities being held at the Selwyn hotel in Charlotte.

Initiation was begun in the afternoon and continued until after midnight. A supper at the hotel followed.

Those taken in were: Carl Harris, '17, of Lancaster, S. C.; W. A. Kennedy, '16, Charlotte; F. Andy Scroggs '2, Winston; Richard Gurley, '20, Shelby; Koyt Nissen, '22, Winston; M. S. Emmart, '23, Wilmington; Stuart X. Stephenson, '25, Charlotte. The State college college chapter of Phi Kappa Tau formerly was the Phi Psi fraternity chapter.

AUNT OF MRS. HENNESSA DIES IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. P. L. Hennessa has received a message notifying her of the death of her aunt, Mrs. J. W. McCombs, in Yakima, Washington Monday.

Mrs. McCombs, who has visited Mrs. Hennessa, made her home at Wytheville, Va., but was visiting at Yakima at the time of her death, which occurred suddenly from pneumonia. She is survived by two sons.

Germany's ex-crown prince is learning aviation. It's time. He has been up in the air six years.

12,000 PUPILS IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

300 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES LIKELY THIS YEAR.

County Seems To Have Caught Vision Of State's Great Educational Program.

Cleveland county termed this year as the "typical agricultural county of the state" because of her farming program is no sluggard in her educational program and ranks among the leading counties in the state in her school work according to facts secured yesterday from the office of the county superintendent, J. C. Newton. Enrollment figures in the rural and city schools of the county for the school year of 1922-23 show that near 12,000 children, more than the combined population of Shelby and Kings Mountain, are attending school. The building program of the county schools is practically on par with that of any county in the state, while Cleveland stands among the leaders in accredited high schools.

In Cleveland county there are 69 rural white schools and 28 colored with a total enrollment of 8,474. This enrollment is divided as follows: elementary schools, 6,162; high schools, 597; colored schools, 1,715. An estimated combined figure for the enrollment of Shelby and Kings Mountain schools is 2,800, making a grand total of 11,274. Approximately 250 teachers are employed in the rural schools of the county. In the county there are four consolidated schools, Piedmont, Fairview, Union and Beams Mill, with an average attendance of about 1,200. These schools operate 10 trucks in transporting children in the outlying sections to and from school.

High Schools Stand Out.

That the county is not standing still and is promised a future unexcelled by any past records is evidenced by the number of high school graduates last year. In the commencement of 1923, two hundred and fifty boys and girls, for the major part products of the county, graduated from high school. This is a remarkable record as not many years back there was no high school in the county that could boast that combined attendance. The graduating classes this year promise to surpass last year's record and will no doubt reach the 300-mark. In the county there are five accredited high schools and four junior high schools, three of the accredited high schools being rural schools. With five accredited high schools scattered over eleven townships it is now possible for every boy and girl in the county to be in reasonable and accessible reach of good high school facilities. One of the foremost counties in North Carolina in accredited high schools and high school facilities is something for the people of the county to well be proud of.

Building Program.

A tour over the county and a visit to school buildings will convince anyone that Cleveland has caught the vision of the state's great educational improvement wave. Last year \$65,000 was placed in handsome new brick school buildings. This year, 1923-24 over \$100,000 will be put in more new brick buildings.

An idea of the upkeep of the county school system may be gained from the following figures. Taxable property in Cleveland is set at \$35,856,411. A tax of 46 cents is levied for schools, which, less the sheriff's commission produced during the past year \$160,189. In addition the costs of operating and equipping the schools for the year was \$27,000. The expense for operating and equipping the schools is derived from poll tax, dog tax, fines and forfeitures.

Dr. Loudy To Sing At First Baptist

Dr. Adlai Loudy of Johnson City, Tenn, and head of the voice department of Jones Normal, Shelby, will sing at the regular prayer service Wednesday evening at the First Baptist church.

Dr. Loudy is regarded as one of the South's leading singers, possessing a beautiful and clear tenor voice. His training was acquired in the leading conservatories of this and foreign countries. Appearing on a special program in New York in July he was termed the "Dixie Caruso," or the "Caruso of the South." With the reputation he bears quite a number are expected to hear him sing at the First Baptist.

For Sale.

I have for sale one of the best farm horses in Cleveland county, as gentle as a cat, and works any where, especially in a plow. Also a top buggy in splendid condition. C. J. WOODSON.

Aviator Goes Good On His "Late Date"

Flier Who Landed Near Here Starts Return Trip. Mechanician in Shelby Tuesday.

"Late Dates" are not so bad after all. Capt. W. H. Hale the San Antonio flier, who landed near Boiling Springs Christmas day while trying to get to Asheville and his sweetheart now seems headed for a trip in the matrimonial ship, which will probably be easier held in correct route than in his own trusty plane.

Sam Rogers, mechanic for Capt. Hale in his pre-nuptial tour through the clouds from San Antonio to Asheville, was in Shelby Tuesday en route back to Asheville for the hop-off on the return trip, which was made Wednesday. Mr. Rogers could not understand the Greenwood story of a missing compass and air map delaying a Yuletide date, for he was of the opinion that they never landed anywhere near the South Carolina town, although he admitted dropping out of the heavens to old Mother Earth at Boiling Springs and several other towns in this section while endeavoring to make the mountain city.

A. V. Washburn To Speak In Atlanta, Ga.

Two North Carolinians have been chosen by the committee to represent this state on the program of the third annual south-wide conference of Baptist organized Bible classes that will be held at Atlanta, Ga., January 15-17. It is announced at Baptist state headquarters in Raleigh, A. V. Washburn, of Shelby, who has attained considerable reputation as superintendent of the rural Double Springs Sunday school, has been asked to speak on "The Organized Class in the Rural Sunday School" while Dr. R. J. Bateman of the First Baptist church, Asheville, will speak the first night on a topic of his own choosing.

The Double Springs Baptist Sunday school of which Mr. Washburn is superintendent, maintains a AA1 standard, the highest standard of any rural Sunday school in western North Carolina. The church at Double Springs is one of the finest rural churches in North Carolina. It is a brick building with heating and electric light systems, separate class rooms and everything else a city church can have in the way of conveniences and comforts.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN VAUDEVILLE AT PRINCESS

For three days of next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Rudolph and Kredel's Indoor Vaudeville circus will be on the program at the New Princess theatre. This troupe promises something different and unusual in vaudeville attraction. The film for that day will be Herbert Rawlinson in the "Clean up", a rip-roaring succession of thrills.

Saturday's film is taken from Rex Beach's stirring novel "The Iron Trail," a thrilling story of the struggles and love of a thousand men in building a railroad through the frozen glaciers and virgin wilderness of Alaska.

Lutheran Church Services.

Lutheran church of the ascension, South LaFayette school building. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Mr. R. R. Huit, superintendent. This is the First Sunday in the New Year, let us use it in such a way that we may not need to change our course throughout the entire year. Remember, everybody has a standing invitation to be with us whenever possible. Come, it will be mutually helpful. May the Lord bless you with a faithful life unto fruitfulness in His service. Our next regular preaching services on the second Sunday, morning and night.

Real Estate Deals By W. C. Harris

The following real estate transactions have been handled through Mr. W. C. Harris, local real estate dealer, during the past few days.

E. E. McBrayer to D. C. Weathers one lot on Warrent St., consideration \$3,000.

Lee B. Weathers to W. H. Yeago for \$3,000 house and lot on Sumter street.

Z. J. Thompson to D. E. Honeycutt house and lot on North Morgan St., for \$3,000 and other considerations. One house and lot in West Shelby, property of R. E. Campbell to Milton Hawkins for \$1,750.50.

Attorney and Mrs. Charles A. Burris returned Monday night after spending the holidays with relatives, Mrs. Burris with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, at Mocksville, and Mr. Burris with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Burris, of Weaverville.

RICES ARE HELD FOR MARCH COURT

INVESTIGATION HELD BY GAFFNEY MAGISTRATE.

Brothers Charged With Assault With Intent To Kill Senator Lattimore. Bond Not Secured.

Fred and Perry Rice, brothers, two of the participants in the brutal attack made upon State Senator Sam C. Lattimore on the night after Christmas following a collision of automobiles near Thickety, S. C., have been given a preliminary hearing at Gaffney and are being held for the March term of court there under a \$1,000 bond each. The charge preferred against them is assault and battery with intent to kill. Both men have been unable to arrange the required security and are being held in the county jail at Gaffney.

At the hearing, or rather investigation, conducted before Captain J. B. Bell, Gaffney magistrate, Roy Blackwell and Clyde Skinner, two of the party made statements causing them to be released until March term of court under their own recognizance as material witnesses. These statements are being withheld for the time being by the magistrate, but they are understood to substantiate the story of Senator Lattimore. The two Rices were not put on the stand and have given no testimony except for the statement by one of the brothers that they only acted in self defense. It is thought likely that they are not aware of the testimony given by young Blackwell and Skinner and that they will not learn of the statements until they are presented at the regular court hearing.

"Doc" Blackwell, the fifth member of the party assailing Mr. Lattimore and his driver, has not yet been apprehended, but when arrested it is presumed the same charge will be preferred against him as against the Rices, as the testimony of young Blackwell, his nephew, and Skinner, is alleged to have incriminated him by the statement that he struck the Cleveland man over the head with a portion of the running board while the others were scuffling. Other testimony of the boys tends to lighten the charges against him as they say he prevented one of the Rices shooting at the two men after the first shot had been fired. According to the Gaffney Ledger the Blackwells are of Appalachia, near Greer, while Skinner is of the Holly Springs section of Spartanburg county.

Senator Lattimore who has been at home several days after being discharged from the City hospital at Gaffney, is able to be out, although it will be a considerable time before the wounds on his head fully heal. The bruises on his face and around his left eye have mended nicely and with the exception of a numb feeling are giving no more trouble. Mr. Lattimore and young Black who accompanied him seem fully satisfied that they would have been killed had not they made their get away when they did, or had not young Blackwell and Skinner intervened.

Old Bell Stand Is Replaced By New

The old court house bell stand has been replaced by a new iron stand and thereby hangs some history. The old wooden stand which stood at the top of the steps when the red brick court house was an ornament and in later years when it was an eyesore, has rotted so that it no longer can support the bell. The bell and the stand had sounded many a call of court, children in celebrating hallo-wen have played their pranks with it in the last three-quarters of a century, the frolicsome boys and girls at their watchnight parties, have rung out the old and rung in the new many times and many a political gathering has been summoned by the old bell stand and the keen tones of its bell. The wooden stand was made from heart lumber and pegged together with wooden pegs. It has lasted three-quarters of a century or thereabouts, but now the old bell stand is rotten and weak from years of exposure and use, so it has been replaced by a steel stand which will no doubt last until today's children have died from old age.

At the First Baptist Church.

Pastor Robert L. Lemons, will speak Sunday morning on the topic "Our High Priest." The regular quarterly communion service will be held at 4:00 p. m. No night service. Good music and an interesting message for all.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. and an interesting lesson on Abraham. You are welcome to all these services. Visitors and strangers always welcome.

Christmas Events At Double Springs

Special to The Star.

Double Springs, Jan. 2.—Christmas has passed off very quietly in our community. Nothing more serious than a few weddings taking place. Mr. Marvin Gold and Miss Laura Brooks were married during the holidays, also Mr. Milton Hawkins and Miss Pearl Davis. We wish these people much happiness.

The Double Springs Sunday school had a treat and Christmas tree for the Sunday school pupils, which was greatly enjoyed. A short program was rendered after which the pastor, Rev. J. W. Suttle made an interesting talk.

Among the young people spending the Christmas holidays at home are Mr. Hoyt Dixon, Atlanta Dental college, Miss Vera Dixon, Meredith college; Mr. Raymond Washburn, Bates Creek, and Mr. Buford McSwain, State school for Deaf at Morganton. Also Mr. Thomas Green, Carson and Newman.

Mr. C. A. Hamrick is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Sam Bridges, at Danville, Ga.

Mr. Arthur McSwain has returned from an extended visit to friends in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Washburn and family including Miss Mary Morris, of Shelby, visited relatives in this community Sunday.

Miss Vertie Covington is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covington.

Mr. Julius Lovelace has completed a pretty new bungalow, which he will occupy in a short time.

Mr. Broadus Gold of Cliffside visited his children who make their home with their grandfather, Mr. J. C. Green, Christmas.

Mr. Marj Green is in the hospital at Rutherford in a serious condition. He is not expected to recover.

Mr. Charlie Lee who has recently moved back home from Jeffersonville, Ga., has returned from the hospital much improved. At present he is making his home with his father Mr. J. D. Lee.

Max Gardner has recovered from measles we are glad to note and is now able to be out.

S. T. Lattimore Died Wednesday Afternoon

Mr. Samuel T. Lattimore died Wednesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock at the home of his brother, Mr. W. A. Lattimore, in the county, death resulting from the infirmities of age. The funeral services were conducted at the residence Thursday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. J. C. Gillespie and Rev. A. C. Irvin, and interment was at Poplar Springs Baptist church.

Mr. Lattimore was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lattimore and was born and reared in this county. As a 17-year-old soldier under Colonel Hoke he served with distinction under Confederate colors during the war between the states. At the close of the war he migrated to Texas, making his home there until last June, when ill health forced him to return to his native county and state, his wife and children having died several years previous at their home at Waco, Texas.

Surviving are three brothers and one sister, Messrs. W. A. Lattimore, where the deceased made his home since June; George R., and J. B. Lattimore and Mrs. S. C. Bedford, all of the Polkville community. Four brothers, Julius and Jesse Lattimore, and Dr. J. T. Lattimore, of Maiden, and Pink Lattimore, who was killed during the war, preceded him to the grave. Quite a number of other relatives in the county survive.

"Court Square" Dons Its Winter Raiment

The cold wave predicted by the weather prophets, those visionaries of unknown ability, swooped down on Shelby late New Years day, beginning with a driving rain, which seemingly froze with the same celerity it fell.

The "court square," wearing winter raiment Wednesday morning, was a thing of beauty. The boughs of the stately elms that grace the still green lawn were hanging low with their icy burden, and with the white stone and dark dome of the court house as a background a rare wintertime scene was presented.

Mrs. W. O. Hines, nee Gizzie Turner underwent an operation in the Spartanburg, S. C., hospital Monday of this week. She is resting well. Her sister, Mrs. Bettie LeLo after spending a few days at her bedside, passed, through Shelby, this week en route to Lawndale where she is a matron at Piedmont high school.

The clauses in the new revenue bill which are designed to reduce taxes are regular Santa Clauses.

MOVIE PEOPLE IN SHOOTING TUESDAY

WOUNDED MAN HAS LIFE CHANCE.

Jealous Chauffeur Of Mabel Normand Shoots Wealthy Denver Oil Operator.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 2.—The mystery surrounding the shooting of Cortland S. Dines, Denver oil operator, by Horace A. Greer, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, film actress, in Dines' apartment last night still was unsolved tonight, in spite of various statements by Dines, Greer, Miss Normand and Miss Edna Purviance, another screen actress, who were present at the time.

Officers handling the case declare themselves satisfied with the theory that Greer shot Dines in a fit of jealousy, despite the fact that Greer, who admits the shooting, says that was not the reason. Greer says he pulled the trigger on Miss Normand's .25-caliber pistol, which for some reason he was carrying, because Dines appeared about to hit him with a bottle following the chauffeur's efforts to induce the actress to go home.

Dines says he made no motion, and gave no indication that he was going to attack Greer, but he fails to throw any light from his side on the automobile driver's motive.

Miss Purviance and the police, the latter also reporting the former's alleged opinion, charge Greer with infatuation for Miss Normand and intimate jealousy was the cause of the shooting.

All in Retirement. Miss Normand, in retirement, in her home, nursing what is described as an attack of appendicitis, is seeing nobody and refusing to talk.

Miss Purviance likewise has gone into retirement and Mrs. Edith Burns companion and housekeeper for Miss Normand, has not been found. The police sought Mrs. Burns to question her as to a telephone conversation she is said to have had with Miss Normand while the latter was in Dine's apartment.

As an offset to the theory that Greer was jealous of Dines' attentions to Miss Normand, is the report in Hollywood circles and among Dines' friends in Denver that he was engaged to marry Miss Purviance.

Dines denied the rumor, saying he and Miss Purviance were only close friends but she did not deny it last night, and greeted Dines affectionately when she went to see him at the hospital. Dines is said to have a good chance to recover.

Greer was questioned again today and reiterated the main details of his part in the shooting. Police said tonight a formal complaint charging him with attempted murder would be filed tomorrow.

"Mrs. Burns was in communication with Dines' apartment," Greer told the officers. "She told me as I stood nearby that she had heard Dines say that Miss Normand could not come home. I went into a room where I knew she kept her gun, grabbed it and drove to Dines' place."

After arriving at the place, Greer told the officers he was kept waiting for several minutes in response to his knock.

He Was "Peaved." "I was peaved and cold," said Greer "When I got in the room I asked that Miss Normand come with me. Dines sneered and reached for a bottle which stood on the table in the center of the room and I fired. I didn't wait to see whether I had hit him, but rushed from the room, got in the car and drove to the police station. I did not see Miss Purviance at the apartment."

Fine Ripe Tomatoes Supplied In January

Mrs. W. H. Long has sent to The Star office a box of nice ripe tomatoes, all round and beautifully colored. She did not send one or two, but a box full, indicating that her winter crop must be bountiful. It shows what can be done in winter gardens by those who give the proper attention. It also shows that this climate, midway between the north and south, is ideal for trucking. The Star is indebted to Mrs. Long for her nice gift of out-of-season vegetables.

Santa Claus at Lees Chapel.

Santa Claus met the pastor and congregation at Lees Chapel the 23rd leaving a new pulpit Bible and scarfs for pulpit and tables, and while the pastor was in the church, filled his auto with a big pounding, for which we are grateful.

E. M. AVETT, Pastor.

London women are wearing pantallettes. You know what they are. Look as if a safety pin slipped.