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## PLAN GALA EVENT FOR COUNTY FAIR

## CLERK OF COURT OF LINCOLN DIES

May Have Football and Polo Games and Cavalry Sham Battle. Consider Extra Daily Feats.

In addition to the fundamentals for the Cleveland county fair to be held next fall, fair officials are planning extra attractions for each day of the exhibit. Proposed attractions include a football game for one day, a polo game for another, a riding lance tourney, horse an automobile races and if possible a cavalry sham battle.

The Cleveland county fair must be an annual affair and with this in view officials intend to make the first one a guaranteed success so that it may be an asset to the fairs of coming years. The exhibits, exhibit buildings and midway attractions are the fundamentals of a fair and these with fireworks and other fair accessories add the circus and appealing atmosphere are assured. With all the fair fundamentals there are those who will not attend the Cleveland fair as it will be their claim that they are able to attend an ordinary fair nearer home. It is for the purpose of attracting these outside people that the additional features are considered, as the more optimistic of fair advocates hope to establish new attendance records for county fairs at the fair here this fall.

A football game between the Shelby highs and some other leading high school football eleven is practically guaranteed as the big side attraction for one day. It is hoped that Rockingham will be the opposing eleven as they are one of the strongest in eastern Carolina. With the many horses that will be here for the races, the riding tournament will be easily arranged. The tourney should be a good drawing card as it will be the revival of a riding sport of by-gone days. The big side attraction will be a polo game, provided present plans work out. Many of the best horses in eastern and western North Carolina will be here in the races and tournaments and it will at least be possible to stage what might be called an amateur game. However, an attempt will be made to bring two polo teams here from Camp Bragg, Charlotte, Winston or Camden, S. C. Should this be done quite a number of polo fans among the out-of-state tourists and vacationists would be added to the crowds.

## FOREST CITY MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Millard Harris Stabs Self in Heart With Knife. Wounded Over Accidental Death of Son.

Millard Harris, well known citizen of Forest City, formerly of the upper end of Rutherford county, took his life Monday morning at his home by stabbing himself in the heart with a knife. He died instantly.

His three children went to school as usual and he told them to go ahead and he would help their mother with the Monday washing. His health had been bad for some time. He was found dying in the bathroom with the knife in his heart.

For the past two weeks his health had been worse than usual and physicians had advised Mrs. Harris to watch him. He seemed better Sunday and Monday morning.

About three years ago, when he lived in the Munfords Cove section, he felled a tree accidentally across his son and killed him. Worry from this has caused his mind to not be good at times.

Mr. Harris was well known and well to do. He moved to Forest City in the fall. He was a deacon in the Baptist church and was 60 years old. He is survived by his widow, two boys and one girl and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at Munfords Cove Baptist church Tuesday afternoon.

## ENTERTAINMENT TO BE GIVEN AT GROVER SCHOOL

An entertainment, consisting of songs, plays and pantomimes will be given by the seventh grade pupils in the graded school auditorium, Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p. m.

There will be an admission fee charged of 10 cents and 20 cents. The proceeds to be used for the benefit of the library.

Everybody is invited to come. Your presence will encourage the pupils in their efforts, also will help to put good books in the hands of the pupils, that they may read them and we believe you will enjoy a good entertainment.

MISS LIVINGSTON

Mrs. W. C. Corbett spent the week end at Lawndale.

## CLERK OF COURT OF LINCOLN DIES

Alfred A. Nixon who Had Served His County greater Part of His Life Passes Away.

Alfred A. Nixon, age 67 years, clerk of court of Lincoln county, died Tuesday morning at 4:45 at his home in Lincoln, following an illness extending over several months. He was one of Lincoln's best known and most highly honored citizens, being a member of a family known throughout this state.

He graduated from the State university in the class of 1881. He served his county in the capacity of superintendent of public education, and surveyor and was sheriff for nine years, being elected three terms and was appointed to fill out two unexpired terms. In 1898 he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of clerk of court, to which office he had since been reelected every four years, and was filling out his 7th term at his death. He was a prominent Presbyterian elder, holding for 25 years the position of clerk to the sessions. Mr. Nixon was a recognized authority on history of Lincoln and other counties, he having written a history of Lincoln county, and numerous family histories, and was generally known as historian of his country.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., at Lincoln Presbyterian church. The burial was with Masonic honors. Four hours prior to the funeral the body lay in state in the lobby of the Lincoln courthouse to give the thousands of friends of the county an opportunity to view the remains.

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Mr. Nixon, who was born at Triangle, in Lincoln county, is survived by his wife; two sons, Kemp B. Nixon, lawyer of Lincolnton, and Prof. Joe R. Nixon, of Cherryville; seven daughters, Mrs. Myra Purley, of Clinton; Mrs. B. D. Costner of Lincolnton; Miss Lillian Nixon, Miss Bonnie Nixon, Miss Jessie Lee Nixon, Miss Emma Nixon and Miss Nina Nixon, all of Lincolnton; mother, Mrs. Robert Nixon, of Triangle, widow of Col. Robert Nixon; one brother, Robert Nixon, and eight sisters, Miss Kate Nixon, Miss Millie Nixon, Miss Laura Nixon, Mrs. Ivy Cherry, all of Triangle; Mrs. J. A. Bryan, Mrs. L. C. Hafer, Cline Lackey and two sisters, Mrs. Solon M. Ford of Kannapolis and Mrs. Sam Patterson of Shelby.

The following were honorary pall bearers: A. C. Miller, J. F. Harris, C. C. Blanton, Fred Morgan, C. R. Hoey, J. L. Suttle, J. J. McMurry and J. L. Smith, while the town officers served as active pall bearers: S. S. Royster, T. W. Hamrick, Thad C. Ford, John R. McClure, O. M. Mull, B. O. Hamrick, O. M. Suttle and A. M. Hamrick.

### Court Adjourns in Respect.

Judge B. F. Long adjourned the March term of Superior court here at the noon hour Wednesday so that local barristers and court officials might attend the funeral of Mr. Nixon.

## Hatcher Hughes Gets Mention By Blythe

W. Legette Blythe writing in the Charlotte Observer recently about North Carolina actors and playwrights had the following to say about Hatcher Hughes, a native of Cleveland county:

"Hell-bent for Heaven" is the third of the trio. It is the work of Hatcher Hughes, a graduate of the University of North Carolina in the class of 1907 now a professor of dramatics at Columbia university.

This play stood second in the list of the ten worth while plays on Broadway, as prepared by Heywood Broun, dramatic critic and columnist on the New York World and perhaps the leading dramatic critic of New York. It has also received strong praise from the other critics and has been the subject of a number of reviews in the Sunday theater sections of the metropolitan dailies.

"One cannot afford to miss it," the York Herald's critic declares. This play also deals with life in the Carolina mountains.

## Vaudeville Offered At Princess Theatre

Beam Brothers, managers of the New Princess theatre are offering Jack Grant's Funland Follies, a musical comedy, for three days beginning Monday of next week. There will be a change of program daily. The company consists of ten people with an elaborate wardrobe and good chorus.

A blackface comedian will produce the laughs, while the Dixie entertainers with their guitars and Hawaiian songs will be a feature at each performance. Everybody loves Hawaiian music for its weirdness and Jack Grant's Funland Follies have a treat in store for all who attend.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the good and kindness they did through the sickness of our family and especially through the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. L. M. Self. May God's rich blessings rest on each and every one of them.

The Children.

Miss Elizabeth Webb will spend the week end in Lenoir.

## MAYOR'S WIFE DIES OF LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. W. D. Lackey Quietly Passes Away Tuesday Evening—Buried Thursday at Sunset.

Mrs. Hester Lackey, wife of Mayor W. D. Lackey and three times sheriff of Cleveland county, passed away quietly Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at her home on N. LaFayette street following an illness which has extended over a period of eight or 10 years with more or less severity. Her death was expected for she had been in a precarious condition for several days but had a rallying spell Tuesday when she recognized and talked with members of the family who were constantly at her bedside. Mrs. Lackey was the daughter of I. A. Padron and was born December 6 1858 just 65 years old. About 49 years ago her father moved to Tennessee where he died. Forty-four years ago she married W. D. Lackey, who became one of the country's most prominent citizens. Most of their wedded life was spent at Fallston. Up until 10 years ago when they moved to Shelby, she enjoyed the best of health, being strong and robust and devoting her energies and thoughts to her family. She was a most devoted companion and mother whose first thoughts were of her family. All during her married life she remained faithfully at her post of duty and when ill health came she bore her suffering with the greatest patience and fortitude. She suffered with high blood pressure and uremic poison and several visits to hospitals failed to relieve her entirely of her maladies.

Mrs. Lackey was a consecrated Christian woman, a member of the Methodist church. Her neighbors and friends loved her sweet and altruistic character.

The funeral was conducted at 10 o'clock by Revs. A. L. Stanford, R. M. Hoyle and R. L. Lemons and the interment was in Sunset cemetery. A large crowd and a floral offering of fifty or more beautiful designs, attested the high esteem in which she was held. Many friends and relatives were there from the country.

Mrs. Lackey is survived by her husband and five children: Mrs. Charles S. Young, J. Lawrence Lackey, Robert R. Lackey, Mrs. F. H. Lackey, Cline Lackey and two sisters, Mrs. Solon M. Ford of Kannapolis and Mrs. Sam Patterson of Shelby.

The following were honorary pall bearers: A. C. Miller, J. F. Harris, C. C. Blanton, Fred Morgan, C. R. Hoey, J. L. Suttle, J. J. McMurry and J. L. Smith, while the town officers served as active pall bearers: S. S. Royster, T. W. Hamrick, Thad C. Ford, John R. McClure, O. M. Mull, B. O. Hamrick, O. M. Suttle and A. M. Hamrick.

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## GOOD PROGRAM AT BOILING SPRINGS

Expression Department, Glee Club and Orchestra of High School to Give Excellent Program.

A good musical and dramatic program is promised at the Boiling Springs High school auditorium Saturday evening, March 29, at 8 o'clock. The program, which is given by the expression department, glee club and orchestra for the benefit of school athletics, will consist of orchestra selections, drama, readings, quartets and solos.

The program follows:

(a) *Bells of Dreamland*; (b) *Smilin' Thro'* by Glee Club. Drama—Act 1 *Wakin' the Yunguns*. Act 2 *You Get up by Stanley Green*.

Quartet (a) *Wanted a Wife*; (b) *Kentucky Babe* by Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Allen and Hamrick.

Reading—(a) *Romance of a Hammock*; (b) *Under the Buggy Seat* by Lewis McKinney.

Vocal solo—*Roadways* by Roland Hamrick.

A Convict's Soliloquy by J. J. Sparks.

Orchestra. Vocal solo, *Sleep Baby Sleep* by J. C. Jordan.

Reading—(a) *An Old Maid's Warning*, (b) *They Never Quarreled* by Sibyl Hamrick.

Quartet by Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Allen and Hamrick.

Ol' Car'lin' by Glee club.

### Charter Amendment.

Amendment to the charter of the Forest City Oil Mill company, Forest City, has been made increasing capital stock from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Some of the stockholders are B. Doggett, W. E. Lewis, J. F. Alexander, J. E. Lipscomb, W. C. Fairley and J. Smith, all of Forest City.

Play at Lattimore.

On Saturday evening March 29 at 7:45 o'clock a play entitled, "The Path Across the Hill," will be given at Lattimore school auditorium by the Patterson Springs school and members of the community. It is a whole-

## CHORAL CLUB WILL GIVE TWO CONCERTS

A Sacred Program Easter Night at Central Church. The Other Dramatic at Princess Theatre.

Director W. Fife Robertson, of the Shelby Choral and Dramatic club, announces two features of the club's spring program to be given in April. The first will be sacred Easter program on Sunday evening, April 20, at the Central Methodist church. The second will be dramatic and will be given at the Princess Theatre on Tuesday evening, April 22.

The Easter program will begin at 7:30 and the club will render the new sacred cantata "King of Triumph" by E. L. Ashford. This Easter cantata is one of the most melodious ever produced by this popular composer and is made up chiefly of dramatic choruses with wonderful climaxes interspersed with attractive solos. The last sacred concert given at the First Baptist church was well attended and thoroughly appreciated and for this reason the club is extending itself to make this Easter program one long to be remembered. There will be no admission charges.

The second engagement in the spring program will be given by the dramatic talent of the club at the Princess theatre on Tuesday following the sacred concert. This will be a three-act comedy entitled "Arabian Nights." The folks fortunate enough to see the play are assured some real "side splitting" comedy. There is not a dull moment in the entire play, which takes two and one-quarter hours to produce. Reserved seats will be on sale from the first of April and can be obtained from any of the club members or the Princess box office.

### SHELBY HI'S WIN FROM COLLEGIANS

Playing with mid-season form in their first game of the season here Wednesday afternoon the Shelby highs defeated Catawba college 3 to 0 in a game that was closely played and had the appearance for a time of being a no-hit affair due to the twirling of the Shelby moundsman and his support at critical periods. Lee on the mound for Shelby, held the collegians without a hit of any variety until the seventh frame, only one Catawba player reaching first before that inning owing to an infield error. This defensive work supported by the hitting of Beam and Cline and some open base running was responsible for the outcome.

Shelby scored in the first frame and again in the second when Beam's drive to right for three bases chased Cline across the rubber. The final Shelby score came in the eighth inning. At no time during the contest did the college nine seriously threaten to score on one out only. State vs. Angelo Miller, colored, hand and five children: Mrs. Charles S. Young, J. Lawrence Lackey, Robert R. Lackey, Mrs. F. H. Lackey, Cline Lackey and two sisters, Mrs. Solon M. Ford of Kannapolis and Mrs. Sam Patterson of Shelby.

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