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M'SWAIN DECLINES RECORDER'S RACE

Out of Politics This Year—Heartily Endorses McLean for Governor and Predicts Election.

When Capt. Peyton McSwain left for Fort Benning, Ga., to attend a military training camp for three months he was considering the race for recorder and auditor and wrote a communication to this effect which was published in The Star. The following announcement that he will not be a candidate for anything this year and that he will support McLean for governor and expects his nomination by an overwhelming majority will be of interest locally:

To the Editor of Cleveland Star: Before leaving home I stated that at the request of quite a number of people I was considering the matter of being a candidate for recorder, and that I would announce my decision at a later date. I have decided to keep out of politics this year for several reasons not necessary to enumerate here. However, I wish to thank my friends for their assurance of support. The nature of the work and the office has never made any special appeal to me, but at the insistence of my friends I agreed to consider the matter. Being in Georgia I do not know much about the present trend of political affairs in Cleveland county, but am glad to see The Star come out and endorse A. W. McLean for governor. I have known Mr. McLean for several years and never heard of him being a machine politician until the last few weeks of the campaign. He is really not a politician of any kind, but a strictly business man. Mr. Broeder of Durham, his campaign manager, is certainly not a machine politician for he supported O. Max Gardner in his race for governor. Mr. McLean is a lawyer, a banker and one of the largest farmers in his section of the state. He has certainly made a success at his own personal business. He is just the kind of man that we need for governor at this time. A safe, sane business man.

Mr. McLean is going to be nominated by a large majority. There is no doubt about that in my mind. Even the strongest Bailey men will admit that when you get them off to themselves, Mr. Bailey is making lots of noise, but not getting many votes. I certainly hope that Cleveland will give Mr. McLean a rousing big vote. It is much easier to walk into the state capitol and ask for some favor in behalf of your county when you know that your county helped elect the man in office. We haven't been able to get much out of the present administration in the shape of roads or anything else. We don't want to be put in an awkward position with the administration for the next four years.

PEYTON McSWAIN.

SHELBY DEBATERS WIN PRELIMINARY

Local High School Debaters Victorious in Triangle and Will Debate at Chapel Hill.

Two perfect combinations—a boy and a girl—won here and at Lincolnton Friday night and will represent the Shelby high school in the state triangular debate finals at Chapel Hill on Friday, April 11. Grouped in the Shelby triangle were Gastonia and Lincolnton, the Shelby affirmative winning here from Gastonia's negative, while the negative was accomplishing a similar feat over the Lincolnton affirmative at Lincolnton. Shelby's affirmative, which defeated Gastonia's negative here, was represented by Frances Whisnant and John Proctor McKnight. The negative, which won over Lincolnton at Lincolnton, was represented by Caroline Blanton and Nelson Callahan. Decision at both places was rendered by out-of-town judges was unanimous for the Shelby debaters.

Both of the opposing teams were composed of a boy and a girl and in each instance on the four teams the girl preceded the boy on the debate the subject of which was: Resolved: That the inter-allied war debts should be cancelled. With what is termed the perfect combination—a boy and a girl—on each team, the two Shelby teams present their argument and rebuttal clearly and forcefully and should leave a good impression at Chapel Hill, even if they do not win.

CITY TAXES.

There is still a great number who have not paid their city taxes for 1923. I am now preparing my list for advertising property, so you had better attend to yours today. B. O. HAMRICK, Tax Collector.

SHELBY SCHOOL TAX RATE IS COMPARED

Its Rate of 31 Cents on \$100 Worth of Property is Lowest in 25 Carolina Towns.

A recent questionnaire sent out by R. M. Gray, superintendent of the city schools of Statesville, this state, revealed the fact that the tax rate for schools in the town of Shelby, which is 31 cents on the \$100 worth of property is the lowest of twenty-five North Carolina towns reporting. The bonded indebtedness for schools in Shelby is \$110,000 and the number of teachers employed is 36.

The following is the table prepared by Mr. Gray of the Statesville schools and the comparisons are interesting:

Table with 4 columns: Town, No. of teachers, Bonded indebtedness for schools, City tax rate for schools. Lists towns like High Point, Salisbury, Gastonia, etc.

SUPERIOR COURT MAY END FRIDAY

Grind of Civil Docket Taken Up by Court and a Number of Divorces Are Granted

It is the expressed idea that the March term of Superior court will adjourn on Friday as it is thought the civil docket yet to be taken up can be completed by that time. The civil docket for the term was very heavy, but the court has been disposing of the cases with dispatch; in regular order, others nonsuited and some few continued. The usual uninteresting details of the civil grind has been interspersed with seven divorce cases, which has tended to hold court attendance up to the average of the criminal docket.

Civil cases disposed of included the following: Wilkins & Moore vs. Sam R. Suber, defendant indebted to plaintiff in sum of \$50.

In the matter of the will of J. F. Cline, deceased, it was the verdict that the document in question was the last will and testament of J. F. Cline.

Mrs. Mary Connor vs. Sharon Telephone Company, non-suit.

Charles T. Schenk vs. W. W. Morris, plaintiff indebted to defendant in sum of \$141.20; defendant entitled to recover \$16.

C. J. Woodson vs. J. E. Champion, defendant not indebted to plaintiff.

Sallie O. Roberts vs. J. Martin Roberts, jury verdict for alimony.

J. L. Lackey vs. T. W. Tucker, Jr., defendant indebted to plaintiff for \$610 plus interest.

W. W. DePriest vs. Jack Watson, non-suit.

Wm. C. Elliott and wife, Lula C. Elliott vs. John T. Elliott and wife, et al. Judgment that Wm. C. Elliott is entitled to one-half interest in two tracts of land, 24 and 25 acres respectively according to purpose of grantor, T. F. Elliott.

Divorces Granted. The following divorces have been granted, based in the majority of actions on either separation or adultery: Paul Degree from Della Degree. Mattie Lawrence from J. T. Lawrence.

Fred L. Mathers from Myrtle Mathers. Lena Smith from William Smith. C. C. Roberts from Margaret Mae Roberts. J. E. Hendrick from Mary Hendrick. Wm. C. Randall from May Queen Randall.

Indian now given the right to ritual dances if respectable, the other kind being reserved for the whites.—Wall street Journal.

BIG SCHOOL DAY HERE ON FRIDAY

Expect Large Crowds to Attend County-Wide Oratorical, Essay, and Recitation Contests.

As previously announced Cleveland county high school day will be held here next Friday, April 4, and the program of exercises will cover practically the entire day, beginning at 10:30 in the morning and closing with the Hoey oratorical contest at 8 in the evening at the Central school auditorium. There will be no county commencement this year and as this is the only county-wide school event of the year large crowds are expected to attend from every school and all sections of the county. The recitation and oratorical contests will be held in the Central school auditorium, while the field and track events and baseball game will be on the Shelby high school baseball park. The program of events is as follows:

- 1. Selma C. Webb recitation contest at 10:30. 2. Non-standard high school track meet at 11 o'clock. 3. High school track meet at 1:30. (a) 100-yard dash. (b) One-half mile race. (c) 220-yard dash. (d) One-mile race. (e) Relay race. (f) Field events. 4. High school baseball game at 3:30. 5. Hoey oratorical contest at 8 o'clock.

The Webb recitation contest is for girls only and each school is allowed two entrants. This contest was won last year by Miss Virginia Hamrick, daughter of Chief and Mrs. B. O. Hamrick, of Shelby. The Hoey oratorical contest is for boys only and each school is allowed two entrants. This prize was won last year by F. Gray Walker, of Boiling Springs. The Selma C. Webb essay contest permits five entrants from each school and is open to boys and girls. Miss Margaret Lackey, of Kings Mountain, winning the prize last year.

Practically every high school in the county will be represented in the track and field events. It is thought nearly all of the non-standard high schools will have representatives in their meet, while every standard high school will contest in the big track meet. This was won last year by Shelby with 39 points, Boiling Springs second with 28 points and Kings Mountain third with 16 points. Although not definitely decided it is thought the baseball game will be between the Piedmont and Boiling Springs clubs.

Mr. Glasco Buried Sunday Afternoon

Mr. E. S. Glasco well-known church and Sunday school worker, died Saturday at his home in South Shelby at the age of 74 years and 11 months. The funeral and interment was conducted at Beaver Dam Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, services being in charge of his pastor, Rev. J. C. Gillespie, assisted by Revs. A. C. Irvin, Rush Padgett and J. W. Ingle. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the services.

Mr. Glasco was known as an exceptionally good man, being actively engaged in Sunday school and church work for many years. He joined the Zion Baptist church when a young man. Several years later he moved his membership to the Beaver Dam church and a number of years later to Poplar Springs, and upon moving to South Shelby transferred his membership to the Second Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters as follows: Messrs. D. J. Glasco, of Shelby and W. E. Glasco, of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. L. M. McSwain, of Lattimore, and Mrs. M. J. Spangler, of near Zion. Four daughters preceded him to the grave. One brother, W. M. Glasco, of Illinois, and a large number of grand children also survive.

Peeler-Houser Wedding.

Special to The Star. Last Sunday Mr. George Peeler, son of Mr. P. L. Peeler, of Belwood led to the hymenal altar Miss Lila Houser, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Houser of Lincoln county. Only a few friends of the bride and groom witnessed the happy event. The ceremony was performed by Squire Sylvanus Gardner at his residence. They will make their home at Belwood. Mr. Peeler served in the world war overseas and was a brave soldier. We wish for this popular young couple every happiness.

Speaker Gillet doesn't make razors, but has scraped through many heated arguments by a close shave.

One sign of spring is motorists detouring marble games.

URGE NAMES ON ROADS, SCHOOLS AND FARMS—LEDFORD MAKES A GREAT HIT

J. Farris Ledford was the "uncrowned king of funmakers" at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club when Max Gardner had charge of the paint-up campaign which is being sponsored for Cleveland by the county board of agriculture, the county extension service, the Kiwanis club and others interested in beautifying the homes and "saving the surface" of both town and rural homes, barns and outbuildings. Last Wednesday the school children took a census of the county to determine how many unimproved buildings there are and asked the people in their community to agree to paint between March 15th and November 15.

Prizes Are Offered. Mr. Gardner announced that an essay contest has been arranged for the pupils of the rural schools for the best essays on beautifying farm homes by the use of the paint brush for which \$10 will be given as first prize, \$5 for second prize and \$1 to each of the next five best essay writers. Twenty-five dollars will also be given to the school district of the county reporting the largest number of painted and to be painted houses and that gets the largest per cent of the houses painted between March 15 and November 15. Essays are to be in the office of the county superintendent by April 15.

Reuben McBrayer speaking for Wm. Lineberger urged the merchants to paint their store fronts, declaring that freshly painted and clean premises are more sanitary and therefore more healthful because vermin do not breed in clean places and men do not spit where there is a manifest effort to keep things clean.

Signs at Farms and on Roads. A committee will be appointed upon upon a resolution unanimously adopted after Chas. L. Eskridge had suggested that signs be put up some distance from Shelby, welcoming the stranger and pointing out the advantages to be found in Shelby, and Cleveland county and this committee will also urge that every school house in the county have its name conspicuously displayed in order that it might be identified.

Following the suggestion previously made that every farm have some appropriate name or mark of identification, George Blanton, the largest farmer in Cleveland, although very modest, agreed to put up a sign showing the name of the Blanton Brothers farm in an effort to encourage others to do the same thing. Mr. Blanton has recently painted all his farm houses and declared it to be the means to make a favorable impression on the stranger who passes.

Rev. A. L. Stanford made a broad and comprehensive speech saying paint is not only economy but necessary from a sanitary standpoint as well as the impression neat surroundings makes on the stranger and the children in the home. He expressed the hope that the paint-up campaign would permeate every nook and corner of the county.

Ledford's Laughters. J. F. Ledford's assignment for the evening was the use of paint on signs but he deviated from this enough to provoke the most hearty laughter among those who were fortunate enough to be present by displaying some ingenious fun-making of the room and he introduced them by relating his travels over the county somewhat as follows:

The first sign he presented was one which should be of interest to every man, woman and child in Cleveland county, as it reminds us of a subject much discussed by the Kiwanis club within the past few months: "Fair notice. It is not fair to want a fair and then not help the fair. You must be fair about the fair to have a good fair."—Doctor Dorton.

Realizing that we cannot have a good fair without good livestock, and thinking there may be some one in the market for fancy stock to show next fall, here is a sign which may be seen in the Sharon community: "For sale, Young cows with or without milk. Prices greatly reduced to keep down my income tax."—Senator Lattimore.

Returning from Sam Lattimore's by way of the Blanton farm when he came to Broad river he saw hanging from the bridge this sign: "Shelby welcomes people with character or money, especially money." Not being burdened with much money, and feeling that better fortunes may await him further ahead, he came on toward Cleveland Springs and over the big concrete bridge saw this sign: "Come to Cleveland Springs and drink of the waters of life FREE-ly."

After he arrived at Cleveland he found that he was close to one of the noted farms of Cleveland county, so he cranked up his flivver and drove down the Post road and saw this bulletin: "Bull-etin. Post Road farm. Boll weevil proof cotton seed \$9 a bushel—Oratory free."—O. Max Gardner.

HIGHS WIN SECOND SHUT-OUT CONTEST

Defeat Union Mills 8 to 0. Locals Have Not Been Scored on in Park Here.

Playing like seasoned veterans Gurley's Shelby highs won their third successive victory by defeating the Union Mills amateur club here Saturday afternoon 8 to 0. Two of the locals three games this season have been played here and as yet an opposing team has failed to put over a single marker, the first game being a 2 to 0 shut-out over Catawba college.

In the game Saturday the high school boys passed with colors flying through their first test against an experienced twirler, Ledbetter, brother of notorious "Slat" twirling for the visitors, had a decided outside hood and quite a bit of speed but was unable to hold Shelby's array of natural young hitters. They were several frames in getting next to the off-side delivery but once started to hitting chased across eight runs in four frames, the first one coming in the fifth, four in the sixth and three in the eighth. Cline with two safeties led the hitting, although Wall hit one for three bases and turned it into four bases on an error.

Deidmond, on the mound for Shelby, twirled a strong game and whiffed 10 opposing batsmen. However brilliant support in double killings was responsible for the shutout. Bynum, football star, also played.

Score: UNION MILLS AB. R. H. PO. A. E. N. Hemphill, cf 3 0 0 0 0 0. Morgan, ss 4 0 1 2 2 2. Setzer, 2b 4 0 0 1 2 1. Z. Hemphill, c 3 0 1 7 4 0. Mashburn, rf 4 0 1 1 0 1. R. Hemphill, 3b 3 0 0 0 1 0. Hartzell, lf 2 0 0 1 0 0. Y. Hemphill, 1b 4 0 1 11 0 0. Ledbetter, p 3 0 1 1 9 0. Yelton, lf 2 0 0 0 0 0.

TOTALS 32 0 5 24 17 5

Score: SHELBY AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Self, 3b 5 0 0 3 2 0. Hardin, cf 4 1 1 1 0 1. Cline, ss 5 1 2 0 5 0. Beam, c 3 0 1 10 0 0. Arrowwood, 1b 4 1 0 8 0 0. Wall, lf 4 3 1 4 0 0. Grice, 2b 4 1 1 1 1 0. Deidmond, p 4 1 1 10 0 0. Bynum, rf 4 0 0 0 0 1.

TOTALS 37 8 7 27 18 2

JOHN KENDLE WELLS BURIED HERE MONDAY

Was Register of Deeds for Cleveland For Eight Years—Prominent Merchant and Methodist.

Sergeant Joan Kendle Wells, age 79 years died Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home on West Marion street, following an illness of some years which has confined him closely to his home. Mr. Wells was the son of John K. Wells and Patty Carson. He was married 52 years ago to Rachael D. Ware by Dr. John W. North, a prominent minister of this county at that time. At the age of 18 he entered the service of the Confederacy and was a sergeant in Company K, 12th regiment under Capt. Plato Durham. His service was marked for its bravery, he having been in the thickest of the battles at Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and "Bloody Angle" in which engagements he received a wound in the thigh and one in the foot. His recollection of the war was most vivid and for many years he was considered one of the best authorities on the conflict between the states.

After the war Mr. Wells attended Catawba college at Newton under Dr. Clapp after which he farmed in No. 8 township for many years. When Fullenwider, Wells and Webb conducted a store in Shelby he clerked for this firm and later entered business as a member of the firm of Ware and Wells. He became one of the county's most substantial business men and commanded the respect and esteem of all. His popularity was attested by the fact that he served as register of deeds for eight years from 1880 to 1888 and later as tax collector for Sheriff Fortenbury. He was chairman of the pension board from the time it was created until he died, knowing personally all of the soldiers who served in the Civil war from Cleveland county.

Mr. Wells was a member of the Methodist church from young manhood and was an earnest, consecrated Christian. For 25 years he served as a steward of Central Methodist church and was a member of the building committee which erected the present church. Surviving are his wife and four chil-

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETINGS ARE CALLED

Will be Held Saturday April 5th with County Convention Saturday April Twelfth.

O. M. Mull, chairman of the County Democratic Executive committee has issued the following call for precinct meetings to be held Saturday April 5 at 2 o'clock and for the county convention to be held in the court house Saturday April 12th.

Democratic precinct meetings are hereby called for Saturday, April 5, 1924, at two o'clock p. m., at which time the democrats of the several precincts in Cleveland county will meet at their polling places and elect five committeemen and five committeewomen who shall constitute democratic precinct committee; that immediately after its election each democratic precinct committee shall meet and elect a chairman of said precinct committee.

The democrats of Cleveland county are hereby called to assemble in a county convention at the court house in Shelby on Saturday, April 12, 1924 at two o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the democratic state convention, which will be held at Raleigh on Thursday, April 17, 1924.

The chairman of the various precinct democratic executive committees will meet at the court house immediately after the adjournment of the county convention for the purpose of electing the chairman of the county democratic committee.

All democrats are urged to attend both the precinct meetings and the county convention and participate in same.

O. M. MULL, chairman County Democratic Executive Committee.

Former Shelby Lady Dies in Charlotte

Mrs. Rose S. Stephens, aged 68 years, widow of John W. Stephens a brother of the late Mrs. Charles H. Hardin, sr., of Shelby, died at her home in Charlotte Friday morning and was buried Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted from the Presbyterian church of the Queen City. Mrs. Stephens and her husband lived in Shelby many years in the house now occupied by A V Wray corner of N. LaFayette and Lee streets.

Mrs. Stephens, who was a woman beloved and admired for her sweetness and gentleness of manner, had been in failing health for several months and the end was not wholly unexpected by members of her family.

Born in Asheville December 1, 1855, Mrs. Stephens spent the greater portion of her life in Charlotte and in Atlanta. She was the daughter of Dr. D. F. Summey and Adelaide Morrison Summey, one of the leading families of western North Carolina. A Presbyterian in faith she held her membership in the First Presbyterian church, where she was known for her good works and for her zeal in religious undertakings.

She is survived by the following children: Miss Addie Stephens, Charlotte; Mrs. A. A. Morrell, Detroit, Mich.; John M. Stephens, Hickory; H. O. Stephens, Charlotte; Miss Susan Stephens, Charlotte; Don Stephens, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Cobb Milner, Americus, Ga.; Mrs. Stephens was the eldest sister of Mrs. C. A. Moseley, Mrs. H. H. Orr, Mrs. C. R. Mayer and A. T. Summey, all of Charlotte and Dan F. Summey, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The auto market, the insurance market, and the bootleg market never seem to reach the saturation point.

John and May Wells of Middleboro; Mrs. May Wells Connor, of Shelby; Charles H. Wells of Shelby and Mrs. J. D. Christopher of Pickens, S. C.; the children living out of town being here for his funeral, together with two children of Dr. Wells, John and May Wells of Middleboro. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, William Ware of Greensboro, and Rev. Henry North of Rocky Mount.

All of his brothers and sisters have preceded him to the grave: William who died during the war, Lewis, Robert G., Thomas P., James J., Mrs. Mary Eaves, Mrs. Cynthia North.

The funeral was conducted Monday morning from Central Methodist church by Revs. A. L. Stanford, R. M. Hoyle, C. F. Sherrill and W. A. Murray, a wealth of flowers and a large crowd attesting the high esteem in which he was held.

Honorary pall bearers were the following war comrades: A. C. Irvin, D. B. F. Suttle, M. F. Hull, C. B. Suttle, Anderson Nolan and Millison Sarratt while F. L. Hoyle, J. F. Roberts, C. S. Young, Forrest Eskridge and P. L. Hennessy served as active pall bearers.