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OVER HALF MILLION IN BUILDING HERE

This Much Is Now In Progress While Much Has Been Completed And Much In Contemplation.

According to J. D. Lineberger who keeps an eye on building operations in Shelby, \$672,000 is being invested in business and residential property at this time, the year 1924 establishing a new record in building in Shelby.

Business Houses. Beam Brothers for Fanning & Co., \$50,000; C. S. Thompson Lumber Plant, \$10,000; Z. J. Thompson Lumber Plant, \$40,000; Presbyterian Sunday school, \$30,000; Masonic temple, \$116,000; Coca Cola Bottling plant, \$26,000; Max Gardner's Garage, \$40,000; A. B. Weathers stores and apartments, \$20,000; T. W. Hamrick Co. stores, \$125,000; County Jail, \$85,000; County Fair, \$15,000; Shelby Candy Company store, \$5,000; Cabanis and Campbell store, \$6,000; Washburn's filling stations, \$5,000; East-side cotton gin, \$4,000.

Residences. Chas. L. Eskridge, \$30,000; Clyde Short, \$5,000; Gordon Dudley, \$5,000; Dr. T. O. Grigg, \$4,000; DeWitt Quinn, \$3,000; Rochel Hendrick, contractor, \$11,000; Hendrick and Kennedy, contractors, \$11,000; T. S. Elliott, \$3,000; Durant Crowder, \$5,000; Newton and Weathers negro tenant, \$5,000; King's Swimming pool, \$1,000; Cleveland Springs Hotel, \$5,000; Hugh Bettis, \$6,000; Mack Green, \$7,000.

MANY RUMORS ABOUT DEATH OF NEGROES

However General Belief is That They Were Struck By Train While Asleep

The triple tragedy at Grover late Sunday night when three negroes, Jim Degree, Rederick Scruggs and "Kirt" Mitchell, were killed was a topic of much discussion in that section and over the county generally this week. Many rumors and suppositions were afloat suggesting that the negroes met death in some other manner than being struck by a train, but when traced down the rumors proved false or without satisfactory origin, and the general belief now is that the negroes were killed by the train, as stated in the verdict of the coroner's jury, although the details will probably remain a mystery for all time.

It was reported here Tuesday that one of the negroes examined by the coroner later stated in Kings Mountain that he knew more about the killing than he had told and that it was not done by the train. Chief Irvin Allen conveyed the report to Sheriff Logan, who had the negro examined by officers, but the negro stuck to his first story of being with the three other negroes until about 11:30 when they left him and proceeded up the road in the direction of where their bodies were found. The report is thought to have had its origin among the negroes around Kings Mountain and as is common with rumor gained speed and length as it passed from mouth to mouth. Many other rumors hinting at a mysterious night slaughter and of death by lightning were heard, but all were apparently creatures of imaginative minds in discussing the triple tragedy. For the most part Grover people, white and colored, are of the opinion that the negroes fell asleep while on the track, probably under the influence of drink. From the nature of the injuries it appears that they must have had their heads resting on the ends of the crossties or on the rail between the ends of the ties as the death blow for each was received on the head.

Degree was buried Tuesday at a colored church near Patterson Springs, while Scruggs was buried Wednesday at a cemetery north of Gaffney. The body of Mitchell, who was not a native of the Grover section, was taken to an undertaking establishment at Kings Mountain. It was reported at Grover Wednesday that the railroad had given, or would give, \$25 for the burial expenses of each negro. As is usually the case, curiosity and superstition attracted many negroes to the funerals.

Follow the crowds and eat at Heavy's Cafe.—Adv.

BAD STORM VISITS THE GROVER SECTION

Mrs. Crisp is Shocked and Confined to Her Bed, Mrs. Maggie Rippy Dies, Personal Mention.

Special to The Star. Grover, July 1.—The continued heavy rains are delaying farm work some in this community, and some of the farmers are reporting a promised struggle with the grass.

The younger set are adding to their store of pennies and helping to sweeten life by gathering blackberries for the local consumers.

Mr. D. F. C. Harry is reported to be much worse at his home here, where he has been right sick for several months.

Mr. J. B. Ellis who was kept in most of last week by sickness is able to be back at his place in the bank again.

Master Robert Harris of Anderson, S. C. is visiting in the home of his aunt Mrs. C. M. Hardin in Grover.

Mr. M. T. Turner is back in Grover after a trip of some time to Florida. He reports a fine trip but that the weather was rather too warm to suit him.

Miss Addie Moss is spending some time with relatives in Asheville.

Mrs. C. F. Harry spent yesterday in Charlotte and Gastonia shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Schaffner and children of Charlotte are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hambricht. We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Schaffner has been sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keeter and daughter, Miss Mary Helen, spent Sunday with relatives in Forest City.

Miss Bessie Turner and sister Miss Lucy Turner were called to Richburg S. C., on account of the illness of their sister Mrs. Virginia Martin who is suffering an acute attack of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edwards and children and Miss Martha Maynard of Raleigh, returned to their home this morning after spending some time in the home of Miss Meldona Livingstone.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moss of Gaffney, S. C., and daughter Mrs. Jesse Bowling of Blacksburg, S. C., spent Sunday with Mrs. James Randall in Grover.

Miss Kate Lindsay, who makes her home with Miss Meldona Livingstone is in the hospital at Gastonia where she underwent a very serious operation several days ago. She is reported to be getting on as well as can be expected considering the seriousness of the operation.

Mrs. Maggie Francis Rippy died at the home of her son-in-law Mr. E. F. Rippy in the Holly Grove community in South Carolina last Friday and was buried at Antioch church Saturday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Rev. W. O. Johnson of Grover. Mrs. Rippy who was in her 69th year, had been a member of Antioch church since her girlhood. She was married to Mr. Edward Rippy in 1897 whom she survived just four years to the day, his death having occurred on the 27th of June 1920. Mrs. Rippy had been an invalid for several years and her death though a shock to the relatives was not unexpected. She is survived by one brother Mr. John Whisnant of Blacksburg, S. C. We extend to the loved ones our sympathy.

The worst electric storm of the season struck Grover Sunday about night. An electric discharge blew the fuses in several homes in the northern end of town. The same stroke passed through the house of Mr. S. A. Crisp and stunned Mrs. Crisp who was standing at an open door and damaged the house slightly on the rear porch. Mrs. Crisp has been confined to her bed since the accident but is reported to be improving.

Mrs. R. D. Ross and little son Delmar are spending some time in Washington with Mrs. Moss' brother Mr. Irvin Moss.

Ideal Ice Plant To Be Greatly Enlarged

The Ideal Ice plant owners are planning to enlarge the plant to give it a daily capacity of 34 tons of ice and work leading to this will be started this summer, but it is not expected that the additional output will be available until next summer. The Ideal Ice and Fuel Company was started two years ago and business has grown so rapidly the ice plant found it necessary to increase its original capacity of ten tons to fourteen tons daily. Even now the plant's capacity is not sufficient to meet the requirements of its customers and during the hot days that prevailed during June the Ideal found it necessary to buy ice in Cherryville and Charlotte to supply its customers. C. B. Cabanis and Gus Kendrick have charge of the local plant.

The clown business has been recognized as a profession in France. The great trouble about it is that so many people can qualify.

COURT TO CONVENE HERE ON JULY 21ST

List of Juror Drawn for the Superior Court Which Convenes July 21. Judge Harding Presides

The next term of the Cleveland Superior court convenes Monday July 21st with Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte presiding and Solicitor R. L. Huffman of Morganton representing the state in the prosecution of criminal cases. The county commissioners met on Monday of this week in special session and selected the following jurors who are now being summoned by the sheriff and his deputies:

First Week. No. 1.—M. S. Earls. No. 2.—Garland M. Green, Amos Wright, C. Edgar Bridges.

No. 3.—D. Floyd McSwain, Charlie Wright, C. Baxter Camp.

No. 4.—J. M. Bell, W. A. Rindenhour, S. P. Goforth, C. F. Hambricht, Clarence Black, G. Rastus Dixon.

No. 5.—P. J. Kendrick, W. Perry Lovelace.

No. 6.—J. F. Gaffney, Sam A. Ellis, Felix O. Gee, M. A. Spangler, T. W. Hamrick, R. B. Turner, John W. Doggett.

No. 7.—E. B. Whitaker, T. C. Brackett, T. C. Stockton, H. C. Burrus.

No. 8.—Fay Jenkins, Coran C. Powell, Velus Ivester, Nixon L. Whisnant.

No. 9.—W. J. Dixon, R. B. Brackett, J. D. Falls, W. M. Glenn.

No. 10.—J. H. Costner, No. 11.—Joseph Queen.

Second Week. No. 1.—S. J. McCluney.

No. 2.—M. D. Moore.

No. 3.—Wyatt L. Harrill.

No. 4.—C. E. Neisler, Jr., R. C. Gold.

No. 5.—W. S. Huffstetler, J. E. Ledbetter.

No. 6.—W. H. Arey, R. C. Doggett, O. C. Thompson.

No. 7.—J. W. Wilson, E. G. Whitaker.

No. 8.—Clarence E. Grigg, John Hunt Jr.

No. 9.—Herman Grigg, G. C. Hord.

No. 10.—J. F. Cook.

No. 11.—Claude Linsey.

TOWN BUYS REAR OF METHODIST LOT

Makes Trade With J. E. Webb Granting Him Privilege to Join City Hall Wall on East

The mayor and board of aldermen in special session this week executed a trade with J. E. Webb, owner of the old Central Methodist church, whereby J. E. Webb was sold the privilege of joining the city hall wall on the east for the sum of \$2,000 and the town purchases from J. E. Webb 50 feet to the rear of the old church fronting N. Washington street for \$5,000, making a difference of \$3,000 which the town is to pay Mr. Webb. There was some difference in the frontage of the property and the question arose as to whether Mr. Webb's new wall, if he builds, would close the office windows of the east side of the city hall. Feeling that a future need will arise for more office space, the city officials decided to make this trade with Mr. Webb so that the city fire department can be moved to the rear of the city hall and the present fire station converted into offices. The additional lot which the city acquires because of this transaction gives the town 50 feet through from the Star alley to N. Washington street with an alley on the entire north side. This space could eventually be converted into a fire department, thinks the mayor and board, so the entire city hall could be converted into executive offices.

FOLLIES MINSTREL SHOW NEXT THURSDAY

Rehearsals for "The Follies" big minstrel show to be given next Thursday and Friday, July 10th and 11th under the auspices of Boy Scouts, troop No. 2 are now going on and a good show is assured. There will be over 100 taking part in the various special attractions featuring the Boy Scouts, a large company of minstrel midgets, and little girls from seven to ten years old. A band of civilized Indian girls in a delightful love song, chorus and dance.

This is to be followed in Part I, with a number from "Sis Hopkins and her Beau Billious" with the famous "Don't Argue Case" of Webster and Fields fame, and which will be one of the big laughs by two of our most gifted artists, in vaudeville acts.

The average man of today is more than the breadwinner—he has to pay for the gasoline and oil, too.

The employer who never loses the viewpoint of his employees is the one who has the best chance to get along.

MCADOO STILL LEADS CONVENTION VOTE

On the 51st ballot Thursday afternoon, William G. McAdoo was still leading the balloting in the national Democratic convention at New York. However the convention remained in a deadlock with no more hope of a nominee than on the first ballot. The 51st ballot gave McAdoo 142 1-2; Smith 328; Davis 67 1-2; Ralston 63. The 59th ballot was featured by Ralston's gain of 35 votes, losing five on the following ballot.

McAdoo reached a high water mark Wednesday night with 505 votes and it seemed as if the break might be to him, but Thursday balloting again decreased his lead over Smith.

LETTERS APPEAR ON BODY GASTON CHILD

Strange Phenomenon Excites Gastonia People. Mysterious Letters Show On Flesh.

Gastonia, July 1.—People in the vicinity of the Winget mill are excited over a strange natural phenomenon which has appeared on the person of little Dorothy Parrot, four-year-old daughter of R. S. Parrot, who lives on the York road just south of the Winget cotton mill.

Three mysterious letters of a blood red color appeared Saturday on the body of the child and no reason can be given by the father or mother as to why the letters have appeared. The plainly visible letters "R I C" appear on the flesh and appear as though they were stamped by a rubber stamp except that they read from right to left instead of left to right as in ordinary reading matter.

Hearing about the curiosity from an observer, a reporter went to the home of Mr. Parrot and investigated for himself. Mrs. Parrot herself told him that the child has always been a perfect picture of health and indeed the smiling fair haired and rosy-cheeked girl looked as well as anyone.

A bright red spot appeared on the child's abdomen Saturday a week ago, but as it gave no pain, it was not noticed much by mother or child. However last Saturday the letters appeared in the place where the brightest red had shown. Little Dorothy had been bathed and put to bed between white sheets but several hours later when she awakened, she showed her mother the letters that had appeared.

All efforts to wash the letters off failed and the members of the family thought perhaps that it was a kind of nettle rash or summer heat that appeared in a rather peculiar formation. Several physicians have examined the child and they say that they can ascribe no reasons for the letters. The parents state that she has not had access to any kind of paints, neither had she been around and lettered signs or the like that might have left their imprint on the skin.

The letters themselves are about an inch in height and perfectly formed. On the upper edge, there is a kind of scalloped effect outlined in red against the skin. No one who has seen the child can give any plausible reason for the appearance of the letters and the subject remains a mystery for the hundreds that have seen them.

Government Predicts 12,144,000 Bale Crop

Washington, July 2.—A cotton crop of 12,144,000 bales this year was forecast today by the department of agriculture.

The area of cotton in cultivation is about 40,403,000 acres, an increase of 1,702,000 acres, or 4.4 per cent as compared with the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation a year ago.

The estimate acreage and condition on June 25 by states follows: Virginia, acreage 92,000 and condition 61 per cent. North Carolina, 1,823,000 and 73. South Carolina, 2,125,000 and 69. Georgia, 3,787,000 and 75. Florida, 1,111,000 and 79. Alabama, 3,190,000 and 70. Mississippi, 3,356,000 and 74. Louisiana, 1,537,000 and 78. Texas, 15,595,000 and 70. Arkansas, 3,058,000 and 66. Tennessee, 1,184,000 and 67. Missouri, 453,000 and 60. Oklahoma, 3,672,000 and 72. California, 266,000 and 92. Arizona, 179,000 and 90. New Mexico, 140,000 and 80. All other states 36,000 and 61.

About 140,000 acres in Lower California (old Mexico), included in California figures but excluded from United States total acreage.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rush Hamrick Thursday morning, a fine son.

Mrs. Bob Laney of Monroe, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dover, had as her delightful week end guests here schoolmates, Mrs. Al Thomas of Charlotte and Miss Adele Cross of Clarksville, Tenn.

Mrs. Frank Love, of Lincoln, is also a guest of the hospitable Dover home.

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BALL GAME LEADING ATTRACTION FRIDAY

Fourth Will be Quietly Observed in Shelby With Fast Baseball Game in Afternoon.

The "grand and glorious Fourth" promises to be a tame affair in Shelby and Cleveland county. No riotous celebration is scheduled for the day, which will be spent by the majority of the citizens of the town in rest, automobile tours, or picnics. The business houses will be closed during the day, offering employers and employees a holiday to be spent as they desire. Quite a number of people have expressed their intention of attending the mammoth pageant to be staged in Gastonia.

The pageant there will be of a historical nature depicting the history of Gaston county and will be in eight episodes by eight towns from as many sections of the county. The event is expected to attract wide attention and take rank with anything of a similar nature ever presented in the state. To Play Lincolnton.

The big attraction locally for the holiday crowds will be the baseball game scheduled for 4 o'clock in the afternoon between the strong Lincoln club and the fast Shelby town team. The game will bring to Shelby a number of players well known in professional and semi-professional ball following the war when Lincolnton had one of the strongest independent clubs in the section. Among the Lincolnton players will be "Dad" Broome, Charlie Beal and Frank Love, stars on the speedy club Lincolnton put out several years back. "Shorty" Long, Johnny Hudson, Dick Gurley, Tommy Harrill and "Lefty" Robinson together with such high school stars as Cline and Hoyle Lee will be in the Shelby line-up.

MAX TIRED PAYING TELEGRAPH BILLS

Is Getting Too Many Collect Messages. Local Radio Men's Harp Gagner in Convention

Radio owners and fans in Shelby have been "tuning in" on the big New York convention each night and around each set gathers a group of politicians and embryo politicians. Although the results have not been so good and there is about as much discord in the static as the convention it has been possible to catch the balloting and announcement of results. The balloting proceeds by states alphabetically. The announcer on the platform calls the state and number of votes and the state chairman announces how the state delegation votes. Following the "North Carolina—24" by the convention announcer, local people have several times heard distinctly the voice of O. Max Gardner, state delegation chairman, announcing the Tar Heel vote. Mr. Gardner does not do all the announcing but has been heard here on several different ballots.

Writing Max Too Much. A number of local people have wired the Shelby man asking him to "stick to McAdoo" and from a story by Ben Dixon MacNeill in the Raleigh News and Observer other people also are wiring the former lieutenant governor—some of them permitting the "C.O.D." slip to accompany the message. Over two thousand dollars worth of telegrams were received by the "down home" folks Wednesday. Says Ben Dixon: "Delegates grab telegrams from home eagerly, but Chairman Max Gardner has begun to be a little wary of them. Just today he has got advice from a home that cost him \$93.35 in cash money. He likes to have advice and encouragement, but when it comes that high, or in other words, when it is sent collect, he is beginning to feel that it would be as well to send them by mail. He wouldn't mind paying the postage."

"The local papers report that 100 delegates have left because they have no more money to spend. Two Virginians back of the Tar Heel delegation were computing the cost of the shindy to the delegates today, and they arrived at the conclusion that \$500,000 alone would not cover the actual daily running expenses of the delegates. The convention itself costs some, and the candidates still have money for judicious uses."

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LOCAL COMPANY TO ENTRAIN MONDAY

Leave Sunday Morning for Two Weeks Encampment at Camp Glenn, Morehead City.

The Cleveland Guards, Co., K, 120th infantry of the North Carolina National guard, will leave Shelby Sunday morning on a special train over the Seaboard for Camp Glenn, Morehead City, on the coast, where they will be in camp and hold annual rifle practice for two weeks. The local company is well trained and is expected to make a good showing at Camp Glenn, already having a high rating in the national guard unit.

The company will hold check formation and load baggage about 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, prior to entraining at 5 o'clock Sunday morning. At Charlotte two other companies, the howitzer company from Gastonia and Company F. of Charlotte, will board the train. The roster of the company is made up of three commissioned officers and 77 non-commissioned officers and men, and is as follows:

Captain, Peyton McSwain; First Lieutenant, Michael H. Austell; Second Lieutenant, Henry C. Long. First sergeant, Claude M. Connor; Supply sergeant, James M. Poston; Mess sergeant, Ernest H. Johnson. Sergeants Richard H. Branton, Dwella L. Grant, William K. Hardin, Grover C. Green, Rufus E. Sparks.

Corporals: Veldee P. Wise, Robert N. Hawkins, Holland McSwain, Clarence F. Leonard, Arlo McFarland, Fred W. Noblitt, Clarence Williams, Marion G. Eaker.

Privates first class: Junius W. Auten, Wm. D. Babington, Jr., Wm. F. Bumgardner, Clive V. Harrill, Frank L. Hoyle, Jr., Eubert L. Irvin, Arthur U. McKee, Clarence M. Morrison, Jas A. Morrison, Guy H. Roberts, Robt. L. Rudasill, Claude D. Self, Floyd V. Tate, Paul D. Weathers, Paul H. Wise.

Privates: Paul G. Allen, John A. Anthony, Jr., Esley N. Barnett, Bryan Beam, Vilas L. Bobbitt, Clarence L. Boyles, Paul V. Branton, Chivus L. Byers, Marion Champion, William Colquitt, Mack O. Cook, George B. Dedmon, Alton P. Ellis, Grady G. Green, Happy Heafner, Lee R. Heafner, Paris Heafner, Paul F. Hendrick, Loy S. Hoffman, Boyce W. Humphries, Herschell J. Jones, Robt. L. Kendrick, Thomas C. Kerr, Dewey Kuykendall, Jerry Laughridge, Charles C. Lever, James E. Lowery, Gerald F. McBrayer, Clyde McDaniel, William O. McIntyre, Thaddeus McSwain, Benjamin Palmer, Yates Paxton, Lane C. Price, John A. Pruett, Gilbert Ridenhour, J. A. Roberts, Killian D. Roberts, Benj. F. Spake Jr., John F. Sparks, Spurgeon Vaughan, William E. Weaver, Paul Webb, Franklin B. Williams, Stephen F. Woodson.

P. C. Gardner Locates For Practice Of Law

P. Cleveland Gardner has located in Shelby with offices of the Royster building for the practice of law. He has moved to Shelby from Gastonia where he was located for about six months, coming to North Carolina from Oklahoma where he practiced for a number of years after his graduation at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Gardner is a native of Cleveland county, a son of the late L. S. Gardner of the Beam's Mill section of Cleveland county. His adequate preparation and experience of several years at practice has equipped him well for his profession and his many friends of Cleveland bespeak success for him here.

AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, Dr. Lemons, has been in Raleigh all this week attending a conference with the State Mission Board. He will preach at the morning hour and at 6:00 P. M. the quarterly communion service will be held. Union service for the entire town at the Presbyterian church at 8:00 P. M. with Dr. Lemons doing the preaching. Mr. Pippin, the assistant pastor and director of the choir has arrived and will have charge of the music Sunday morning. Sunday school at 9:45 and a class for you. You are invited to all these services.

BISHOP HORNER AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH 6th

Bishop Horner of the Asheville diocese will conduct the services at the Shelby Episcopal church Sunday. Celebration of the holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all visitors.

—Rains Continue—

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HALF HOLIDAY A WEEK FOR SHELBY

Stores and Business Houses to Close Thursday Afternoons During July and August.

Following a custom of several years Shelby mercantile establishments and business houses will close on Thursday afternoons for the months of July and August. Surrounding towns have already started a half holiday each week, but it was not known until recently whether Shelby business men would again decide on the "Thursday afternoon off" Recently the Woman's club became interested in the movement and following its endorsement by the Kiwanis club a petition was circulated among the business houses, the majority of whom were in favor of the half day vacation and signed the agreement to close after 1 o'clock each Thursday afternoon during the two months.

This plan, coming at a season when business is inclined to be slack, affords a short vacation and breathing spell each week for employer and employee. The "half holiday period" begins Thursday July 10, and the citizens of the town and county should take note of the fact so as to be prepared for the one afternoon each week when the business section of the town is closed up.

Merchants signing the petition included:

W. L. Fanning & Co., Efrids Dept. Store, Wray-Hudson Co., Ceph Blanton, Gilmer's Inc., Basil Goode, Paragon Furniture Co., Electric Service Co., M. Black, Ross 5, 10 and 25c Store, John M. Best Furniture Co., J. D. Lineberger's Son, Washburn & Co., Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., Piggly Wiggly, A. and P. Tea Co., Cash Grocery Store, M. A. McSwain and Son, E. G. Morrison, First National Bank, Union Trust Co., Shelby B. and L. Association, Insurance Department Union Trust Co., Paul Wellmon, Arcade Furniture Co., T. W. Hamrick Co., Piedmont Grocery Co., Home Provision Co., Shelby Hdw. Co., Nix and Lattimore, Oscar O. Palmer, Campbell Dept. Store, T. P. Eskridge, J. C. McNeely and Co., W. A. Pendleton.

15 DAY EXTENSION TO GET AUTO LICENSE

To Date the Local Bureau Has Issued 2,769 Plates—Only Half Through

Those who failed to secure their new automobile license number plates by July 1st as required by law, have been granted an extension of time. Secretary of State W. N. Everett has wired every auto license bureau in the state announcing that a fifteen day extension has been granted because of the inability of the 24 state bureaus to handle the business in the required length of time.

Mr. W. W. Hoey, in charge of the bureau at Esckridge garage, announced yesterday that he had issued 2,769 auto numbers and collected approximately \$40,000, but he is just a little over half through the job. There are over 4,000 motor vehicles in Cleveland county and practically all of these are buying license numbers from the local bureau, while many auto owners are coming from other counties.

The local bureau will be closed July 4th by order of the Secretary of the State and no numbers will be issued today because of the holiday, but Mr. Hoey will open again Saturday morning and start on the last lap of his long and strenuous job. Every day the local bureau has been crowded with people in waiting. Some have been disappointed by not being waited on by closing time at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but Mr. Hoey with his assistants are doing everything in their power to issue the license plates as fast as possible, at the time having a regard for accuracy in keeping the records straight.

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