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Shelby In The 1920 Census

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## BOY IS SHOT FOR DEFENDING MOTHER

Negro Shoots Boy for Interfering  
With Him While He Was  
Beating His Wife

Love for his mother and his defense of her against the attack of his step-father almost cost the life of Boyd Ross, 16 year-old colored boy of Dravo, Cherokee county South Carolina, on Monday. The body of the boy was punctured in nine or ten places by bird shot from a single barrel shot gun in the hands of his stepfather Heywood Ross, who became infuriated at the boy for striking him while he was beating his wife, who was the boy's mother. The boy was brought here for medical attention and the story he told was an unusual one.

### Hit Ross With Shovel

"He had my mother down on the floor beating her with his fist and when I couldn't make him stop, I picked up the fire shovel and cracked him over the head. When I hit him, he started after me with the shotgun, and shot me as I was running away. He kept running after me and I saw him coming on once or twice before they picked me up and brought me here", the negro youth related as the blood trickled from the small holes over his head and body made by the bird shot. The young negro kept running and was enroute, he said, to the home of his grand mother in this county, when several men in a car overtook him and brought him to Shelby, where he was treated by Dr. E. B. Lattimore. The physician said nine or ten shot had hit the boy and were scattered from his head to his heels. None of the punctures were serious, but they bled quite a bit and the white shirt the boy wore had turned to a shade of red when he reached town. From the boy's statement and the manner in which the shot were scattered Ross was evidently 400 or 500 feet from the boy when he pulled the trigger.

The boy did not seem to know how the affair started further than that he "got tired of seeing him beat her" and brought the shovel into play. The little negro was badly frightened and believed that his step-father would have killed him if he had not out-distanced him. People along the road thought the little negro was crazy from his actions and the way he looked back as he ran.

Local officers, McBride Poston, Jerry Runyans, H. G. Ware, and Nelson Lattimore, arrested Ross several hours after the shooting after he had been chased over the state line. As the shooting occurred in South Carolina he was turned over to Gaffney officers. The negro, who formerly lived in this county, had a bad reputation here and had been in court a number of times. The act of the little negro in defending his mother against Ross, who is termed a "bad nigger", was commended by local people who heard the unusual story, and considered the boy lucky for escaping with his life.

## Lattimore School Tax Election Called Off

The Lattimore Padgett and Double Springs school bond election leading to the consolidation of these districts with a special tax of fifty cents on the 100 valuation, was called off yesterday by the joint action of the county board of education and by the county commissioners. After the election was called, considerable opposition developed which resulted in a division. Rather than have this division engender ill feeling in the proposed new consolidated district, it was thought best to cancel the election. This was done upon the recommendation of the school board of the Lattimore district and petitions signed by 121 citizens in the Padgett district and 80 citizens in the Double Springs district. A petition asking that the election be held was presented with 51 names from the Double Springs district.

The county commissioners on Monday appointed John A. Buff a member of the highway commission in No. 10 township.

## STANDARD OIL MEN AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS

Fifty or more of the Charlotte office force of the Standard Oil Company were dinner guests at Cleveland Springs Saturday evening, being in the nature of an outing for the force. Officials present included: C. M. Byers, Charlotte branch manager; H. C. Woodall, assistant manager; C. E. Motte, district manager; Mr. Clark, of Springfield, Mass. T. M. Lattimore, general salesman, Gastonia; C. O. Heavner, Cheryville agent; B. B. Byers, general salesman, Shelby; C. R. Doggett, local agent. Many of the guests were accompanied by their wives and lady friends and a dance followed the dinner.

## HAWKINS HEADS THE RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

G. V. Hawkins, Shelby Carrier Is  
Elected President Of State  
Letter Carriers.

G. V. Hawkins, popular rural letter carrier of Shelby has been elected president of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers Association which closed a two day session in Greensboro Saturday. This is a deserved honor coming to Mr. Hawkins who has been one of the most active members of the association within recent years. He was a delegate two years ago to the national convention and was instrumental in having the letter carriers meet in Shelby last year when he was active in their entertainment. About 100 people attended the convention at Greensboro last week.

Other officers for the ensuing year are:

Vice president, O. W. Hines, McLeansville; secretary, J. P. Turner, Burlington (re-elected); Treasurer, W. P. Cook, Asheville.

Officers were installed just before the session ended.

Delegates chosen to attend the national convention are:

Carl H. Howard, St. Pauls; John Norwood, Norwood; Neal Thompson, Vinland; J. S. Devinney, Julian; A. S. Barnes, Wilson.

The convention voted to meet next year at Salisbury.

The convention went through a busy day. Committees made their reports, routine business was handled and resolutions adopted.

Chief among the latter was one asking senators and congressmen to give united support in behalf of the equipment bill, asking that it be brought up at the next session of Congress, passed and made retroactive July 1, 1924.

The equipment bill proposes that rural carriers be allowed six cents per mile for equipment. It is not a salary bill, but the carriers think they should have some compensation for equipment.

Another resolution out the association on record as desiring all roads used by carriers in discharge of their duties be made public roads; another that carriers be paid by postmaster; another that rural carriers be free from license tax on automobiles used for carrying mail exclusively.

## BOY FROM LINCOLN KILLED IN WRECK

Mooreville, July 6.—Joseph E. Sherrill, 19 years old, son of Marvin Sherrill, of Lincoln county, was instantly killed; his brother, Francis Sherrill, was badly injured, and a companion, Baxter Little, was so badly hurt that he probably will not live, when an automobile in which they were returning from Sherrill's Ford to their home in Lincoln county, was run into and wrecked by another car occupied by negroes.

The accident occurred about 9 o'clock last night, when the boys had reached a point just over the Catawba county line. There were two cars of the negroes, the one in front running into and climbing nearly over the Ford car occupied by the young men. Young Sherrill was killed outright and his body badly mangled. Little was brought to a hospital here, where very little hope is held out for his recovery.

There were eight or ten negroes in the party. Several of them were placed under arrest and will be held for trial. One of their number was badly injured. The names of the negroes could not be ascertained. Liquor was found in the wrecked car occupied by the negroes.

## Home Agent Attends Summer Conference

Mrs. Irma Wallace, home demonstration agent, leaves Tuesday for the Summer Conference, which will be held at State College, Raleigh. For this reason, there will be no club demonstration meetings with either girls or ladies until further notice, except where provision has already been made for the meeting.

During the fruit season there will be need for Bulletin No. 114, Canning Fruits and Vegetables, also Bulletin No. 113, Jelly, Jams, Preserves and Pickles. You may order these direct from the department. Both are full of valuable information.

A new feature of the meeting of the department of superintendence at Chicago was a series of radio talks by educational leader. The talks were broadcast by one of the daily papers of Chicago.

Flies bother you? Farmers Hdw. Co. has a dandy line of screen wire, fly swatters and fly poison.—Adv.

Want a lawn mower cheap? Look at the Farmers Hdw. Co.—Adv.

## S. B. TANNER DIED THURSDAY MORNING

Funeral of Prominent Rutherford  
Cotton Manufacturer Held in  
Charlotte. Aged 72 Years

Rutherfordton, July 5.—S. B. Tanner, well known cotton manufacturer and capitalist, died here Thursday morning at 4:10 a. m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robt. H. Crawford, with whom he has lived for the last three years. Mr. Tanner has been ill several months and grew worse Tuesday. He died of complications.

Funeral services were held at Tryon street Methodist church, Friday noon and interment was in Elmwood cemetery by the side of his wife and son, Spencer.

Active pall bearers were D. C. Colpin and T. B. Stephenson, Caroleen, the latter General Supt. of the Henrietta Mills; W. S. Moore, asst. snt. Henrietta Mills, No. 1, Henrietta, W. L. Horne, and J. R. Moore, prominent Forest City men; R. R. Flack, Carl Horne, G. B. Howard and J. O. Williams, prominent mill men of this place.

Mr. Tanner was 72 years of age and was a native of Spartanburg county, S. C. He is a member of the Rutherfordton M. E. church. He is survived by two sons, K. S. Tanner, of this place, and one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Crawford, of this place, one full brother, A. S. Tanner, of this place, and one half brother, W. R. Tanner, of Cowpens, S. C., and five sisters, Miss Alice Tanner and Mrs. Sallie Tanner, Saluda; Mrs. Laura Gaffney, Gaffney, S. C., Mrs. W. H. Justus, Hendersonville, and Mrs. H. M. Justice of this place.

Mr. Tanner built the Henrietta mills and was president of them for many years. He and his son, K. S. Tanner, built Spindale. He is president of the Spencer, Spindale, Stonecutter, Sunlight, and Horne mills of Spindale, the Cleghorn mills and the Commercial Bank of this place, also Green River Manufacturing company of Tuxedo and is connected with many other business enterprises. He built the new Isothermal hotel here.

At the Fourth of July celebration in Spindale Friday at noon, at the speakers stand a 10-minute memorial service was held in honor of Mr. Tanner, the founder of Spindale and Rutherford counties pioneer cotton manufacturer.

Mr. Tanner was one of the south's leading manufacturers and financiers. His ideas on the cotton situation were always recognized as authority.

## ANOTHER SARDON NEGRO IN WRONG

Ush Sardon, or Sargent, brother of Percy Sargent, who was killed in a battle with officers in January, was on the recorder's court docket, Friday, for attempting to be the "keeper of his brother's children. The Sardons, or Sargents, are Georgia negroes and inclined at times to be "tuff." Percy, the "Top Sargent," ran wild in the early part of January and after a battle with the local officers, died of wounds in themeleme. Among the survivors were two sons, aged 13 and 15. Thursday, July 3, Ush, uncle of the boys, who were "hired out," approached their employers with the intention of collecting their pay. The boys objected strenuously, saying that the uncle did not have the right to take their money. "Uncle Ush" lost his temper, or found it, and proceeded to belay their backs, it was charged, with a leather strap. Judge Falls let him pay the costs for the act. The negro is said to have told the employers of his nephews that his brother on his death bed instructed him to look out for the boys and also added that he had been appointed their guardian with the approval of the recorder. Judge Falls knew of no such approval, neither had the court ever heard of the guardian appointment. Sardon, it seems, must have planned the scheme so as to have a little ready cash for the Fourth, but instead was forced to pay out some.

Other cases heard Friday and Saturday included:

Will Hoy, reckless driving; no pros.

Rome Waters, profanity, and entering after being forbidden; not guilty.

Harley Francis, assault with a deadly weapon upon J. D. Bridges; fined \$15 and the costs. The weapon in question was the butt of a knife.

J. L. Jones, O. W. Ramsey and O. C. Connor, receiving and possessing; guilty by jury and fined \$25 and the costs, each.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wynn Doggett and children, left Monday for Hendersonville where they will spend some time.

## Veteran Nominated



Frank D. Grist

## GRIST VICTOR IN SECOND PRIMARY

Ex-Service Man Wins By Landslide.  
Cleveland Gives Best Major-  
ity In State

In the second or run-off primary for state commissioner of labor and printing, Saturday, Frank D. Grist, of Lenoir, was an easy winner from unofficial returns over M. L. Shipman, incumbent for 16 years. It is thought to be the first time in many years that a state office holder has been defeated, and the victory of Grist is credited largely to the support of the American Legion, Mr. Grist being a veteran of the World War and wounded in action. Cleveland county voted light on the primary as there were no county officers in the run-off, but the ex-service men were active and around 1,400 votes were polled, over 1,300 being for Grist or a ratio of more than 22 to 1. The unofficial vote from 22 precincts of 24 gave Grist 1,322 and Shipman 59. The two precincts not heard from, Holly Springs and Mulls, will not poll a large vote and the total is expected to be only a little over 1,400.

The voting here was characteristic of the ballots cast all over the state, only a few counties in the reports received so far giving Shipman a majority, while the others gave Grist large majorities. Monday, according to a dispatch from Raleigh, the unofficial vote of 43 counties out of 100 gave Grist 39,146 and Shipman 19,391. Grist's manager announced that the majority was greater than expected, while Mr. Shipman had no statement to make.

Shelby Strong for Grist  
Shelby citizens almost cast a solid vote for the ex-service man, he having worked here one time and being known by many local people. The only active interest was taken by ex-service men who were rewarded at sunset by 674 votes, out of the 684 cast in the four voting wards.

In the county, Delight, Lawndale, Sharon, Boiling Springs and Youngs, according to unofficial figures, voted solidly for Grist. The unofficial report from the 22 precincts is as follows:

PRECINCT	GRIST	SHIPMAN
Shelby (4)	674	10
Delight	8	0
Polkville	67	5
Casar	10	1
W. Kings Mt.	46	4
Kings Mt.	50	5
Lattimore	46	4
Waco	33	3
Moorebore	31	2
Lawndale	42	0
Fallston	37	1
Queens	30	6
Sharon	10	0
Earls	17	11
Patterson	30	1
Boiling Springs	19	0
Youngs	24	0
Double Springs	16	1
Grover	62	5

## CLEVELAND GUARDS LEAVE FOR CAMP AT MOREHEAD CITY

The Cleveland Guards, Company "K", 120th infantry of the North Carolina National Guard troops, left Shelby Sunday morning at 5 o'clock on a special train over the Seaboard. Company "F" of Charlotte and the howitzer company of Gastonia were picked up enroute. The company that entrained Sunday was composed of three commissioned officers and 77 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.

## FOR SALE—ONE FORD TOURING car, 1924 model, slightly used, in good condition; with starter. Bargain to quick buyer. W. S. Fortenberry, Lawndale, N. C., Star Route.

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If you are interested in a good lawn mower, cheap, look at the Farmers Hdw. Co.—Adv.

## NEW BUSINESS TO BE OPENED SOON

Williams And Hamrick To Open Of-  
fice Supply And Book Store At  
Miss Lutz' Stand

Messrs. Charlie Williams and Max Hamrick will open about July 25th a book and office supply store in the corner of the Courtview Hotel building, taking the store room now occupied by Miss Georgia Lutz, milliner. The name of the new firm will be Williams and Hamrick and their line will be office supplies, loose leaf systems, filing systems, safe, desks, office chairs, party favors, typewriters and typewriter supplies, school supplies and everything else in the office fixture line. For sometime they have been making arrangements for this new business enterprise, looking for suitable lines of merchandise and an available location which they have at last secured and are now having their stocks shipped direct from the manufacturers.

Both Messrs. Williams and Hamrick have for a number of years been salesmen for the Ligeet and Myers Tobacco company. Both are prominent young business men who plan to give Shelby an office supply store such as has been needed for many years. Their business will not be confined to Cleveland alone, but they will travel a salesman in Rutherford and Lincoln counties and their many friends hope for them the rich success they deserve.

Miss Georgia Lutz whose location they have secured, will occupy one of the store rooms now under construction on N. LaFayette street by Messrs. T. W. and Frank A. Hamrick.

## "BLACK-ARM" MAY HURT COTTON CROP

Quite a number of Cleveland county farmers were visitors at the office of the county agent Saturday and Monday exhibiting stalks of cotton taken from their fields, which apparently are infected with "black-arm", a form of bacterial blight. Specimens of the diseased stalks were sent to Raleigh, where they will be examined to determine the exact nature of the disease, but from the description given by the cotton disease bulletin, County Agent Lawrence is practically certain that it is the "black-arm" form of bacterial blight. The leaves on the cotton stalks infected turn a reddish color at first, then black and finally wither and fall off. At the same time portions of the stalk and branches also turn black and rot in nearly every instance the branches split and fall from the stalk as do the bolls. However, with the disease coming so early in the season there are no bolls to be infected and the damage will be less.

Farmers here Saturday and Monday stated that they estimated that one-fourth or more of their crops was infected by the blight, which the bulletin says, thrives in continued wet and windy weather. The blight is being noticed in practically every section of the county. The disease is thought to originate in the seed and where fields are badly attacked a seed treatment is necessary as well as rotation of crops for a season or two. Dry weather checks the disease, which heretofore has never bothered the Piedmont section.

It was thought by some that the black and withered leaves and branches were caused by hail, but similar conditions existed in sections of the county where there has been no hail this season. The hail supposition was advanced by the appearance of the stalks where the branches and stems had split off. Although a considerable portion of the cotton already seems to be infected it is hoped that dry weather will check the disease and the situation is not yet alarming.

## Banks Pay Regular Dividends July 1st

The First National Bank of Shelby last week issued dividend checks to its shareholders, paying them the regular six per cent semi-annual dividend on the banks capital of \$250,000, the total amount paid out being \$15,000. The Union Trust Company paid its regular three per cent annual dividend on its capital of \$100,000 the shareholders receiving \$3,000. In addition to the dividend pay, the Union Bank and Trust Company added \$5,000 to surplus, making the tax surplus reach \$25,000. Both banks are in a flourishing condition as the statement published in today's and Friday's papers will show.

This is hot weather. But if you will drop down to the Farmers Hdw. Co. and get a water cooler or an ice cream freezer.—Adv.

## BIRTHS 187 AND DEATHS 68 IN NO. 6

A Birth a Day in No. 6, Including  
Shelby, During First  
Six Months

There was a birth a day in No. 6 township alone during the first six months of this year, according to vital statistics which have been forwarded to the bureau in Raleigh this week. While all of the statistics are not at hand, indications are that there are three children born every day in the year, this fact emphasizing more than anything else the importance of a Sheppard-Towner maternity nurse, who could be secured full time for prospective mothers and new born babies at a nominal cost to the county.

Up to July 1st there were 105 births in No. 6 township outside of Shelby's incorporate limits, 82 births inside of Shelby, 35 deaths outside of Shelby in No. 6 township and 33 deaths inside of Shelby. White births in Shelby that go to Raleigh in the report for July are as follows:

To Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Patterson, a girl, June 3rd.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tony Porcelli, a girl, June 9th.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weathers, a son, June 15th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan, a girl, June 24th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hord, a son, June 27th.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Caldwell, a girl, June 30th.

In No. 6 Township

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stallings, a girl, June 22nd.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sparks, a son, June 25th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. McSwain, a son, June 25th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dewey M. Freeman, a son, June 27th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Grady Metcalf, a girl, June 30th.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter, a girl, Feb. 28th.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Anthony, a girl, May 2nd.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner, a girl, May 21st.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Page, a son, June 5th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peeler, a son, June 7th.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Royster, a girl, June 8th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rudasill, a girl, June 11th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrow, a girl, June 12th.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brackett, a son, June 15th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Caines Moss, a girl, June 16th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Bradford, a girl, June 18th.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bridges, a girl, June 18th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charley Queen, a boy, June 18th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dover, a girl, June 20th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Edwards, a boy, June 20th.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Sanders, a boy, June 20th.

## Rex. Cigar Co. Puts New One On Market

The Rex Cigar Company of which J. F. and L. H. Ledford of this place are the popular proprietors are this week introducing to their trade a new cigar known as "Shelby Straights". The cigar is original with them and is put up for their exclusive sale. It is made of domestic and Havana tobaccos and is mild and pleasant. One of the most striking features of the cigar is that it retails for five cents, indicating that at last a real good five cent smoke has come again to the market. They received this week 50,000 of these as the first shipment and are introducing them through their salesmen and the Kendall Medicine Company salesmen.

The Shelby Straights will advertise Shelby, named for that famous revolutionary war hero. The Rex Cigar Company says the sale of Champagne, Hava-Rexa and Skill cigars is most gratifying. Last week several nice orders were received from western states.

## NEW GIN TO BE BUILT NEAR GROVER MILL

Application has been made for a charter for a new cotton gin to be erected near the Dover Cotton Mill. The gin will have four 80 saw gin stands, while the building will be 40 by 92 feet, large enough to increase the plant to double this capacity. The shareholders will be farmers in that community and stockholders in the Dover mill.

All girls who enter the high school of Oswego, N. Y., are required to take a course of 10 weeks in home nursing. The superintendent of the Oswego Hospital is the instructor.

## DELEGATE REPORTS BIG CONVENTION

Dr. Duncan and Max Washburn Tell  
Local Club of International  
Meeting in Denver

At the Kiwanis meeting Thursday evening reports of the international convention were made by Dr. Duncan of Forest City, and Max Washburn, delegate from the Shelby club. The program was in charge of Farris Ledford, who will have charge of the entertainment and meetings during July.

Dr. Duncan spoke briefly, for the most part relating humorous incidents that occurred in and around the Shelby delegate. After a trip to Pike's Peak, Dr. Duncan declared, that the Shelby delegate wanted at the Carolina's delegation to pass a resolution thanking Mr. Pike for building such a wonderful peak. And in turn the quips were returned to the Forest City representative. Mr. Washburn in his report to the meeting covered the Carolina's delegation, the route taken to Denver, stops made, and a brief account of the convention high lights. Addresses that were considered by him as outstanding features were those by Hon. R. J. Marion, of Canada, and Roe Fulkerson, editor of the Kiwanis magazine. The historic pageant, "The Spirit of the West," given by the Colorado people depicting Denver the village of '59 was a never-to-be-forgotten event of the convention. The Cave of the Winds, Pike's Peak, where the delegates engaged in a snowball fight, and other scenic spots were briefly described.

Both delegates were outspoken in their praise of the hospitality of the west, declaring that the South would have to march at a fast stride to retain hospitality honors. An appeal was also made by both speakers that more members of the club attend the international and district conventions.

## MASONIC TEMPLE CONTRACT CHANGED

On account of a misunderstanding or rather a misinterpretation of the specifications in the plans for the new Masonic Temple, Lutz and Webb, local contractors who at first were the low bidders and were awarded the contract, have refused to accept at the price specified and the Masonic building committee has voted to release them from the contract. At a called meeting last week of the Masonic committee, J. P. Little and Son, contractors of Charlotte, were awarded the contract which Lutz and Webb refused to accept. J. P. Little and Son submitted a bid on June 19th when bids were received and gone over and at that time Mr. Little was the next lowest bidder, his bid being \$79,500. The Little Company is now building the handsome Central Methodist church building and received the contract a few days ago for the Sunday school department at the Shelby Presbyterian church. They are fine builders and have an organization said to be the best in their line. They will begin work July 15th and when the building is completed it will fill a long felt need in Masonic circles in Shelby and surrounding country.

## Killed By Freight Train At Ellenboro

Mr. Gidney Hamrick, age about 48 years, was killed by a train at Ellenboro last Friday afternoon when he attempted to cross the track in front of the oncoming train. Mr. Hamrick was plowing in a field across the railroad from his home when a shower of rain came up and he started home, with the result that he was struck by the train, the impact knocking a hole in his skull and crushing his shoulder. Mr. Hamrick married a daughter of Rev. I. D. Harrill, who survives with several children. Some years ago, one of his daughters was burned to death when her clothing caught fire from an open fire place and it is said that he was so grieved because of her death that since that time his mind has been affected at times.

## Tom Humphries Is Buried At Zoar

Mr. Tom Humphries who died in the Lincoln Hospital last Thursday night was buried Friday July 4th at Zoar Baptist church just south of Shelby. The funeral services being conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn assisted by a Rev. Mr. Abernathy of Lincoln county. Mr. Humphries is survived by a his wife and two children, three brothers and three sisters: Mrs. Julia Hamrick of near Grover, Mrs. Irida Wright and Mrs. John Wright of near Kings Mountain, Junie and Robert Humphries of near Grover and a half brother, Luther Burgess who lives in South Shelby.