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COURT MAY CLOSE TUESDAY EVENING

Number of Important Civil Cases
Have Been Compromised. Divorces to Come Up.

The summer term of Superior court now on the civil docket may end Tuesday. The court adjourned Thursday until Monday as a number of cases were compromised and a witness in a case docketed was sick. During the recess most of the more important civil actions have been compromised or settled out of court and for this reason the remainder of the docket will be brief.

An interesting case compromised was that of L. E. Oates versus the American Cotton Mills company of Bessemer City. Clyde R. Hoey represented the plaintiff and P. W. Garland, of Gastonia, and O. Max Gardner the defendant, and according to the compromise Oates received from the textile firm \$5,020 for loss of his right arm last March when it was caught in some machinery at the company's mill in Bessemer City. Under the surface of the suit there was a story, tragic in a way, one of dreams cruelly wrecked:

A year or more ago, about the time "hard times" first struck Georgia, young Oates came to North Carolina and learned a new occupation, that of a cotton mill worker. He is now only 29 years of age and has a wife and one child, and young in years and with the hopes and dreams of a young man Oates had always an inner desire to be a cartoonist, and he was talented that way, talented so that his dreams might some day have been realized had not last March the machinery that makes cloth of cotton taken the dream along with the arm.

He had studied cartooning and has in his possession many cartoons, his handiwork, and all showing a talent that some day might have been recognized. Perhaps some day a child will take up the dream of the parent, but until then—if even then—the dream is at end, for artistically the left hand does not know the workings of the right hand. By the compromise young Oates, who now lives at Kings Mountain, has a broken dream and \$5,000.

By another compromise Everett Wright administrator for W. M. Smith, colored, who died of injuries received while in the employ of Davis Wilcox Construction company, was awarded \$500 damages against the company. The defendant company, represented by O. Max Gardner and Clyde R. Hoey, was in charge of the road construction between Bessemer City and Gastonia and Smith met his death while trying to swing on one of the company's trucks. The plaintiff was represented by O. M. Mull and A. G. Mangum. This case if heard in court would have taken around one day, while the Oates case would have taken the greater portion of two days, and by the compromise of these two cases the length of the civil docket was considerably lessened.

Other cases compromised out of court included that of C. T. Gallagher of Charlotte, who was injured here last summer when a runaway team struck the bus in which he was a passenger. The case was heard last court, but a new trial was granted, it not being thought the damages were sufficient, he compromise was for \$250 against the Kenilworth Transportation company who operated the bus, and \$100 against James Yarborough, the owner of the team.

Roy Goode, who was injured while in the employ of Stearns Brothers, the contractors who completed the Shelby Kings Mountain link of State highway No. 20, was given \$200 damages by the company through a compromise.

J. E. Rhodes vs. J. H. Davis, an appealed judgment from recorder's court was also compromised, Rhodes receiving \$15 and the costs. The suit resulted from an automobile accident.

Fair To Make Drive For More Funds 5th

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Cleveland County Fair association held in the court house Friday, it was unanimously decided to make a drive on Tuesday August 5th throughout the unworked portions of the county to secure additional stock to the fair association. When the fair was organized, a goal of \$20,000 was set and during the early spring, friends of the fair association canvassed certain sections and raised \$15,000 but the press of other business matters made it impossible to complete the campaign and secure the full amount. The directors, therefore, feel that the full amount can be secured in a single day's canvass and Tuesday August 5th has been set for this drive. Canvassers will visit parts of the county where no subscriptions have been secured and feel that the remaining \$5,000 will be the result of their presentation of the matter.

DON'T LAY BY CROPS TOO SOON THIS YEAR

Max Gardner, of Shelby, was elected president of the North Carolina farmers convention which held away last week in Raleigh and when seen in Shelby as soon as he learned of his election he did not care to comment on the honor that has come to him, but when asked about crop conditions he stated, "My one fear for Cleveland is that the farmers will lay by cotton too soon. I think it would be a grave mistake to quit work until every sprig of grass is dead. It is well understood on my farm that cotton is to be plowed at least one time in August and no man thinks of quitting until the grass is killed. This is very important this year. There are so many bunches of crab grass in the fields and on well fertilized lands, this grass will not only sap the cotton stalk but likewise consume the food value of the fertilizer and make picking conditions very bad in the fall. I sincerely hope every farmer will stay right in the fields, killing grass with the hoe and plowing very high in the middles. If this is done by everybody it will add many thousand bales of cotton to our production this year."

"Another thing; I wish all of our farmers would cut the weeds, vines, grass and sprouts growing alongside the roads at the end of the rows. They look ugly and afford a breeding place for weevils. Nothing advertises a county more than clean, cultivated crops, well fertilized and green with the coloring matter of the progressive farmers. If we do our part in Cleveland county and have normal seasons, we ought to make at least 35,000 bales of cotton this year."

Farm Resolutions
Mr. Gardner was not present at the farm convention of which he was elected president, but the convention adopted resolutions for "extending" the school term to eight months which is considered a courageous attitude for the farmers in view of the depressing outlook generally for crop conditions. Other resolutions advocated a wider forestry policy, the development of a credit system "just and fair to agricultural," continuation of the whole program of educational progress, continuation of efforts to improve and perfect the best possible marketing machinery for farmers, continuation of the movement to improve and develop the state's taxation policy, the review of the textbooks in the state school system so as to recognize farm work and farm business, the development of the possibilities for livestock on the state and the readjustment of farming in the cotton section to fit boll weevil condition. A new auditorium for state college, to accommodate farmers' conventions and similar gatherings was strongly advocated, and a committee named to direct a campaign.

The convention approved the action of State college, the university and the North Carolina Women's college for creating a committee to study state taxation and to recommend desirable changes; commended vocational educational work under the direction of T. E. Browne, state director; commended the work of the cotton and tobacco co-operative associations; approved the Smith bill in the United States Senate for financial aid for the co-operatives, and expressed pleasure at the work of the state department of agriculture and State college.

Report Made On First Baptist Parsonage

The weekly calendar of the First Baptist church Sunday carried report showing the cost of the handsome new First Baptist parsonage which is the home of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Lemons and is located on West Marion street. The total cost of the building was \$17,419 while the lot cost \$5,000 additional. Adding to this the interest paid and the architect's fee makes a grand total cost of residence and lot \$23,358. When bids were submitted by contractors last year the lowest for the building was about \$18,000. At that time it was decided to move the parsonage from beside the church to the West Marion street lot which necessitated the addition of another porch, the cost of which was estimated by the contractors to be \$1,500. The building committee decided to let the construction out to different contractors and in this manner it is estimated that the church saved \$1,500 to \$2,000 on the job. The parsonage is one of the handsomest and most convenient homes in this section and a pride and joy to the congregation.

Mr. C. C. Blanton and Misses Ora Eskridge and Mary Adelaide Roberts were week end guests at Blowing Rock.

Miss Christine Holler of Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting Miss Jessie Hoyle for several days this week.

FAIR PREMIUM LIST IS BEING PREPARED

The premium list for Cleveland county's first fair is now being prepared and all of the copy will be in the hands of the printers at The Star Publishing company this week. The premium list has been placed in the hands of the Daughters of the Confederacy who are soliciting advertising to pay for its publication and if possible make a little extra money which the Daughters will use in providing for veterans and widows in the homes at Raleigh and Fayetteville. Last week a canvass was made by Mrs. Fred Morgan, Mrs. T. W. Hamrick and Mrs. Charles Williams with gratifying results, but it is almost impossible to see everybody and if there are any who wish to have an advertisement in the fair premium list catalog, please communicate with either of the above ladies or The Star office this week and space will be reserved. It is not known yet what the premiums will total but several thousand dollars will be given away as prizes and the list will cover almost as many items as the Gaston County fair.

The premium list book is an excellent advertising medium and those who wish to have space will not only benefit by the advertising, but help the fair association and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Two Famous Stories Retold At Princess

Two famous stories will be told this week in pictures at the Princess theatre. One is by the world's master teller of tales, Rudyard Kipling. It is the "Light That Failed" and will be presented Tuesday. That it is a story by the great Kipling is enough; that as a picture it is better, is more. The other is Ouida's immortal child classic portrayed by Jackie Coogan, the idol of childhood, in "A Boy of Flanders." Nello, the little homeless and broken-hearted Flanders boy, and his big friendly dog is the feature attraction Thursday at the Princess. The film is presented under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of Troop 1.

Wednesday, a big heart problem of American parents is answered at the Princess. "Missing Daughters" is the title of the picture, and a rip-roaring comedy will be an extra feature.

BIG GOLF TOURNAMENT HERE ON THURSDAY

Local golf enthusiasts will be afforded an extra attraction in a tournament to be held on the Cleveland Springs course Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock between the Forest City and Shelby teams. In the first of a series of tournaments held Saturday afternoon on the course at the Rutherfordton Country club the Shelby team won from Forest City three up. The local team is composed of Willis McMurtry, Earl Hamrick, Charles L. Eskridge and Jack Dover, while Forest City was represented Saturday by Drs. Duncan and Avers and Messrs. Nanney and Howard.

LAYMEN'S DAY AT LAFAYETTE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Laymen's Day" will be held at Lafayette Street Methodist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Ingle. Several local speakers are on the program and the principal address will be by G. B. Goodson, of Lincolnton, district lay leader for the Shelby district of the Methodist church. The services will last only one hour and all members of the Lafayette church are requested to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to visitors.

LUTZ REUNION TO BE HELD AT KADESH CHURCH

The fifth annual Lutz reunion will be held at Kadesh Methodist church at Belwood on Thursday August 7th. Exercises will begin at 10 o'clock with speaking by Rev. W. A. Lutz and Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle, congressman from this district. Singing will be furnished by the Wright quartet. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets and enjoy the day.

Big Farmers' Picnic

The annual Farmers' picnic will be held Thursday August 7, at Hamrick Springs near Kings Mountain. The picnic will continue throughout the day and the speakers will be announced later.

Clean Kadesh Cemetery.

Members of the Kadesh church and those who have relatives buried there are requested to be at the cemetery early Friday morning, August 1, for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery, according to an announcement by a member of that church.

A lot of autos have all of the regular attachments, plus a sheriff's.

BUSINESS SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB

J. W. Griest To Address Kiwanians
Thursday Evening. Judge Harding Makes Talk

The feature of the Kiwanis program next Thursday evening at Cleveland Springs will be an address by J. W. Griest, general manager of the Retail Merchants Institute, of Chicago, according to an announcement by the club secretary, Mr. Griest, a nationally known business figure will speak upon "The Need of Practical Training in Business." His lecture treats in a general way the need of practical training along the lines of community development, co-operation, trade extension, salesmanship, advertising, personal efficiency and organization work. From press reports the visitor Thursday is a speaker and entertainer of ability.

To Address Kiwanis



J. W. Griest, of Chicago

A Beneficial Talk

"Good Citizenship," or the "Aim of the Worldly Side of Life," was the subject of an interesting after-dinner talk before the Kiwanis club last Thursday evening by Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, who is presiding over Superior court here. Resolutions passed by several Kiwanis clubs requesting their members to register and vote and not offer alibis for jury duty because both are duties of American citizens, were commended by the jurist, who stressed the importance of being a good citizen and the allegiance due one's country. The talk, which was entertaining as well as informing with a moral that could not be unobserved, was more in the nature of a sermon with "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" as the subject. Judge Harding also credited such civic organizations and luncheon clubs as Kiwanis as being responsible for higher standards in business nowadays.

Colored Boys Play Better Than Spell

Days the "town team" does not have a game the amusement at the city ball park is furnished by Shelby's colored club—and of course another colored club just as amusing. Not that the boys are poor diamond artists, for they are not. In fact they usually win. They won Friday, defeating the Lincolnton crew 4 to 1. The publicity agent of the local outfit, however, is the best attraction. He wanders around over town each day before a game and announces the next day's bill by "sidewalk signs"—painting the hour and opposition on the street. The spelling always draws a crowd. The game Friday was evidently with the "Lincolnton Giants," but the signs on the sidewalk read "Lincolnton Giants." It first read "Lincolnton," but the manipulator of the artistic horse-hair was informed of the mistake, and revised it into one more comic.

The comedy does not stop with the uptown sidewalks, but continues on the sidelines and in the game at the park. The attendance is always good and some real baseball is mingled with the fun.

THIRTY SIX BRANDIES ON EIGHTEEN INCH TWIG

Mr. D. C. Beam of Shelby R-7 was exhibiting to friends in Shelby Saturday a twig from a brandy apple tree which was marvelous in its production. The twig was only 18 inches long but it contained 36 small apples, all sound and promising of bountiful crop.

Mr. Edwin Webb, young son of Judge E. Y. Webb returned from Canada Monday. He has been employed by the Duke Power company development in Canada for the past six weeks.

STATE TO MAINTAIN A HIGHWAY SOUTH

Highway Engineers Look Over Situation and Will Make Recommendation of One of Two Routes

Cleveland county is to have a state maintained highway running south from Shelby to the South Carolina line and one of two routes will be selected from a recommendation made by Maintenance Engineer Eskridge and District Engineer H. E. Noel, both of whom were here Friday and made trips over the several routes south, going in company with Attorney O. M. Mull and meeting the highway commissioners of Cherokee county who were consulted in the matter.

One of Two Routes

Two routes are under consideration. One route extends via Patterson Springs and Earl to the South Carolina line where there is a fork in the road, one road leading to Blacksburg over a newly built top-soiled road via Morgan bridge and the other leading to Gaffney via the bridge at Dravo. Both the Morgan and Dravo bridges are in South Carolina and both of these routes in South Carolina have been recently improved and top-soiled by the commissioners of Cherokee. The route via Patterson Springs and Earl seems to have met with most favor in the estimation of Engineers Eskridge and Noel and this route is urged by two of the No. 3 highway commissioners, L. I. Hendrick and W. D. Earl as well as by O. M. Mull, O. M. Gardner, William and Jesse Lowery, A. E. Bettis and sons, W. D. Earl, George Patterson and others who were in Shelby Friday afternoon laying their claims before the engineers.

The other route which is being considered, is the route leaving Shelby through South Shelby, via Zoar church, Val Thomason and Dravo, where it crosses the river on a fine road built by the Cherokee commissioners leading to Gaffney. As will be seen either route leaving out of Shelby would lead to the Dravo bridge.

In making the inspection of the several routes the highway engineers also went over the road leading from Earl over the state line bridge recently finished jointly by the commissioners of Cleveland and Cherokee counties, but it was found that this route reached too near Grover where there is already a state maintained highway leading into South Carolina.

A glance at the state highway map sent to all automobile owners will reveal the fact that there is a space extending from Grover to Chesne where there is no state maintained road leading to South Carolina. The state maintains the highway from Kings Mountain to the South Carolina line at Grover and also from Forest City toward Chesne leading to Spartanburg but between these roads the state does no maintenance work on north and south roads, so the idea is to select a route as nearly midway as possible in order to get a maintained road from Shelby to Gaffney, the county seat of Cherokee.

After looking over the several routes, the highway engineers have two in mind as above stated, one via Patterson Springs and Earl and the other via South Shelby, Zoar, Val Thomason's Store and Buffalo church. One of these routes will be selected at an early date and a maintenance force put on. Such a road would serve a fine trading area for Shelby and give this section a fine outlet to South Carolina.

Pat McBrayer Heads Churchmen's League

The Presbyterian Men's league of the Kings Mountain Presbytery met in the Lincolnton Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon for the purpose of adopting by-laws and mapping out a plan of work. The league, the purpose of which is to promote a closer spirit of Christian fellowship, and to aid home mission committees in building up the weak church in the Presbytery, was organized in Gastonia July 8.

The officers elected at that time are: C. B. McBrayer, Shelby, president; C. A. Robinson, Gaston, secretary-treasurer; J. W. Mullen, Lincolnton; C. M. Robinson, Lowell; O. C. Erwin, Rutherfordton; W. R. Stowe, Belmont; W. D. Brown, Cherryville; O. C. Mason, Kings Mountain, vice-presidents. The meeting closed with dinner at the North State hotel. The next meeting will be held in Rutherfordton in September.

ONE DIVORCE GRANTED IN SUPERIOR COURT

A number of divorce cases are on the civil docket of the present court, but so far only one divorce has been granted, that of Mrs. Estelle Lowry from Robert Lowry.

NEGRO YOUTH HAD SHOES IN POCKET

Marvin Byers, negro boy of some 18 years who lives on Dr. Peeler's place, is under a 200 bond for trial charged with the attempted larceny of a \$2 pair of sandals from Efrid's department store Saturday. Byers at first had an inclination to "own up," but changed his mind and now asserts he is not guilty.

The suspicious actions of the negro attracted the attention of the clerical force Saturday afternoon. Repeated inquiries as to what he wished to purchase brought from him the reply that he did not want anything. Finally V. C. Peeler became more than suspicious and gave the boy the "once over," locating one shoe in his hip pocket and another under his coat. Talking to Mr. Neely, manager of the store, the boy at first admitted stealing the sandals, it is said, but with the arrival of his brother decided he had not stolen the shoes. However he was turned over to Deputy Sheriff M. H. Austell and later placed under a \$200 bond for trial in August. Mr. Peeler who found the shoes on the boy being off on his vacation now.

Miss Landon Will Visit This County

The field service department of the North Carolina Co-operative Cotton Growers association announces the appointment of Miss Susan Landon, of Clinton, as a member of the field staff. Miss Landon will devote her attention to the educational problems surrounding the home and community life of the members of the association. She is specially prepared for her work by home training, personality, professional training and experience. Reared on a Sampson county farm she knows the needs of the farmer and his wife. Miss Landon is a graduate of the North Carolina college for Women and has taken post-graduate work at Columbia University, specializing in rural problems, experienced as a teacher in the public schools and as a rural supervisor.

P. F. Grigg, director of the association in this county, says that Cleveland county will be one of the first counties to be visited by Miss Landon after she takes up her work, and her coming will be looked forward to by the farm women of the county.

Lincolnton Defeated By Shelby Outfit

In the best game played here this season Shelby Saturday defeated the fast Lincolnton independent club 4 to 3. The game was a hurling duel between Martin and Beal, the work of the moundsmen being the outstanding feature. Arrowood, local left fielder starred with the willow, driving out a long triple for one of Shelby's seven hits, while Frank Love, of Lincolnton, led the hitting for the visitors with two safeties.

Good Game Wednesday.
The locals will play Morganton here Wednesday afternoon, it is announced, and a good game is expected as the Burke aggregation has a very good record so far this season. The championship high school battery, Hoyle Lee and Fred Beam, will do the "put 'n take" stunt for Shelby and this assures a good attendance.

Team R. H. E.
Lincolnton 3 6 2
Shelby 4 7 2
Batteries: Lincolnton—Beal and Webb; Shelby—Martin and Brooks.

CRIPPLE TO COLLEGE INSTEAD OF JAIL

R. D. Lockman, 20-year old cripple of Kannapolis and Kings Mountain, who was given a six months sentence in jail last week for passing worthless checks, the sentence being imposed in superior court, was brought back before the court Monday and judgment suspended on the sentence to allow Lockman to take vocational training. County Welfare Officer Smith has been working on the case for some time and following a visit here of Mr. Corpening, of the rehabilitation department, it was decided to give Lockman the opportunity of business training at Kings Business college, in Charlotte. The suspension of judgment was made following this decision by welfare and vocational department officials.

Notice to Young Men.

All young men from 17 to 20 years of age who do not attend Sunday school elsewhere are invited to be present at the regular meetings of the Young men's Baraa Sunday school class at the Second Baptist church each Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

C. E. JONES, Teacher.

Be careful what you pin your faith to or you will get stuck.

BATTLEGROUND TALK REVIVED BY MAJOR

Congressman From This District
Thinks Kings Mountain Battle-ground Can Be Made Park.

Yorkville Enquirer.
"I am anxious to have the Federal government take over Kings Mountain Battleground, buy additional land around and convert it into a national park and I am convinced the Federal government will do so provided the government is given title to the Battleground site." So declared Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, in discussing the historic battleground and its future with representatives of the Yorkville Enquirer at his home in Gastonia, the other evening. "I have discussed the matter with Congressman Stevenson of South Carolina on a number of occasions and of course he is quite willing to assist me in putting the proposition over. I discussed it with Representative Marty Madden of Illinois, chairman of the house appropriations committee some time ago, and he promised to give me every assistance possible in getting through an appropriation for the establishment of a national park on the historical grounds. As I understand it," Congressman Bulwinkle went on to say, "the title to the battleground is in the hands of a patriotic association of Yorkville. The government will do nothing so long as the title remains out of its own hands. But I have every assurance that if the title to the battleground proper is given over to the government there will be little trouble to get an appropriation sufficient to buy fifty or a hundred acres around the monument and to build a good road leading from the battleground to Yorkville and another from the battleground to Kings Mountain. As matters stand now it is entirely up to those who hold the title as to what is to be done. There is no question to my mind but what Kings Mountain Battleground holds more historic interest than any other place in either North or South Carolina and even though now it is rough and there are no conveniences the field is visited annually by thousands of people. If the government were to take it over, clean up the grounds, retain a caretaker and build good roads as it will do if given the title, there will be a rapid increase in the popularity of the place to have heard the intimation from time to time that we North Carolinians are working with a view to getting the Battleground for our own. That is a mistaken impression. It is quite close to us, you know and we are very proud of it; but we are not jealous or envious of our good friends the people of York county because it is located on their soil. Our only interest in the matter lies in a desire to convert it into a national park by means of the Federal government which can be done." Congressman Bulwinkle went on to say that some time ago the commander of the engineering corps at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., had promised to send his engineers to Kings Mountain whenever they were wanted for the purpose of establishing markers locating the ground on which the various forces of the Whigs and Tories had their respective stations during the engagement.

Brother Of Wilson At Kings Mountain

Kings Mountain has a prominent visitor this week in the person of Joseph Wilson, a brother of the late President, Woodrow Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are visiting their daughter, who is the wife of Rev. R. S. McElroy, jr., of Japan. Mr. Wilson, who lives in Baltimore and is an official of the Maryland Casualty and Trust Co., passed through Shelby Monday morning on a bus en route to Asheville, where he will spend a day or so. They expect to return to Baltimore about Friday or Saturday.
Rev. and Mrs. R. S. McElroy, jr., the latter being formerly Miss Wilson are here on a year's furlough from Japan where they are missionaries, and are at present visiting Rev. Mr. McElroy's father, Dr. R. S. McElroy, distinguished pastor of the Presbyterian church there.

HOME AGENT IS BACK FROM STATE COLLEGE

Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, home demonstration agent, is back in her office here after a stay of two weeks at the State college in Raleigh, where she attended the home Demonstration Agents conference conducted annually by the extension service for the improvement and development of home demonstration work in the counties over the state. Work was taken up on inferior decorating, landscape gardening, painting and drawing, publicity articles, and conference periods.

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