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CORDON GOES TO SUPERIOR COURT

Charged With Shooting Matthews at
Kings Mountain Filling Station,
Capture Liquor.

Odell Gordon, Kings Mountain negro, charged with shooting Hoyt Matthews, proprietor of a filling station on the edge of Kings Mountain limits on the Shelby road, was bound over to Superior court under a bond of \$2,000 by Recorder Mull last week at Kings Mountain. It will be remembered that Matthews was shot one night several weeks back when he started to open the filling station door. Falling against the door he pushed it shut and it is thought by so doing saved his life. Gordon, captured a short time later was charged with the crime, and robbery was thought to have been the motive.

At the hearing the negro says that the shooting was accidental and that the gun went off accidentally when he was in the act of removing it from his shoulder. He did not explain why he was there with the gun at such an hour. Three of Gordon's brothers, John, Jim and Neil, were also on trial at the same court. John and Jim being charged with stealing cotton and given six and four months respectively. Neil under several charges was put under a \$1,000 bond to Superior court.

In recorder's court Monday morning Pink Brooks, colored, was given four months on one liquor charged and a fine on another. The road sentence was appealed. Brooks was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Plato Ledford and had on his person at the time two gallons of liquor in four half gallon fruit jars, two in his pockets and two under his arms. The case was rather unique in that the negro was doing his transporting on foot and not by the speeding car that is common to present day transporters.

At the same hearing Alan Sims, colored, was fined \$25 and the costs for an assault on his wife Cora. Through the testimony of Cora, who bore the marks of having been struck by a chair in the hands of her enraged spouse, admitted that he was a "mean nigger" and that she was afraid of him. When the time came for the sentence Recorder Mull remarked: "Well Cora, if he is a mean nigger and you are afraid of him I suppose I can send him away for a while where he cannot molest you."

"No such, judge, doan fin him like dat. I don't wants him sent away. I wants to keep him."

Gasoline Trains Are Likely By Shelby

Hamlet.—While no definite decision has as yet been reached, according to local officials, it is probable that single-coached gasoline trains will be operated between Charlotte and Rutherfordton. These trains it is proposed, will take the place of trains Nos. 21 and 34 that were discontinued between the above named points on January 1.

Asked for verification of the report a local official said that such trains would probably be operated during the spring months. The date for the inauguration of such services has not been fixed. At present a coach service is in operation on the Seaboard system between Lane and Georgetown and has proven very satisfactory, both to the management and patrons of the road.

Just what type coach will be used is not known, but it is said that the type equipped with gasoline engines which run the generator and produces electricity for the operation of the cars is most satisfactory. The service will be instituted as an experiment, and if it proves to be profitable, it will be continued and may even be increased and extended.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY AT METHODIST PROTESTANT

There will be an educational rally at the local Methodist Protestant church next Saturday night, January 24, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. An address on education will be delivered by one of the ministers of the denomination, who will tell of the progress being made by the new college of the Methodist Protestant church which is located at High Point.

The membership of the local church will be expected to attend the rally and the public in general is invited.

SCAR KEEPS HER FROM WEARING SILK HOSE

Houston, Texas, Jan. 16.—A scar on her leg which prevented her from wearing thin hosiery formed the basis of \$11,500 damage suit filed by Miss Blanche Renee, 20, against the International-Great Northern railroad.

Miss Renee listed the scar among injuries received when she stepped from a train at Huntsville in 1923. It is exceedingly painful and unsightly her petition said.

Electric Lights In Rural Sections Of County By Spring

By the coming of spring many of the rural sections of Cleveland county will be electrically lighted and much of the farm labor lightened by electrical conveniences and power. One by one community after community is falling into line in the big county-wide electric light program. A number of communities will have their lines completed and electric lights in their homes by another month and seeing that the movement is successful will bring in the communities that have been somewhat hesitant about taking the forward step. Four or five community-power companies will have completed their lines by spring with others only a few weeks behind.

The people of the Earl community met Friday afternoon, according to County Agent Lawrence and made arrangements for purchasing the equipment necessary and the order will be placed soon. This company has been organized for some time and expects to have lights within six weeks. The power for the Earl community will be secured from the Lily Mill and Power company here.

The Polkville and Union communities have ordered the equipment and it will be erected soon, their power to be secured from Shelby. Belwood, which will secure power at Lawndale, and Fallston have done likewise and the two communities will be enjoying electric lights within a month or six weeks.

Little by little the Cleveland county electric light program for rural sections is answering the song hit of a few years back: "How You Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm After They've Seen Paree?" And because of the program the farm world is taking note of Cleveland.

Farmers Night This Week At Kiwanis

Club To Entertain Farmers Of County
At Special Meeting. Award
Attendance Prizes.

Thursday night will be "Farmers Night" with the Shelby Kiwanis club, according to an announcement by the program committee. The meeting planned by County Agent Lawrence has been under consideration for some time and will be in the nature of a get-together session between the business men of Shelby and the farmers of the county. Each Kiwanian is expected to take farmer guest and it is thought that members of the County Board of Agriculture will be special guests.

At the last meeting at which the newly installed officers presided the announced speaker, C. McCoy Franklin, of Crossnore, failed to appear and the new program committee was momentarily non-plussed. However, the meeting was turned into a pep and song session that proved a real diversion. Recently a number of the members were caught in the act of not singing, a rather funny act, the club songs, and were made to render individual numbers, which it might be said resulted in some hearty melody by the song session.

A motion passed the club which ruled that hereafter an attendance prize will be awarded at each meeting, each member contributing a prize. In the program of selling Shelby and Cleveland county Mr. J. P. McKnight suggested that salesmen working out of the state with Shelby as headquarters should carry on the back of their business cards a resume of Shelby and Cleevland opportunities. The matter was referred to the publicity committee by the club.

Attend Funeral Of Gaffney Auto Victim

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts and son James Roberts attended Thursday of last week the funeral of Mills Allen, Jr., six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Allen who was instantly killed when he was run over by an automobile in Gaffney by J. Boyce Gaffney, bookkeeper of the Victor Cotton Oil Company of that city.

Willie Hill, seven-year-old boy with whom young Allen was playing, stated the latter ran out from behind a parked car directly into the path of Mr. Gaffney's approaching automobile. The accident occurred on East Frederick street, directly in front of the home of Captain Moses Wood, grandfather of the victim, with whom Mrs. Allen makes her home while her husband works in Charlotte, N. C., as chief dispatcher for the Southern Railway company.

The child's father is a nephew of J. F. Roberts while the child's mother is a cousin of Mrs. George Blanton of Shelby. Capt. Roberts says the funeral was one of the largest ever attended and the floral offerings one of the most bountiful.

One way the national traffic conference might have solved the safety problem would be to do away with the pedestrian.

EDWARD AUTEN HURLED FROM BICYCLE BY AUTOMOBILE SATURDAY AND KILLED

Tragedy On East Marion Street Seemed Un- avoidable. Crosby, Driver Of Car, Attends Funeral. Father In Hospital At Time.

Edward Melvin Auten, Jr., 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Auten, was almost instantly killed shortly after 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon when the bicycle he was riding was struck by an automobile on East Marion street and he was hurled to the curb, crushing his head.

Young Auten, working as a delivery boy for a local grocer, was making a delivery at the time and in going down East Marion by the side of a Ford touring car attempted to turn in front of the car it is said and make an alley leading to a negro settlement to the rear of the home of Mr. W. R. Hoey, in front of which the tragic death occurred. Whether the boy misjudged the distance or the time he had to pass in front of the car is not known, but the front of the car struck him solid, the impact hurling him against the edge of the street curb, crushing his head. He lived for 10 or 15 minutes after the crash, some say but never spoke. Others say he died instantly.

To Have Investigation.

Noah Crosby, a young farmer of the Buffalo section, was driving the car and in the car with him were his father, Julius Crosby, and a brother, W. G. Crosby. From the accounts of the tragedy it is thought that it was unavoidable. No inquest was held, but an investigation was made by the officers and Recorder Mull, who placed Crosby under a bond of \$1,000 a formal investigation to be held Wednesday.

Witnessed by Another.

Another slightly different view of the tragedy, which also places it as unavoidable, is told by Fred Simmons, who lives in the Jetton house opposite where the accident occurred. Simmons says he saw the boy coming down the hill in front of the Crosby car and close to the right side of the hard surface. As he neared the alley he turned towards the middle of the hard surface so as to have leeway to turn again to the left. The car driver, apparently thinking he was going on to the left swerved to the right to avoid hitting him, but struck the wheel solid when Young Auten curved suddenly back to the right to make the alley. According to Simmons the car passed entirely over the boy and wheel, and a rear wheel of the car stopped on the pavement. The boy was dead when Simmons reached him immediately after the accident, his head being badly crushed and feeling like a sack of rocks. Other cars were passing or nearing the scene at the time, but Simmons perhaps was the only one other than the Crosbys to witness the death and Simmons when asked says that he believes "it was purely accidental."

Many Attend Funeral.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. W. A. Murray, and interment was in Sun- set cemetery. A large crowd attended the services and among those present was young Crosby, driver of the death car. According to friends

Beam Recovering From His Injury

Mr. John Beam, who was seriously injured when he was hit by a car driven by John Burgess Monday evening of last week, is recovering according to Dr. Harbison, staff surgeon at the Shelby Hospital. The injured man is progressing nicely and he may be able to leave the hospital in a few days, it is said.

Burgess, who says that he did not know that he hit any one and kept going because he was frightened, is under a \$3,000 bond awaiting a hearing that will be held soon. Bond was made by Mr. Charlie Rheinhardt, South Shelby merchant, by whom he is employed as a meat cutter. In the report of the accident it was stated that reports given the officers were to the effect that Burgess was married last week, when it should have read that he was to have been married.

The mistake was noted by Mr. Burgess and the correction is gladly made. Whether or not the report was correct concerning the "was to have been" is not known.

Bishop Denny Coming To Central Church

Bishop Collins Denny, prominent official of the Southern Methodist church and one of the South's outstanding ministers, will preach at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning in the New Central Methodist church, it is announced by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor. Hundreds from Methodists churches in surrounding section are expecting to attend. At the evening service Rev. W. R. Ware will preach. Rev. Mr. Ware is Central church's only preacher, meaning that he is a native of this place and a member of the local church before he entered the ministry.

A packed auditorium heard the cantata Sunday evening at Central church.

Card Of Thanks.

We wish to thank those who have been so kind and thoughtful to us since the sudden death of our dear son, Edward, and also for the many expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers during our trying hours. May God's richest blessings abide with each and every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Auten.

Any girl can be gay in a nice coupe, In a taxi they can all be jolly;

But the girl worth while

Is the one who can smile
When you're taking her home in a trolley.

Let every member be present.

Prayer Meeting at Central.

There will be prayer meeting at Central Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Let every member be present.

Falls Says Economy Will Be Followed By N. C. Lawmakers

Hon. B. T. Falls, at home from Raleigh for the week end, says the legislative wheels will not begin to turn until this week, the delay being occasioned by the change of governors. Mr. McLean will address a joint session of the house and senate on Wednesday of this week when he will present certain state-wide propositions which the law makers will take into consideration.

Mr. Falls says that while there are a few old-timers who feel they have a right to direct affairs of state because of their previous service and these are disposed to go headlong in debt for anything and everything, a majority of the law makers are pledged to economy and they will stem any effort to raid the treasury.

There is already a deficit of six and a half million dollars and Judge Falls is for going slow on other appropriations for state institutions which are calling for millions more. While there are two factions in Raleigh on the matter of appropriations, Judge Falls thinks the show down will come soon and that the economists will win.

Judge Falls is comfortably located in the private home of Mrs. Rainey on Hillsboro street, close to the capital building.

Mrs. Lemons' Father Dies Here Suddenly

Aged Baptist Minister Of Missouri
Dies Here At Home Of Dr. And
Mrs. R. L. Lemons.

Rev. John J. Griffin, aged Baptist minister of Missouri, died here Saturday morning at 1:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lemons on West Marion street, death being unexpected and very sudden from a heart attack. Mr. Griffin was 82 years of age and one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of Missouri where he entered a private hospital for the treatment of lung trouble. According to Dr. Reuben McBrayer the high school star has slight symptoms of tuberculosis which may be halted with proper treatment. He will remain at the private sanatorium until he can be admitted to the state institution.

He is expected to be under treatment for at least eight months, and will therefore not be able to play with his team in his last year in school. In addition to being a star baseball player young Lee was selected as All-Western end on Shelby's Western championship eleven and was mentioned for an all state berth.

When the all-state high school club was selected last spring Lee, shortstop on the Shelby club, was termed by the sport writers who made the selection as one of the best appearing high school players seen in years in North Carolina high schools. Following the selection he received quite a number of professional offers from minor leagues and one leading the majors, but refused them as he wished to continue his education and enter college. Lee, a native of the Lawndale section worked at odd jobs around the school in order to keep in school, but was one of the most popular boys in school and would likely have headed the school club again this spring. Outstanding in state athletics because he was versatile and a star in two sports and facing a brilliant athletic career the youngster's affliction is regretted here and over the state and his hundreds of friends are hoping for him a speedy and complete recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. Lemons and her aged mother left with the body over the Southern at 10 a. m., Saturday for Troy, Missouri where the funeral and interment will take place Monday. Mrs. Griffin who is quite feeble and had to be lifted on the train in a chair will remain in Saint Louis with her other daughter Mrs. Kelly, while Dr. and Mrs. Lemons are expected to return to Shelby the last of this week.

Farm Census Is Now Taken Everywhere

"In every township of North Carolina there is a census enumerator asking farmers for much detailed information about their last year's farming operations. For fear some do not understand this, some explanations are offered herewith:

"This information is being collected from every farm in the United States. It is required by law. Each farmer is expected to tell the enumerators as near the truth as they can, all the information asked for. A penalty is provided for those who refuse. It has nothing to do with any taxation. It is for statistical purposes and use only. It is strictly confidential. The records are burned—only unidentified data is left. It is solely for the benefit of the farmers' interests.

"Every farmer, whether landlord, tenant or cropper, should be interested, because it gives facts that lead to a proper understanding of actual conditions, (provided farmers answer truthfully)—underestimations and omissions work to their disadvantage.

"This census is being taken primarily for the benefit of the farmers. The information is used for statistical purposes and is confidential. Farmers should be willing and glad to give the information completely and fairly—accurately. (How else can their problems be studied and solved?)

"This information has nothing to do with taxation of any kind. It is for the benefit of farmers and for the advancement of the agricultural industry."

If you let Human Nature have her way, the chances are good that she will let you have yours.

Weather Forecast—Weather forecast for Monday, issued at noon "probably rain. Colder in southwest portion and in South Tuesday."

Now and then there is a jury that has the nerve to return a verdict in accordance with the law and the evidence.

Bank Deposits Are Nearly Six Million

The bank deposits of the various banks in Cleveland county total \$5,800,000 according to the published statements of the various banking institutions as of December 31st, 1924. This indicates the healthy growth of the county, for the total is larger than ever before, despite the fact that the cotton crop last year was worth a million and a half less than the previous year. While the deposits are larger, the loans and discounts are also heavy, showing a demand for money and a willingness on the part of the bank officials to make loans on good paper. Many of the banks, however, have borrowed from the outside in order to meet requirements.

The estimate was made in connection with "Fertilizer Week" to be held in the county January 26-31. During this week in the rural schools from the sixth grade up fertilizer problems and formulas for working out analysis will be taught instead of the regular arithmetic classes. The course was taught last year at Latimore with success, and with county-wide instruction should be of great benefit. It is important that a county that spends a half million dollars annually for fertilizer should be acquainted with the formulas and the campaign and the instruction in the school during the last week of the month will be stressed by the Extension Service and County Board of agriculture.

HALF MILLION FOR FERTILIZER HERE

Huge Amount Spent for Fertilizer by
County Shows Need of "Fertilizer Week."

Cleveland county farmers last year spent or used over a half million dollars worth of fertilizer and will use at least that much this year according to an estimate by County Agent Lawrence. It is estimated that a total of 18,736 tons was used at an approximate cost of \$562,080. Fourteen thousand eight hundred and five tons were used for cotton; 2,749 for corn and the remainder divided between wheat, oats, potatoes and other small crops.

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