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## WIDOW OF MAJOR W. F. SCHENCK DIES

Mrs. Lucretia Lattimore-Schenck,  
One of the County's Noblest and  
Best Beloved Women Buried.

Mrs. Lucretia Lattimore-Schenck, widow of the late Major H. F. Schenck died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock at her home at Lawndale following a protracted illness which had been serious since last Tuesday. Mrs. Schenck was 89 years, one month and 19 days old and was born in Upper Cleveland. She married Frank Schenck in 1857 and to this union five children were born, one daughter and one son dying in childhood from scarlet fever. Mrs. Schenck is survived by three children, Mrs. Tom Ramsey of Lincoln county, Mrs. J. C. Osborne of Umatilla, Fla., and John F. Schenck of Lawndale, one brother Capt. John Lattimore who is conductor on the Lawndale railroad, 17 grand-children and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Schenck joined New Bethel church in girlhood and was baptized by the late Rev. Thomas Dixon. Twenty-five years ago she moved her membership to Lawndale. Her devoted husband, Major Schenck, a pioneer cotton manufacturer, beloved officer in the Confederate army and one of the county's most esteemed citizens, died September 1915 and was buried in a vault in the Schenck yard at Lawndale. His faithful companion was interred by his side Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the funeral being conducted by Rev. John W. Suttle, assisted by Revs. J. V. Devenny and Rev. Mr. Morgan, people from all walks of life in such numbers that the house and yard were overflowed to pay a tribute of respect to her sweet life.

Mrs. Schenck was one of the county's most beloved women. She possessed a most sympathetic and unselfish nature and her thoughts were always of other. Although success had crowned her struggles of her distinguished family, her sympathies went out to the less fortunate and her thoughts were always of those who had not been so blessed with this world's goods. She was most democratic in her habits and the humblest woman found comfort in her companionship. It was her wish that the 121st Psalm be read at her funeral, the first words of which read "I will lift up mine eyes" which truly expressed her vision of life. She was affectionately known in later years as "granny" Schenck and her eyes were always uplifted to the future. She loved the play and laughter of children and all felt free to run into her home at their own will. Many of the employees at the Schenck mill had been there since the mill was erected and the most intimate sort of relationship and fondest friendship existed between them and Mrs. Schenck. All her life she was industrious and generous-hearted, a fitting companion and helpmate to the Major. Her life was not self-centered, but radiated with love, cheer and encouragement to others and her passing takes one who will be missed, not only by her immediate family but by the thousands who knew and loved her for her beautiful character and her life of service. Even "Shelton," the negro man-servant who has been faithful in the Schenck home for a quarter of a century realizes that his best friend is gone. When the Major died "Shelton" was broken-hearted and now that "Granny" has passed over the river to a happier land, the old servant is completely lost. Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Auction Sale Of Historic Property

The J. B. Nolan Company will sell at auction on Saturday afternoon March 28th some of Shelby's most historic property—the Fortune place on S. LaFayette street where Jimmie Love once lived. Mr. Love was the father of Capt. W. P. Love and gave the site for the town of Shelby, the sites for the court house and churches and gave lots which were sold to secure funds to build the public buildings. This property which belongs to Mr. Sidney Hamrick has been subdivided into eleven beautiful home sites. In addition to the Fortune property the Nolan Company will also sell for Mr. Hamrick a valuable tract of land on the Cleveland Springs road, known as the Parker place and subdivided into 60 pretty residential lots. A new street has been cut through this property connecting highway No. 20 with the Eastside property. Both properties are well located with paved street fronts, and water connections.

Prof. J. A. Park, a famous aeronaut will make a balloon ascension on the day of the sale, dropping 3,000 feet in a parachute. The Nolan Co. has secured the Carolina Land Company of Hickory and the famous Pitts brothers, twin auctioneers to conduct the sale.

Miss Leake is in Wadesboro at the bedside of her mother, who is quite ill.

## Noise!



Noise and clatter of the city kill thousands of business men every year, says B. C. Dahlberg, lumber manufacturer. The men die of heart failure, apoplexy, and other conditions, brought about by too much heart strain.

## County Will Store More Than 30,000 Bushels Potatoes

The sweet potato industry is now the high light in the program of farm diversification in Cleveland county. With the present program carried out Cleveland will ere many years be known for her sweet potatoes as well as for large cotton, dairy and poultry crops.

Storage warehouses organized recently and others being planned will give the county this year something over 30,000 bushels storage space, or an increase of around 10,000 bushels there being about 22,000-bushel storage in the county at present, with the big warehouse at Kings Mountain topping the list.

Last week warehouses and companies were organized at Grover and Lattimore and an organization for a warehouse in Shelby is now being worked out. The warehouse to be erected at Grover will house 5,000 bushels of potatoes, while the one at Lattimore will accommodate 2,500 bushels, and the one being planned for Shelby will also store 2,500 bushels, according to county Agent R. E. Lawrence.

At the organization meeting at Grover Friday night the following officers for the new potato association were elected: J. L. Herndon, president; J. P. Hambright, vice-president; B. F. Bird, secretary-treasurer. The association will be a bi-state affair, farmers from Cherokee county, South Carolina, and this county being members of the association. At Lattimore Wednesday night W. T. Calton was elected president of the Lattimore branch and Lawton Blanton secretary-treasurer.

Earl, Boiling Springs and other communities of the county already have cooperative potato groups and with Kings Mountain have evidenced the success the potato industry means to Cleveland farmers.

## Rutherford Man Invents A Pump

Rutherford, March 20.—George W. Deter, of this place, has a patent pending in Washington that may mean much for this community and the world. It is a duplex rotary pump or air compressor. Mr. Deter has been working on the pump or something similar for 20 years and success now seems assured. It is understood that he has been offered a small fortune already for his patent but refused to sell. It can be converted into eight different types of machines—steam or air engine, air compressor, water pumps, vapor pump, vacuum pump, water turbine and gas or water meter. The compactness and precision of this machine combined with its simplicity and high efficiency of operation makes it far superior to anything of its kind. The rotary in size for automobiles can be manufactured for about \$50.

## Many Joining Golf Club at Cleveland

With the sunshine and warm weather of recent weeks the course at Cleveland Springs has been covered with golfers and one of the best seasons in the history of the course is expected. Numbers of local people are taking to the game and nearly every afternoon sees a regular summer time group on the fairway, with Lyle, the club professional, has his mornings taken up with instructing the new members. A number of golfers in nearby towns and cities are mailing in memberships to the club secretary, Jean Schenck, the Cleveland Springs course being considered one of the best in this section of the state.

The tobacco now obtainable is bad enough, but just think what it would be if we had to bootleg it.—Omaha Bee.

## WOMAN TAKES CAR OF TAXI DRIVER

Wayfaring Female Pulls Unique, But "Nerby" Stunt In Stealing Big Shelby Taxi Auto.

While securing a drink of water for a thirsty young woman Thursday night of last week Plato McSwain, Shelby taxi driver, had his car stolen. As yet the woman and the big seven-passenger Buick, which belonged to Mr. Zeb Costner, are at large, and the story of the larceny is one of the most unusual and "nerby" stunts ever related here.

**How It Worked.**  
Mr. McSwain, who drives the car for Mr. Costner, tells the episode about as follows: Early in the evening Thursday a young woman, apparently between 20 and 25 years of age, hired him for a short taxi drive here in town. Later in the night when he came from a show at the Princess theatre the woman was in the car—since she made away with the car her presence in it at that time can be accounted for. At the time she told McSwain that she motored to Shelby in a coupe and that a man had borrowed it for a trip to Boiling Springs and thereupon hired the taxi driver for a trip to Boiling Springs. On the return trip, McSwain says, the woman spoke several times of being thirsty. Somewhere near the T. J. Holland place McSwain stopped the car and got out at a well to get her some water, leaving the motor running. While he was securing the water, he says the woman slipped over under the steering wheel and speeded up the motor, asking if the car was in gear. After he had given her a drink of water and was returning the bucket to the well the woman put the car in gear and dashed off down the road at a high rate of speed, leaving the taxi driver staring at the cloud of dust coming up behind his stolen car.

The larceny took place about 10:30 or 11 o'clock at night and McSwain was forced to walk a mile or more to the home of Bud Edwards, who brought him to town, where the theft was reported to the officers. It is said that in coming to town McSwain noticed where the car had turned and headed towards Rutherford. Reports reaching officers Friday stated that a car resembling the Costner car and driven by a woman passed through Chesnee, South Carolina, early in the morning Friday, headed south.

Officers and the taxi driver are of the opinion that the woman was Bonnie Davis. Some say that she is a dope addict and was in a "doped up" condition when she stole the car, otherwise officers cannot account for a stunt apparently nerby and foolish. The story about her having a coupe that had been driven out towards Boiling Springs is now thought to have been only a fanciful yarn. Some are also inclined to think that she was attempting to get away with the car when McSwain came from the theatre and found her in it.

The car, a seven-passenger Buick, was almost new and had been on the public service job about two months, it is said.

## Cleveland Youth Was In Illinois Storm

Ab Harrill, jr., was in the severe storm which swept the middle west last Wednesday and took a death toll of nearly 1,000 lives. His father, Dr. Ab Harrill of the Patterson Springs section had not learned yesterday whether his son is living or dead. The youth was manager of a chain store in Murfreesboro, Ill., which town was almost completely destroyed and where several hundred people were killed. Parents and friends have felt no little concern over Ab Harrill, jr., and are making every effort to find out whether he escaped. Telephone and telegraph communication has been interrupted so it has been impossible to exchange messages with that city. Dr. Harrill was making another effort Monday afternoon to learn something as to his son's fate in the storm.

## NOTABLE TO LECTURE AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Dr. Howard L. Grice representing the Daily Vacation Bible school work under the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist convention, will deliver a lecture at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Dr. Grice is making a tour of North Carolina in the interest of this newest educational enterprise of the denomination and Dr. Lemo's assures the congregation that he will have an interesting message.

The mail-carriers have one consolation. Literature is getting lighter each year.—Nelson News.

Mr. Coolidge is understood by the farmers. Most of them use mechanical horses now.—Toronto Star.

## Big Cases On Court Docket

The March term of Superior court convened Monday with Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe presiding and Solicitor Huffman prosecuting. Capt. J. F. Roberts is foreman of the grand jury with Officer Jerry Runyans in charge.

The criminal docket contains a number of important cases, some of which are of great public interest. The civil docket is also one of the largest, or contains some of the biggest cases in recent years.

**May Last Two Weeks.**  
Members of the local bar in discussing the docket Monday morning were of the opinion that court might continue over two weeks with the heavy civil docket taking up the major portion of the time although there is an important criminal calendar.

**Important Cases.**  
Of more interest to the public perhaps will be the announcement that the Philbeck-Francis trial is expected to come up Wednesday unless the docket is shifted by the court in session. In this case Sloan Philbeck, a young married man, is charged with eloping with Jessie Francis, wife of Avery Francis, of Earl. The case will be in Shelby for two games Thursday and Friday. In the games with Mt. Pleasant Shelby and Cleveland county folks will have their first opportunity of seeing the champions in real action since last season.

In the game with Boiling Springs Thursday the Shelby club with only seven hits against the visitors 11 safeties managed to win 4 to 1. The hitting was done by Peeler and Dedmon. Hitting features were contributed by Peeler with a two-bagger, Fred Beam with a double and triple and Grice's triple.

In Hickory Friday the locals ran up a total of 17 hits and 22 runs, Self and Magness hitting for two bases while Jack Hoyle and L. Beam drove out circuit smashes. Wilson, all-state outfielder last year and now playing short stop in Cline Lee's berth, led the hitting with three safeties and four runs, Self duplicating on only four trips to the plate. Jack Hoyle on the mound for Shelby struck out 12 men in the five frames in addition to hitting for the circuit.

## NEW FIGURES ON STATE "DEFICIT"

An accumulated deficit of ten and a quarter millions and a total state debt, bonded and funded, of 113 millions, are shown in a report dated February 28 and signed by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy and State Auditor Baxter Durham which was yesterday made public by Governor A. W. McLean.

The deficit, or "debit balance" as it has been called during the McLean administration, of \$10,251,660.57 compares with the budget commission's estimate of \$9,515,878.63 as of June 30, 1925. It is still too early to predict with certainty the exact accuracy of the budget commission's estimate, but it is certain that on February 28, the date of the report the deficit had reached its high water mark and it is probable that unanticipated factors will cause the deficit to be somewhat less than the budget commission estimated, but no tremendous variance is expected.

The state department of revenue has already collected in March, since the report was made, approximately \$3,000,000, more than enough to run the state for three of the four months left of this fiscal year. On the basis of figures to date it would appear that the budget commission's estimate of a loss in income taxes of \$500,000 was too pessimistic by something like \$200,000. Moreover, the budget commission did not estimate the bus tax, which has been allocated to the general fund, and the very heavy increase in license taxes, most of which become payable before the end of the fiscal year.

## HIGHS OPEN YEAR WITH TWO WINS

Morris' Men Defeat Boiling Springs And Hickory. To Play Three Games This Week.

The Shelby highs, state champions in 1924, have started off their 1925 season with two victories despite a rather doleful outlook. With only two or three regulars left from last year Coach "Casey" Morris has rebuilt an aggregation that on Thursday defeated Boiling Springs 4 to 1 and on Friday drubbed Hickory 22 to 4, in a contest that was so one-sided it ended after the fifth frame. Minus Captain Cline Lee, all-state short stop; Hoyle Lee and Wall pitchers, Arrowood, first sacker, and others, local fans were somewhat doubtful about this year's club but with the two opening games showing that Morris has a heavy-hitting bunch of youngsters and well trained fans are now of the opinion that Shelby will make a good showing in the championship series.

**Games This Week.**  
The Highs will play three and probably four games this week. The first will be with the Gaffney highs in Gaffney, South Carolina, Tuesday, while Mount Pleasant Collegiate institute, played last year, will be in Shelby for two games Thursday and Friday. In the games with Mt. Pleasant Shelby and Cleveland county folks will have their first opportunity of seeing the champions in real action since last season.

The present line-up of the squad runs about as follows: Wilson, ss; Self, 3b; Magness, cf; F. Beam, c; Sparks, rf; Dixon, 2b; Grice, 1b; L. Beam, lf; Hoyle, p. Other twirlers being used include George Dedmon and Peeler with Harris and Washburn being used in utility roles.

## "Seventh Heaven" at Princess Theatre

The sale of seats for "Seventh Heaven," the outstanding success of the dramatic stage, which will be the attraction at the Princess Theatre Monday, March 30 is already moving at a fast pace.

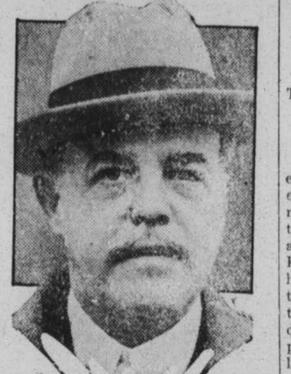
The comedy comes here direct from a run of two solid years, at the Booth Theatre, New York. The play is full of good, wholesome humor, yet at times is injected with the most pathetic tragedy, which all at once is turned to sunshine and smile again. What apparently at times seem about to turn into the usual turn of events, suddenly reverses with the most pleasing results.

The story is of Paris just before the opening of the war; the characters are those of the lowest strata, and only come forth at night on the streets to consort with other denizens of the dark.

## Leonard Talks On Team Work to Boys

The regular weekly meeting of the Shelby Hi-Y Club on Monday night was featured by a talk by Mr. G. H. Leonard, secretary of the Hi-Y work in a number of western counties. Following the regular business session the club entered into a round table discussion of the question of "Team Work". This discussion dealt with the importance of and methods of securing cooperation, not only in school enterprises, but in everyday business life as well. At the conclusion of this part of the program, Mr. Leonard talked to the boys on the subject of "The Work of a Y. M. C. A. Secretary." In this talk he told of some of the essential qualities which a person entering this profession should possess, and enumerated some of the pleasures to be derived from this vocation. His talk was in keeping with the plan of the club to have representatives of the various professions speak to its members at different times during the spring in order to aid them in the selection of their profession.

## Mr. Speaker!



This gentleman, Nicholas Longworth, is the Republican choice for gavel wielder in the lower house of Congress, a position that has been traced by such men as Joe Cannon and Champ Clark.

## Kiwanians to Visit Ford Plant Wed.

Organization To Go In Body To Charlotte Plant to Have Luncheon Served Them.

The Kiwanis club has accepted an invitation extended through Chas. L. Eskridge, local Ford dealer, for the members to attend a luncheon which will be served the club at the Charlotte plant Wednesday of this week beginning at 12:30 o'clock, after which the Shelby club members will be taken on a tour of inspection through the Ford factory. The Ford plant in Charlotte has been entertaining all of the civic-clubs of Charlotte and surrounding towns and showing the members through the large plant where every system for speed and economy is practiced.

The club members will assemble in Shelby at 10 a. m. Wednesday and leave immediately in motor cars, going direct to the plant where the luncheon will be served. After the luncheon the plant will be inspected for an hour or more.

## Cast Selected For "Flapper Grandmother"

Local People To Play In Flashy And Witty Musical Comedy. To Be One Of Best Ever Presented.

"The Flapper Grandmother," a musical comedy that has brought thousands of laughs over the country in recent months will be presented by the Shelby Woman's club at the Central school auditorium Saturday night, March 28. The director for the play is already in town training the cast, which has been selected and announced as follows: Harold Griffin, Carrie Bell Lever, Elizabeth Suttle, May Washburn, Millicent Blanton, W. S. Buchanan, Henry Davis, C. L. Weather, George Wray, Max Hamrick, Bobby Rudasill and Herbert Whisman. In addition to the prominent role cast there will be 25 or 30 other local characters including debutante flapper chorus, matron chorus and jelly beans (tea hours.)

The parts to be played by the characters it is thought best to withhold so that the audience may learn for itself. However, as a crowd getter it is announced that Bobby Rudasill will be Rastus Jones, a gentleman of color, which assures humor a plenty in addition to the antics of the "Flapper Grandmother" and her flapper descendants, or for that matter the jelly beans. The story brings in a little county store and a grandmother that changed from a lace cap to a rouged flapper; of a wild granddaughter and her teahound beaus galore—of hundreds of things that will make people laugh.

## MAYOR LACKEY IMPROVES AT SHELBY HOSPITAL

Mayor W. D. Lackey who has been confined to his bed at the Shelby public hospital since the first week in January is steadily improving. For weeks he has been flat on his back unable to move his body or limbs, except his hands, but his condition is much better and he is now allowed to sit up a short while each day. This week he will be able to ride on the porch in a rolling chair. His many friends hope that he will soon regain his strength and be able to get out again.

## FALLS EXPLAINS HIS STATE DEFICIT IDEA

Thinks it Due to Shift in State's Source of Taxes. Gives High Lights on General Assembly.

Hon. B. T. Falls who has just returned from Raleigh where he sat as Cleveland's representative for sixty days, made a most illuminating and instructive review of the general assembly at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club and the members gave him a round of applause, not only for the able review of "high lights" of the assembly's work but for the splendid record he made as Cleveland's representative. Mr. Falls passed only two local bills, the only two that were needed, so after he had finished that task, he devoted his time and study to state-wide affairs in which he took an active part in bringing about certain economies for which the legislature has been highly complimented.

**State Deficit Inherited.**  
Judge Falls explained the so-called deficit, or rather his version of how it came about, arriving at this conclusion after hearing both sides discussed and making personal investigations. The deficit, or at least a greater part of it was inherited from the Bickett administration. When the real estate was excused under the re-valuation act from paying any part toward running the state government there was a deficit of a million and a half dollars. From the time real estate was relieved of state tax and the state derived all of its revenue from incomes, privileges, licenses, inheritances, etc., there was an interval of seven months from June to February when the state had no revenue from either one of these sources. Land had been exempted for state purposes and the new revenue sources which had been tapped did not produce anything until February, yet the expenses of the state were going on at about a million dollars a month just the same. This made a deficit of about seven or eight million dollars which has never been overcome. Judge Falls declared that A. J. Maxwell of the corporation commission who discovered the deficit and made much a-do about it was the one to work out the shift in the state's sources of revenue and failed to provide for the seven months interval.

The general assembly passed a bill prohibiting the state officials and employees that use state-owned automobiles to use such automobiles for any other than state purposes and according to the interpretation of the attorney general a state official or employee cannot ride the members of his family to church in a state-owned car. Judge Falls says this bill came about because it was found that thousands of dollars of the state's money is spent annually for gas and oil when the cars using them are not on state work.

## Wage Commission.

It was discovered that some state officials deal out patronage to political friends and pay salaries higher than the work justifies. A new bill creates a salary and wage commission which will study the positions in the various state departments, set a wage scale and compel these departments not to exceed these amounts. In the opinion of Judge Falls, this alone will save the state thousands of dollars annually.

All revenue will hereafter be collected by the state department of revenue. The issuance of automobile licenses has been shifted from the state department to the revenue department and when an official state collector travels over the state, he is empowered to collect any revenue due any department of the state, thus eliminating a number of employees. Then again this bill provides that all monies collected for the state of North Carolina must be deposited in some state depository and wired to the state treasurer every night. Judge Falls reported that often the state is forced to borrow money on short term when its various departments might have sufficient surplus that has never been placed to the credit of the state treasurer on whom the vouchers are issued. This is declared to be another means of saving.

Judge Falls declared that the new governor is a fine business executive and that he (Falls) voted for every measure recommended by the governor. The executive budget system which has been provided for will effect a great saving to the state and will enable the governor to know exactly how state finances are running. All in all the general assembly was a body of serious minded men who put through a program of economy in state matters.

## Operated on at Hospital.

Miss Austine Brackett of Belwood was operated on for appendicitis at the Shelby hospital Wednesday of last week and is getting along nicely.

The Stone Mountain Association seems to have put the glum in Bor-glum.—Wichita Beacon.