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COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FIELD DAY HERE FRIDAY; OTHER CONTESTS

Schools of Cleveland to Engage In Annual Meet. Large Crowds Expected.

A large number of people are expected to congregate in Shelby Friday, April 3, for the annual Hoey-Webb contests and field day for the high schools of the county. With favorable weather the day promises to be a success and one of the big days of the year for the county in general. High lights of the day are the Hoey and Webb recitation, essay, and oratorical contests and the big field meet on the city athletic field. Handsome prizes are awarded in the Hoey-Webb contests and individual prizes and honors in the field meet.

Program For Day.

The Selma Webb Recitation contest will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning at Cenral school audiorium and each school will be allowed one contestant. The length of the recitations are not to exceed 10 minutes, the time being determined by high school representatives of the county.

Track Events.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the track events and field day program will get underway on the city athletic field. The contests will include:

100-yd., 220-yd., 440-yd., dashes, half mile and mile races, running high jump, standing high jump, running, broad jump, standing broad jump, shot put, and mile relay race (four men to team and one team for each school). In all contests except the relay race each school may rave two contestants. Prizes will be offered individual winners in each contest, but no banner will be offered school winning most points.

Play For Championship.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Shelby Highs and another high school team of the county will play for the county baseball championship and a good game is expected. The winner will be given the Mull loving cup, which is now in the posession of Boiling Springs.

Hoey Contest.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the Hoey oratorical contest will start in Central auditorium. Each school may have two representatives, with no speaker being allowed more than ten minutes.

Webb Essay Contest.

The winner of the Selma Webb essay medal will be announced at the Hoey contest. This contest is open to both boys and girls and the essays are not to contain more than 1,000 words. No school may submit more than three essays.

It is hoped that this year every school in the county will take part in the big annual contest and make of it a greater success than ever before.

Judges Secured.

County Superintendent J. C. Newton announces that all the judges for the many contests have been secured and that every judge will be from outside the county. Contestants are urged by Superintendent Newton to come in early on Friday so as to have time to draw places before the contests open.

Philbeck Is Now At Work On No. 6 Roads

Started Making "Little Uns out o' Bib Uns" Friday. Mrs. Francis Also "Doing Her Bit."

Sloan Philbeck, who on last Thursday was sentenced to two years on the roads of No. 6 township, on Friday morning became a guest of the road camp. At the same time Mrs. Jessie Mae Francis, co-defendant in the same case, started serving her year's sentenc, six months of which will be in the county jail, after which time she will be hired out by the commissioners for the remainder of the year. The charge on which the two were sentenced was fornication and adultery and grew out of two elopements which attracted state-wide interest and was the main topic of talk in Cleveland county for many months.

So ends the apparently final chapter of an episode that attracted more people than any other case in the records of the county. Curiosity seemingly has been satisfied and justice is now taking its turn. Soon the public will have forgotten the man who labors out on the county roads and to those who pass by he will be just one of the many "paying the piper after having had his dance." And the woman once called beautiful and whose name has been whispered in ever section of the county will soon pass from the memory of the public stage.

Such is the fate of those who err in their respect of law and violate society's moral code.

PRESS COMMENT ON LINDSAY SENTENCE

Editorial Writers Talk Of Judge Stack And Bus Drivers. Views Interesting Here.

The Lindsay case and the sentence given the Kings Mountain bus driver by Judge Stack in Superior court here last week is being discussed quite a bit over the county and the following editorial comment made by various papers over the state will be of local interest:

R. R. Clark in "Clark's Comment" in the Greensboro Daily News says:

"The 52-year-old bus driver who had imbibed Jamaica ginger as a stimulant, following which his bus collided with a farmer driving a grain drill on the highway, with fatal results to the farmer, probably feels that under the sentence of ten years hard labor in the state prison he is made to bear the sins of many other reckless drivers. His age, good record as a driver, blinding lights, no light on the grain drill, and the fact that he didn't intend to do it, will all be cited in his favor by those who may sympathize with him. But Judge Stack is eternally right when he says the judgment is an example of what should be done with the highway's greatest danger—the drunken driver. If the highways are to be made even reasonably safe it is foolsih to go on temporizing with the reckless and the vicious who take no thoughts for rights or the safety of others. And only the most drastic punishment will reach this class. Judges who excuse the engineers of juggernauts are themselves particeps criminis. Judge Stack frees himself from responsibility for the blood of the innocent."

Editor Mebane, of the Catawba News-Enterprise, approves in this fashion:

"Frank A. Lindsay, 52-year-old bus driver on Kings Mountain to Shelby line, was sentenced to ten years in State penitentiary on Wednesday by Judge Stack.

"The driver ran over a farmer who was driving a wheat drill, the result was the farmer died from injuries received.

"We congratulate Judge Stack that he has set a fine example for other judges to follow.

"On some highways the bus drivers act as if the whole road belongs to them and was built especially for them.

Here is our want add for every paper in North Carolina: "Wanted—More Judges like Stack."

While the Statesville Daily has this to say:

"Judge Stack has apparently reached the inevitable conclusion that the only way to check reckless and wanton disregarded of law and popular rights is to give the limit of punishment. In Cleveland county Superior court a bus driver, who had run into a man riding a grain drill, inflicting injuries from which the latter died, submitted to manslaughter; and he no doubt received the shock of his life when he was given the limit of the law—ten years at hard labor in State prison.

"The judgment will no doubt be criticised as unduly harsh. The information is rung in that the driver is 52 years old, that he has been driving eight years and this was his first accident; that it occurred at night and he was blinded by lights, etc. No doubt the sentiment will be strong enough to secure a pardon or parole a little later. It was brought out in the evidence that the driver was drinking—Jamaica ginger at that. Most people who operate cars take too great chances without reason; the best of people, folks who have no purpose to do wrong, are too reckless at times—take unnecessary risks. That being so, as everybody knows, how are the habitually reckless, those who don't care, so far as their conduct discloses, what happens to the other fellow; those who make the highways a place of constant danger—how are these to be restrained, whether drunk or sober, unless they are given such punishment as may throw some fear into their calloused souls?

"Judge Stack termed his judgment an example of what should be done to the highway's greatest danger—the drunken driver. Judge Stack is right. If you are tempted to go sniveling over the poor man, 52 years old, who didn't intend to do it, include in the urge of sympathy the poor man whose life was crushed out by the recklessness of a drunken driver; and just remember how you would feel about it if the dead man was one of your folks. That is the best test. If we were the aggrieved party, if we had suffered as a result of the act would we think the punishment too severe?"

SHELBY'S NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

A view of the four-story Masonic Temple on the "Court Square" Taken as the Work on the Handsome Building Was Nearing Completion.

HIGHS PLAY FOUR GAMES THIS WEEK

Play Gaffney And Concord And For County Honors. Lose One And Win One With Mt. Pleasant.

The Shelby High baseball club state champions, have four important games on this week, all to be played here. The first game is on Tuesday with Gaffney, a contest between the two teams at Gaffney recent ending in a tie. On Friday Coach Morris' boys will play another county team at the city ball park here as a part of the "County Field Day" exercises for the county championship. Then on Saturday the Highs will meet the strong Concord team here.

The Hickory highs defeated once this year by Shelby, will play here Thursday.

With only a few regulars back and with little new material with which to build a team Coach Morris has pulled the unexpected as in football and has a club judging from the opening games that will make a stiff race for state honors again this year.

Split Two Games.

The Highs defeated the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute team on Thursday 6 to 4 and on Friday lost to the prep schoolers 5 to 0.

Jack Hoyle was on the mound for Shelby in the first contest and was stingy with hits, holding the heavy hitting visitors well in check. Wilson, Magness, Fred Beam and Grice led the hitting. Ellerbee twirled the final game against Mt. Pleasant Friday.

At a meeting of the team just before Thursday's game Fred Beam, captain-elect of the football team, was elected baseball captain and celebrated the occasion with two long blows in the game shortly thereafter. Beam is one of the best all-around athletes to ever attend the local school and the honor of being named captain of two teams is a deserved one. Beam is an all-state football player and was last season mentioned as all-state catcher baseball.

'Flapper Grandmother' Proved Entertaining

The "Flapper Grandmother," a musical comedy, presented last Thursday evening at the Central school by the Shelby Woman's club proved to be a success and highly entertained a large audience.

Although prepared and trained for only a short period the lines were well handled by all members of the cast, while the three choruses exceptional for local talent and the youthfulness of the members. Those presenting the characters of the Flapper Grandmother, Andrew(Mat, Lena and Belinda Spriggins and Bobby Smith handled their parts well, with more talent being shown perhaps in the part of Mat Spriggins, although all parts, even minor ones were presented better than is common to local talent productions.

Play at Grover.

A play entitled the "Path Across the Hills," will be given Friday night at Grover school auditorium.

Judge Stack Cuts Sentence Of Frank Lindsay 3 Years

In court Saturday morning Judge A. M. Stack changed the sentence of Frank Lindsay, 52-year-old Kings Mountain bus driver, from 10 to seven years in the state prison. The sentence first read "from 10 to 15 years at hard labor in the state prison," but it now reads: "seven to 10 years." Lindsay it will be recalled plead guilty to driving his bus one night last fall into a grain drill driven by Edgar Harmon, a farmer, and so injuring Harmon that he later died. The charge first read first degree murder and on request of the solicitor was changed to manslaughter or second degree murder. Much press comment on the sentence has been made over the state.

Two other sentences were also lessened. Doc Rippy, aged negro charged with an assault with intent to rape on a young negro girl, had his sentence changed Saturday morning from five to two years. Odell Gordon, the negro who was convicted of assault with intent to kill on a filling station proprietor at Kings Mountain was given three years instead of five.

Sheriff Hugh Logan, Deputy Charlie Sheppard and Randolph Logan left Sunday for the state prison at Raleigh with seven prisoners, whose sentences total 17 years as follows: Frank Lindsay, 7; J. W. Dixon, 2; Lawrence Grayson, 1; Doc Rippy, 2; Odell Gordon, 3; Odell Eskridge, 1; Johnny Hogue, 1. The three first prisoners are white, the four others colored.

Call For Election In Shelby May 4th

An official call has been made by the board of aldermen of the town of Shelby for the municipal election to be held Monday May 4th at which time the qualified voters will elect a mayor, four aldermen and five school trustees. Already there are three candidates for mayor, A. P. Weathers, J. T. Gardner and Peyton McSwain, but no official announcement has been made for the four vacancies on the board of aldermen and the five positions on the board of trustees, although a number of the former members have signified their willingness to accept another term.

T. C. Eskridge has been named registrar and the registration books will be open on April 2nd and will remain open until April 25th. Those who live in the inside of the former boundaries and are already registered, need not re-register, but all citizens who reside in the territory recently added to the city boundary must register, because the registration books of the town differ from the registration books for county and state elections and to vote this year you must be enrolled in the town's registration books.

Judge E. Y. Webb and Miss Elizabeth Webb have returned from Washington and Cincinnati.

SHELBY TEAMS WIN IN STATE DEBATES

For Second Straight Year Local Debaters Go to Chapel Hill. Kings Min. and Lattimore Win.

The Shelby high school debating teams on Friday night won out over both Gastonia teams in the state triangular debating contest, thereby earning the right for the second straight year to go to Chapel Hill and debate with other group winners for state honors. Lincolnton was in the triangle with Shelby and Gastonia but withdrew Friday, leaving only two schools.

The Shelby affirmative, represented by Dorothy McKnight and Mae Connor, defeated the Gastonia negative, represented by Betty Jackson and Jack Hood, here by a unanimous decision. The judges were Rutherford County Superintendent W. R. Hill, Miss Green, of the Rutherfordton high school faculty, and Rev. Mr. Grier, pastor of the Rutherfordton Presbyterian church. At Gastonia the Shelby negative, represented by Caroline Blanton and Nelson Callahan, won a unanimous decision over Martha Robinson and Maybeth Steidley, representing the Gastonia affirmative. Principal J. H. Grigg accompanied the Shelby team to Gastonia.

Others Win.

Other high schools in the county to win both sides of the debate were Kings Mountain and Lattimore. Kings Mountain defeated Bessemer City and Dallas. The Kings Mountain debaters were Lorine Cornwell, Nannie Plonk, William Mason and Oscar Carpenter.

The query of this year's contest is, "Resolved that North Carolina Should Ratify the Port Terminals Bill."

Auction Sale Brings $21,797 Saturday

Nolan Sale of Hamrick Residential Property is a Great Success. Purchasers all Have Money.

The auction sale of the Sidney Hamrick property on S. LaFayette street and on the Cleveland Springs road Saturday was a success from every standpoint, the 59 lots bringing a total of $21,797. While terms of one-third cash and balance in one and two years were offered on all property sold Mr. Nolan says that nearly two-thirds of the purchase price was paid in cash, showing th at there is ample money to invest in good real estate purchases. This brings the total sales of real estate of the J. B. Nolan company for last week to $44,297.

The sale was largely attended and the bidding was spirited. From the list of purchasers it would seem that a number of new homes will be erected on this proeprty at an early date, while others bought for investment. Those who purchased lots were J. H. Beam, J. L. Thomasson,, W. M. Blanton, J. D. Crowder J. T. Poston, J. G. Harrill, D. G. McSwain, C. A. Morrison, E. G. Gladden, J. O. Propst, A. W. McMurry Fred R. Morgan, J. F. Ledford, R. E. Campbell, J. W. Spangler and P. P. Richards.

MR. MARION PUTNAM BURIED SATURDAY

Prominent Business Man. Senior Member of School Board, Died Thursday Night

Mr. Marion Putnam, one of Shelby's most prominent and influential business men, died Thursday night at his home on N. LaFayette street at 11:30 o'clock, following a long standing heart trouble which incapacitated him from full business duties for sometime. While his health was bad, he had a full share of will power and was on the streets only a few days before the end came. Mr. Putnam was 57 years of age and was born near Shelby, his mother's second marriage being to Mr. John Hopper. He was married to Miss Maggie Anthony who was a most devoted companion. She survives, together with one daughter, Ray, now Mrs. Marion Ross of Charlotte. Two half brothers, Stough and Major Hopper and one half-sister, Mrs. J. Bun Bridges also survive.

Mr. Putnam was actively identified with the business, educational and religious life of Shelby. In point of service he was the oldest member of the city school board, a position he held for nearly 20 years. In this position he was most useful, looking after the construction, up-keep and repair of the school without any compensation whatever. Also he was a director of the Shelby Cotton mill, the Shelby Building and Loan Association and for many years an official of the First Baptist church, being a member of the building committee when the new church was erected. For the past 20 years Mr. Putnam has been an official of the Shelby Ice and Fuel company.

When a boy Mr. Putnam joined the Baptist church at Zion later moving his membership to the First Baptist church, Shelby. He was a consecrated Christian and highly esteemed citizen Although quiet in his disposition he was always looking for an opportunity of service and when such was performed, he never shouted it from the housetops.

The funeral was conducted from the home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock by Revs. R. L. Lemons and John W. Suttle. A large crowd gathered to pay respect to his useful life and a wealth of beautiful floral wreaths covered his new made mound in Sunset cemetery where his remains were laid to rest.

MISS ROBERTS IN S. C. AUTO CRASH

Miss Patty Roberts, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. F. Roberts, of Shelby, and private secretary to Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, is in the Spartanburg General hospital suffering shock and supposedly slight injuries sustained Saturday morning when a coupe in which she was riding crashed through the railing of a bridge near Whitstone, S. C., and hurtled downward 30 feet to the Southern railway tracks below. Mr L. O. Hunter, half-brother of Mrs. P. L. Hennessa, of Shelby, and Mr. W. G. Hodges, who were with Miss Roberts, the party being enroute to the Magnolia Gardens, were also injured Mr. Hunter's injuries being considered the more serious.

Train Hits Car.

Within a few minutes after the car crashed into the deep cut near Whitestone, a freight train bore down upon the scene and demolished the coupe, which was lying upon the Southern railway tracks. Mr. Hodges and Miss Roberts, who did not lose consciousness, had succeeded in pulling Mr. Hunter from under the overturned automobile a scant five minutes before the train rushed down upon them.

Crawling from under the wreckage, Mr. Hodges extricated Miss Roberts and then, with her assistance, succeeded in pulling Mr. Hunter free of the car. Mr. Hodges then hurried to a telephone in a nearby house to summons assistance.

Mr. Hunter was unconscious when taken to the hospital and there is some fear that he might have been internally injured. Captain Roberts who with Mrs. Roberts were called to Spartanburg says that Miss Robert's injuries do not appear to be serious and that there are no bones broken. Mr. Hodges was not thought to have been seriously injured but was ordered to bed because of the severe shock.

Miss Roberts, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Hodges left Spartanburg early Saturday morning in Mr. Hunter's coupe for Charleston, where they had arranged to join Mrs. Hodges and others from Spartanburg for a week end party at Magnolia Gardens, and Mr. Hodges was at the wheel of the car when the crash occurred. Press dispatches say that it is thought he lost control of the machine in approaching the bridge, one mile south of Whitestone.

PLAINTIFF GIVEN $3,500 IN SUIT

Mrs. Hollifield Awarded $3,500 of $10,000 Asked Against Mills

A case of more than usual interest not only here but with the legal fraternity over the state ended Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Mamie Hollifield, administratrix of George W. Hollifield, was awarded $3,500 in a suit of $10,000 against the Shelby Cotton mills. The suit in many respects was different from any ever tried in the state and developed into a warm legal contest with O. Max Gardner representing the plaintiff and Clyde R. Hoey defending the interests of the textile plant.

On April 22, 1924, George W. Hollifield, for many years an employe of the Shelby mill, received a slight cut on his finger while at work. Blood poison later developed and Hollifield died on May 14, 1924. The suit was unusual because of the fact that it was based on a continuation of allegations, it being alleged that the cut on the finger produced the injury; that the injury produced blood poison, and that blood poison produced death.

Hollifield from the evidence produced inflicted a small cut on his little finger while reaching in a can for material for his work, it being the contention of the plaintiff that the finger was cut on a small piece of tin that had been broken and turned up. Within a few days the arm became swollen and Hollifield was removed to the hospital where he later died. It was the contention of the defense that there was no negligence on the part of the mill and that Hollifield had never mentioned the fact that the broken tin was in any way dangerous. It was further contended by the defense that infection could have entered the wound after the cut. No witnesses were used by the defense, while the plaintiff placed on the stand Mrs. Hollifield, the widow, C.J . Hollifield, W. V. Simpson, B. O. Hamrick, John Dellinger and Drs. Houser, Harbison and Lattimore.

Court spectators were afforded some entertainment in hearing the legal luminaries battle each other in what was considered an important suit from the standpoint of the legal profession. Much of the ground covered was new and objections were often offered and rulings not set forth in past opinions frequently called for.

LAWNDALE STORE BURNED SATURDAY

Stock of Goods and Frame Store Building Destroyed by Fire. Loss $9,000 With Half Insurance.

The general merchandise store of Mr. Lorin E. Hoyle was destroyed by fire Saturday night, the damage being approximately $9,000 with only a half insurance coverage. Just how the fire originated, Mr. Hoyle is unable to to say. The fire had gone out in the stove sometime before he left the store at 10 o'clock. About 10:30 o'clock, young men passing say the flame eating its way through the side of the building near the eave of the house and gave the alarm. Mr. Hoyle and other neighbors hurried to the scene and formed a bucket brigade, but by that time the fire had gained such headway that it was beyond their control and in a few minutes the entire building was in amass of flames. Nothing whatever was saved from the burning building. Mr. Hoyle said his stock of general merchandise inventoried about $7,000 while the frame building was worth $2,000, making a total loss of about $9,000 with insurance of only half their value.

The burning store threatened a number of other buildings near-by but none of the others were damaged to any extent. The home of Miss Belle Grigg caught but the fire was extinguished and the fire-fighters had to keep the walls wet of the R. A. Hord and son store and the corn mill to save them from catching.. It was a quiet night with no March wind, otherwise the flames would have wrought a greater damage.

A thousand or more people saw the flame for miles away and gathered at the scene but they were powerless to do anything except save the adjacent buildings.

—Mrs. Cline Dead—Mrs. Henry Cline, formerly of Cleveland county, died Sunday afternoon at her home near Lincolnton, age about 89 years. Mrs. Cline is the mother of Mrs. B. H. Palmer and aunt of Mrs. Rush Stroup and Mrs. Earl Honeycutt of Shelby. She was buried Monday at St. Peters church in upper Cleveland. Further particulars could not be learned, but will be published Friday.