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YOUR MONEY STAYS AT HOME

In looking over our records we find that on March 21st one Cleveland county farmer came in our office and paid premiums on five different policies of Life Insurance that he and his wife carry with the Security Life & Trust Company. We want to congratulate him and the Agent, W. T. Alexander and will assure them that not one cent of this money will ever be sent out of North Carolina by our Company. It is simply held in Trust in our home state for the protection of the policy holder's family.

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—FINAL COUNTY TAX NOTICE—

The time for payment of 1924 County Taxes expires May 1st, 1925. Already there is a penalty of 1 1-2 per cent and the law adds an additional penalty where forced collection is made. Delay is costly to you and unpleasant to me, therefore see me at once. The County Commissioners have instructed me to force collection by May First and after that date I will proceed, as is provided by law, to advertise and sell all property on which the taxes are not paid.

In the past I have given all tax payers all the time allowed by law for payment and have done so this year but on the above mentioned date all taxes must be paid.

HUGH A. LOGAN,
Sheriff Cleveland County.

MILL HELP WANTED

FAMILIES OR BOARDERS, CONTAINING SPINNERS. DAY AND NIGHT WORK. CAN USE OTHER HELP ALONG WITH SPINNERS.

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SPECIAL TODAY AT PRINCESS THEATRE

Around Our Town
—SHELBY SIDELIGHTS—
— R. D. —

"Will the stores of Shelby close one afternoon in the week during this summer, and will Shelby have a baseball club?" were two questions in one asked us by a prominent business man this week. Will they? And will they? It's up to someone else to answer. Perhaps the Kiwanis club will reach the half-holiday per week query soon, and as for the baseball —enthusiasm in the diamond sport seems to be running at low ebb recently in the "City of Springs." The half holiday plan was tried last year in Shelby and apparently was successful. Employees were pleased with the little vacation and no doubt the employers received better service thereby. You know it was some ancient Greek runner like Nurmi, or famous Roman gladiator like Von Hindenburg that said "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" (of course, not Jack Dempsey.) The sentiment about town seems to be for the half-holiday. Perhaps we have talked to more employees than employers, but don't for a minute let it circulate in your cranium that the "bosses" themselves do not like a holiday. The majority of them hate like blue blazes or an August day to lose one-half day's business, but when they like a holiday and a breathing spell as well as anyone else and are the most enthusiastic of all over the weekly vacation when they know their rivals are also taking the afternoon off. So, as one black cat's kitten said to the other: "Who'll start the ball rolling?" But, of all things, if the half holiday is decided upon, don't make it Thursday again. That's the day the galley slaves call "press day," when all the minor constellations are pressed together making The Star, and on that day there is no hope whatsoever for one who labors about a newspaper plant.

And thinking it over Shelby will likely be in a baseball circuit this year, but the league will be known as the "Safety Coach Line," and Shelby fans will journey galore down to Charlotte and Spartanburg and up to Asheville. Which makes us think that the five leading hitters among the fans about Shelby asked that it be announced that Johnny Hudson has not yet appeared in the Knoxville, Sally league line-up, because he sprained his ankle in an exhibition game Saturday before the league opened. In between games commuted to and fro on the Yellow Buses Shelby fans might remember that "Casey Morris" High is playing for another championship—and that the state at large is considering the Shelby High as title-holders and wondering what we'll do this year. There's game Tuesday.

If you're inclined to believe that Shelby is not a leading center in motor travel listen to this: Saturday three cars were parked in front of the Confederate monument on the court square. One bore a Florida license tag—from "the land of eternal sunshine;" another was from California—"Spring-time the year-round," and the one in the center carried a Pinehurst plate—"the world's playground." There's a reason why three cars from three of the most attractive points in America should be parked in Shelby. That reason is Western North Carolina, the peer of the lot.

One thing to be gained by extension of the city limits is that now stills may be captured within the city limits.

In Clyde Hoey Shelby claims a distinguished man that holds a world's record—that of being the only congressman to ever resign from the big body of lawmakers. We "allus" wondered how the legal lights upstairs managed to tell the speaker of the house that "I'm goin' home and aint a-comin' back," and since Senator Tom Hefflin has visited Shelby we're wondering more'n ever at the will power of Mr. Hoey. For Mr. Hefflin during the course of his speech here said that when he heard the Shelby man was going to resign that he personally went to him and begged him to reconsider. Now, what caused us to wonder is how any man could get around the pleading of that Alabaman. Honestly he could within five minutes have the Pope of Rome and an English clergyman hugging each other. In the next breath Hefflin said that from the gossip he had been hearing over North Carolina that Max Gardner would be "forced to be the next governor"—and at the end of the statement Max looked over at a friend, winked and whispered: "Yea, forced." Then Hefflin added that one of his best friends in congress was Yates Webb and that he was glad to hear that his former friend was now serving so well on the Federal bench, and with the statement we noticed a retired bootlegger squirm. So you see that Alabaman must be a wonder and the best description of him that we heard was from "Golly" McBrayer, who said: "That fellow would have made a black-face comedian that would make Al Fields weep with envy."

If you forgot to register last week

you sure are lucky. Now you can tell all three of the candidates for mayor that you won't vote for them, and still not hurt their feelings.

Friday we saw an aged lady resting on a bench on the court square under the shade of the stately green trees. With her "specs" properly adjusted she was scanning the columns of a newspaper and on passing we heard the remark: "It's got so that you can't believe a thing you see in these newspapers." Walking back by we noticed the item she had been reading, and silently we agreed with her verdict. The article was about six feet of snow somewhere, but thank Saint Patrick and his garden snakes the paper wasn't The Star and the snow was nowhere near here. Was it? And it was a grand day for "Red" Newman to stage his opening of Beck's Fountain. He could have sold cold baths as easily as cold drinks. The day was so hot the court square fountains were pasturized.

If Howell didn't sell lumber we wonder if Arrowood?

GASTON'S OLDEST CITIZEN PASSES

"Granny" Ratcliff Dies After Passing Century Mark. Aged Lady Known to Many in Cleveland.

Marcy C. (Granny) Ratcliff died at 8:45 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her son, Mr. Rufus A. Ratcliff, in the Point section at the age of 100 years and 26 days. She was born March 30, 1825, the daughter of Robert C. and Ann Ratcliff, says the Gastonia Gazette. She was born on the same farm on which she had spent her life. The record of her birth is authentic. It is recorded in the old family Bible and was copied recently by a Gazette reporter who visited "Granny" Ratcliff about the middle of March. At that time she had just gotten up from a severe illness from pneumonia. While she recovered to an extent from that illness she never regained her wonted health and within the past week or two had grown gradually weaker until the end came. Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Union Presbyterian church, six miles south of Gastonia. She was a member of New Hope Presbyterian church.

Three Sell Tickets To Charlotte Races

Hundreds from all Over the Country Are Wiring for Reservations at Big Races May 11.

Judging from the flood of reservations for seats at the Memorial Day races at the Charlotte Speedway May 11th, Charlotte will be visited by thousands of people from a dozen different states. A quantity of tickets has been placed on sale in Shelby at J. L. Lackey's Buick headquarters, Chas. L. Eskridge, Ford place and Efford's department store. The Charlotte office says:

Hundreds of people have wired for grandstand and box seats from distant cities, including cities as far west as Fresno and Los Angeles, in California; Detroit, Mich.; Dallas, Texas; New Orleans, Miami, Washington and New York.

The delegation from California will include speedway officials from Culver City and Fresno, as well as automobile dealers and genuine dyed-in-the-wool race fans. There will be a large delegation from Indianapolis. Proposals of the Washington-Baltimore speedway, soon to be constructed, will be Charlotte visitors.

Osmond L. Barringer, general manager of the Charlotte speedway, announces that the stalls in Grandstand "A" have been lowered three feet, thereby providing unimpeded vision for holders of box seats. This will be a great improvement for the second speed classic in Charlotte.

Score board improvements are also being worked out. The timing devices this year will be so perfected that there will be no chance of confusing the cars, thereby eliminating the possibility of dropping laps and declaring the wrong driver as winner.

Training School At Pleasant Grove Church

(Special to The Star.)

The people around Beams Mill are busy planting their crops.

Beams Mill school closed Friday with a very successful year under the able management of Professor H. B. Covington of near Polkville.

Mr. A. V. Washburn of Double Springs has just finished a teacher-training school at Pleasant Grove. We hope this school will soon be made a standard and that many will receive their diplomas.

Miss Thelma Smith spent Saturday night with her sister Mrs. Virtus Williams.

Miss Gerlie Lee and Mr. Hoyle Wright have returned to the school for the Deaf at Morganton after a few days absence on account of the illness and death of their father.

Mrs. M. L. Hendricks is very ill at this writing but we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss America Hendricks has returned home after attending the commencement at Piedmont.

Peace propaganda has at least made the big nations determine not to let the little ones fight.—Brooklyn Eagle.

STATE WILL START ONCE ON LENOIR ROAD

Lenoir News-Topic.
Seven carloads of equipment for the Thompson-Caldwell Construction, contractors for laying the hard surface on the Lenoir-Hickory highway, have been received. The equipment has been unloaded and placed at points on the road where it will be needed. The road will of course be of the concrete type, and the basis of a 16-foot road. Every effort, however, is being made to get the state highway commission to change this width to 18 feet.

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