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COUNTY'S WORST FIRE DOES \$75,000 DAMAGE TO FALLSTON BUSINESS SECTION

Three Stores, Garage And Five Warehouses Burn In Big Blaze Monday Night.

One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Cleveland county visited Fallston, upper Cleveland's leading trading town, late Monday night and destroyed the major portion of the business section of the town and for a time seriously threatened the entire town. Estimates of the total loss range around \$75,000 mark.

Buildings destroyed were the J. J. Blanton building occupied by the Lackey drug company, which is owned by Dr. F. H. Lackey and Mr. R. A. Lackey; the E. H. Lutz general store and warehouse; the Lackey warehouse; Memry Smith's garage, filling station and home; W. A. Gantt's general store, and three big warehouses belonging to the Stamey company. Only a small amount of the contents were removed from any of the burned buildings and the loss was almost entire.

Very Little Insurance.

There was no insurance according to reports on Mr. Smith's garage and filling station, nor his home, which was on the second floor of the building. Mr. J. J. Blanton, who owned the building occupied by the drug store, had \$1,000 insurance on the building, it is said, and the Lackeys had about an equal amount on the drug stock and fixtures. The fountain alone was worth this amount and the loss was heavy. The warehouse of R. A. Lackey adjoining and stored with fertilizer and other things was a total loss with about \$400 insurance. Mr. Lutz, reports say, had about \$4,000 insurance on his stock of goods, while the Lutz family, owners of the building, had about \$1,000 insurance on the building, it is thought. Mr. Gantt had about \$2,500 on his building and stock and was a heavy loser. The Stameys perhaps suffered the greatest loss in the big warehouses and their contents, estimated at around \$40,000 with \$4,000 insurance.

Started in Warehouse.

The blaze, it is thought, originated in the Lutz warehouse, or at least when first discovered about 11 o'clock in the night was burning there. The alarm was turned in by a passing citizen and heroic efforts were made to block the rapidly spreading flames, but the wooden structures ignited easily and with no special fire fighting apparatus the flames soon spread to adjoining buildings and on. The Smith garage and filling station soon caught, as did the Lutz store, Blanton's warehouse, drug store and other structures on the west side of the street. Soon the flames leaped across to the Stamey warehouses and Gantt's brick store building and began eating their path onward, here threatening the entire town.

A brick wall on the Gantt store that stood until early in the morning is credited with having saved the Stamey store owned by Messrs Tom and Clarence Stamey known to all Cleveland county as "the Big Store", while desperate work by the fire fighters saved the handsome home of R. A. Lackey just to the rear and other adjoining buildings. The Stamey warehouses on the southern extremity of the blaze were covered with heavy tin and in some instances sheeted with tin, thus giving the firefighters an opportunity to check the flames before they spread on to the residential section adjoining.

Owing to a storm that raged about Shelby and surrounding section Monday afternoon the telephone lines were out of order and it became necessary to make the trip here for aid by automobile. Chemical apparatus from the city fire department was rushed to the scene, but was too late to render assistance other than to help check the flames that had already spread over the business section. Monday morning found nothing of the Fallston business section standing with the exception of Stamey's store and the bank building and hardware. The fire was very spectacular, originating about 11 o'clock and destroying the major portion of the business section by around 3 o'clock in the morning. Flames from the oils at the garage, it is said, leaped 75 feet into the air and the heat was terrific. However, the big gasoline tank buried in the ground at the garage and containing 400 gallons of gas did not explode.

To Build Back.

Insurance will not cover anything like one-fourth of the loss, according to estimates and all those hit suffered heavily. The stock of goods carried by the merchants, whose stores were destroyed, were not insured for more than one-half their value, it is estimated, while the building loss can not be covered by the insurance.

Despite this fact, Fallston will build back, and "with brick this time", they say. The Lackeys only recently purchased property just to the north of the Stamey store and will immediately begin the construction of a brick

Bible Classes Meet At Lake Junaluska

Clyde R. Hoey Heads Federation and Will be One of the Principal Speakers at Convention.

(Special to The Star.)

Lake Junaluska, July 9.—The 7th annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Wesley Bible Class federation to be held at Lake Junaluska, July 13, 14, 15 promises the best line of discussions and the largest attendance in the history of the Federation, according to O. V. Woosley, superintendent of Sunday school work in the Western North Carolina conference. The initial session of the federation will be held in the large auditorium at Lake Junaluska Monday evening, July 13, the leading speakers for this session being Dr. Thomas Carter, of Vanderbilt university, and Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, president of the federation.

The day sessions of the federation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13, 14, will be divided into two sections, President Hoey directing the program dealing with young people and adult classes, and Miss Maud McKinnon, director of religious education at Tryon Street, Charlotte, directing the program with representatives of intermediate and senior classes. It is stated that the programs of these two sections will deal with actual problems and lines of service with organized class work.

The third section, though not a part of the federation but held simultaneously with it, is that of the elementary council, held under the direction of Miss Virginia Jenkins, superintendent of elementary work in the Western North Carolina conference. All district and local Sunday school workers working with children under 13 years of age are cordially invited to this section. All sections will join in a combined meeting each evening.

Tuesday evening, July 14, will be featured with addresses by Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, superintendent of elementary work in the Southern Methodist, and Miss Maud McKinnon, who will speak on "Vacation Church Schools." Chief Justice W. P. Stacy will be the leading speaker on Wednesday evening. The Junaluska double quartet will furnish special music each evening session.

Among the outstanding speakers secured for the day sessions are Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis; Dr. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem; Dr. Ashley Chappell, Asheville; Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Gastonia; Rev. W. A. Jenkins, Concord; Mr. J. E. Ivey, Charlotte; Superintendent E. A. Thompson, Mt. Holly; Mr. A. N. West, Hickory; Hon. D. F. Giles, Marion; Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem; Miss Thelma Smathers, Asheville, and Mr. Charles Ireland, Greensboro.

The officers of the federation are: Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby; President; D. F. Giles, Marion, first vice president; Miss Maude McKinnon, Charlotte, 2nd vice president; Mrs. E. O. Chandley, Asheville, recording secretary; Miss Thelma Smathers, Asheville, corresponding secretary; T. S. Eanes, Lexington, treasurer; O. V. Woosley, Lexington, conference superintendent.

With hard surface roads extending across the Blue Ridge directly to Lake Junaluska and with ample hotel facilities it is thought that an extraordinarily large attendance will greet President Hoey when he opens the first session of the federation. While the morning and evening sessions will be well filled with business the afternoons will open for sightseeing, mountain climbing, bathing and other sports. There is probably no place in the country offering a finer line of diversion where a vacation may be taken with religious profit.

Heavy Storm Visited County On Monday

A heavy rain and electrical storm visited a major portion of Cleveland county Monday afternoon late and crops that have been in need of rain greatly benefitted thereby. There was considerable electricity in the air and bolts of lightning struck at a number of points in the county, it is reported killed and fuses were blown out in a number of homes, twice at the home of Mr. John W. Doggett on the Cleveland Springs road, by lightning that ran in on the light wires.

The storm here, which raged for some time with a continuous display of electricity, resembled considerable the storm of a year ago when Thompson lumber plant was burned.

In making blunders try and select occasions when they won't do much damage.

It's easy and the proper thing to do—drive in to the Drive-in Filling Station for your gas and oil. James Roberts, proprietor.

Gas, oil, tires, tubes, accessories, and above all SERVICE at Drive-in Filling Station.

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COMMISSIONERS PAY BILLS OF COUNTY

The county board of commissioners in regular session this week transacted little business of general interest other than the regular work that faces the board.

The following bills were ordered paid by the commissioners:

J. C. Hill, refund on 1924 tax, \$6.25; Dr. Ben Gold, county physician, services, \$367.75; A. C. Brackett, bridge lumber, \$115.29; R. A. Hord, part burial expenses of pauper, \$10; B. B. Wellmon, bridge lumber, \$103.26; Lee Cabanis, bridge lumber, \$2.80; T. C. Stroud, bridge lumber \$114; C. R. Manney, bridge work \$18.15; C. R. Dixon, bridge work \$14.97; C. C. Martin, bridge work \$10; South Shelby pharmacy, supplies, \$17.55.

Z. B. Weathers and Sons, bridge work \$463.40; J. B. Newton, expenses, \$55.50; Williams and Hamrick, office supplies, \$2.80; W. A. Cook, capturing still, \$20; Hugh Toney, capturing still, \$20 P. Washburn, bridge work, \$31.50; J. L. Lineberger, supplies, \$1.40; Campbell Dept. store, supplies, \$28.17; Paul Poston, for supplies, \$9.74; J. F. Williams, supplies, \$13.10; Graham-Chisholm Co., supplies, \$44.02; Edwards and Broughton office supplies, \$19.43; Mitchell Printing Co., supplies \$79.64; T. C. Eskridge, holding inquest, \$22; Paul Webb, paint \$254.05; Pritchard Paint Co., paint, \$44.04; L. A. Cabanis, salary and expenses at county home \$178.50; McBrayer and Hoey, supplies, \$35.55; T. O. Grigg, services \$3; Ellis Transfer company, drayage \$2.

Paragon Furniture Co., supplies, \$4.80; Piedmont Telephone Co., service \$26.40; Star Publishing Co., printing, \$101.50; C. C. McMurry Co., meal \$4.65; Shelby W. and E. plant, service \$38.32; O. E. Ford and Co., supplies, \$34.85; S. A. Ellis, keys, \$1.25; Ideal Ice and Fuel Co., coal, \$7.75; Herald Publishing Co., \$2; R. L. Weathers, stamps and ink, \$8.12; West Disinfectant Co., supplies \$30; Shelby Printing Co., \$5; H. A. Logan, jail expenses and incidentals, \$449.78.

Irma Wallace, home agent \$50; J. F. Holcomb Mfg. Co., supplies \$26.08; Ellis Transfer Co., freight and drayage \$2.87; Walker, Evans and Cogswell, record book, \$45.52; Ellis Transfer Co., freight and drayage, \$8.37; Pritchard Paint Co., paint, \$22.25; Robert L. Mode, painting, \$88.04; R. A. White, bridge work \$12; Cleveland News, printing, \$7.65; J. F. Newton, bridge work \$4.55; Ideal Plumbing Co., work \$3; Graham-Chisholm Co., supplies, \$9.17; R. E. Lawrence, county agent, \$125; Smith Typewriter Co., typewriter \$117.50.

By arising vote, the members of the club extended their thanks for the excellent program which had been arranged by Messrs. McDowell and Moore and expressed their appreciation of the courtesies shown them at this meeting.

"Ad." Mistake Corrected.

In the advertisement of the Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank carried in the preceding issue of The Star an error was made when the rate of interest on the loans was given as "five per cent and fees." It should have read "six per cent and no fees." Two other slight errors were made and in the first section of this issue the advertisement with corrections made is carried for the benefit of Star readers.

Gas, oil, tires, tubes, accessories, and above all SERVICE at Drive-in Filling Station.

LAWRENCE HAMRICK DIES AT HOSPITAL

Son of Mr. John Hamrick and One of Most Popular Young Men in County Dies Suddenly.

Mr. Lawrence Hamrick 18 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hamrick of Patterson Springs died Tuesday night at the Shelby Public hospital where 24 hours before he had undergone an operation for appendicitis. He became ill Sunday and was taken immediately to the hospital where an operation was performed but it was found that his appendix had burst and his condition was very serious from the poison which had infected his entire system.

Mr. Hamrick had been working for the Ideal Ice and Fuel company. Prior to this time he had been employed by Doggett Brothers. He was one of the most popular and lovable young men in Shelby and from the day of his first illness the greatest interest was manifested by his host of friends in his condition. His death is one of the saddest that has occurred in a long time and the family and friends have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Hamrick was a member of Sulphur Springs Methodist church and the funeral was conducted there Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock by the pastor Rev. Beverly Wilson amid a large crowd of friends who gathered to pay a tribute of respect to his noble young life.

Mr. Hamrick is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Bennett Hamrick, Mrs. M. R. Biggers, Paul Hamrick, Mrs. Ray Roberts, Mrs. Mayme Gold of Appalachia, Va., who arrived Thursday morning, Carver and Ed Hamrick.

G. W. Edwards Dead At Rutherfordton

Rutherfordton, July 8.—Gudger W. Edwards, promising young attorney of this county, died at his home here Monday afternoon, after a brief illness. The funeral was held at the Rutherfordton Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock being conducted by his pastor, Rev. M. A. Adams. Mr. Edwards was 32 years old.

Mr. Edwards took a leading part in the affairs of his community. He was once a candidate for solicitor of the 18th judicial circuit, and was a director of the Rutherfordton Rotary club.

Besides his wife and two small children, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards, of Mari Hill, and one brother and four sisters. The brother, S. L. Edwards is county superintendent of education in Montgomery county. Sisters are Mrs. C. B. Smart, Ellenboro; Mrs. Ira Hodge and Miss Asa Edwards, Rutherfordton and Miss Hattie Edwards, who is connected with the Thomasville Baptist orphanage management.

Blue Ridge Fox Club Holds Regular Meet

The Blue Ridge Fox club held its regular monthly meeting at Mooresboro, on Tuesday night, July 7th, the members being the guests of Messrs. Y. L. McDowell and Robert Moore. A highly enjoyable program had been arranged, interspersed with music by the Mooresboro string band, and everyone present had a real good time. Refreshments were served, following the transaction of business. Several new members were admitted to the club and several interesting talks were made.

Rev. I. D. Harrill was present and delivered an inspirational address, after which the club voted to receive him as an honorary member and conferred upon him the position of chaplain. On motion of C. C. Moore, E. L. Weathers was elected corresponding secretary.

The club was formed about a year and a half ago, with a few scattered members in Rutherford and Cleveland counties. Since its organization, the club has enrolled nearly 100 members and is still increasing its membership at each meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Forest City, on Tuesday night, August 4th.

By arising vote, the members of the club extended their thanks for the excellent program which had been arranged by Messrs. McDowell and Moore and expressed their appreciation of the courtesies shown them at this meeting.

THE FIRST AUTO TO PARADE SHELBY



The above photograph was taken on LaFayette street opposite the court square sometime in 1902 and presents Mr. Charles L. Eskridge, now prominent Ford dealer in this section, and Miss Mabel Joseph, who is now Mrs. Tom Lattimore. Yes, they're riding in Shelby's first automobile—a Locomobile Steamer—and the property of Mr. Eskridge. The photo from which the above was reproduced showed in the background the old county court house with its chimneys, old Central Methodist church and the row of rambling wooden buildings that then marked the business district of Shelby. There were no paved sidewalks and streets and the street in which the car stood was covered with grass and weeds. Take a look at the business district today and behold the transformation.

Aged Section Man Injured When His Car Jumped Track

L. P. Yarboro, aged section foreman on the Seaboard is a patient in the Shelby hospital where he is suffering with injuries sustained Monday afternoon when his motor car jumped the track near Rock Cut a few miles east of Shelby. Mr. Yarboro and his men were hurrying to shelter from the oncoming rain when the car left the track on a straight-away, throwing all of the men to the side of the road. A Mr. Thomas and a negro named Sam Black who were on the motor car at the time it left the track both received minor bruises and were taken to the hospital for medical attention but were dismissed Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Yarboro has an injury in the back and may be confined there for some time.

Mr. Yarboro has been in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line for 52 years and is one of the most esteemed men in its employ.

McNeely's Sale To Start Friday July 10

J. C. McNeely company, popular dealers in ladies and misses ready-to-wear announce in this issue a July clearance sale with reduced prices throughout the large stock. Mr. McNeely says he has the widest range of styles and sizes he has ever carried at this season of the year because it has been his policy to gradually broaden the lines and enlarge the stock, but in order to reduce the stock before fall shipments begin to arrive he inaugurate a general clearance sale with most of the items cut to half price. Extensive preparations have been made in the arrangement of the stock to make this the largest and most successful sale the McNeely company has ever conducted.

Granite Falls Wins First League Game

Newton, July 8.—The Western Carolina league season was opened in Newton this afternoon with an 11-inning game between Newton and Granite Falls.

For ten innings only one run was made by each team. Both Cook for Newton and Mackie for Granite Falls pitched in big league form. Cook fanned 17 men and Mackie 10.

In the eleventh Cook yielded three hits and Granite Falls won by a score of 3 to 1.

Andy Leventis Goes To Gaffney Cafe

Local people will be interested in the following business announcement in Thursday's Gaffney Ledger: "Andrew Leventis who operated a restaurant in the Baker building now occupied by Hooper Brothers grocery for several years under a decade ago, has returned to Gaffney from Shelby, N. C., and has purchased Mack's Cafe on Limestone street from Warren L. McCraw. Mr. Leventis went to Shelby eight or nine years ago, and since that time he spent a year and a half in California. He said he plans to continue the local cafe under the same name. Mr. McCraw said he will take a few weeks vacation before making plans for the future."

FARM BOARD WANTS BETTER PASTURES

Plan Campaign for Better Cattle in County. Also Talk Vetch and State Convention.

At a meeting of the Cleveland county board of agriculture held this week it was decided to stage a campaign for better sires and improved pastures in Cleveland county. The week of July 20-25 was designated as the period for the drive and efforts will unite during the week to bring to the county better cattle with better pastures to follow.

Plan Vetch Campaign.

With the idea of having Cleveland known as a vetch county as well as a cotton county the board also decided to put on a full time vetch and oats campaign. Arrangements were made whereby three car loads of seed will be purchased this fall, or enough seed to plant three acres of vetch and oats on every farm in Cleveland county. It is the plan of the board to put the vetch idea before the farmers of the county in every possible way. Sticklers will be printed at an early date bearing the slogan "Say it With Vetch" and these will be placed on a majority of the automobiles operating in the county.

To Raleigh Convention.

The annual convention of the state farmers was also discussed and plans were talked whereby the large delegation going from this county to Raleigh with O. Max Gardner, president of the state association, will carry on their cars signs telling of the advancement of the county in agriculture, and how Cleveland leads. Some of the signs will tell of our greatly increased cotton production, others of the sweet potato crops, and still others of the big dairy industry and similar sidelines, while several of the signs will carry invitations to the state's largest county fair. The state convention will be held July 28, 29 and 30 and the largest delegation in the history of this county is expected to attend.

Eight of the eleven townships were represented at the meeting of the board, which was presided over by O. Max Gardner.

Farm Situation Better.

Rains during the week have brightened up the farm situation generally over the county, according to County Agent Lawrence and with the exception of the Kings Mountain sections the crops of the county are in good shape.

Big Tent Revival In Upper Cleveland

Announcement comes from Upper Cleveland that one of the biggest revivals in the history of the county will open next Sunday, July 12, at Toluca. The services will be held under a big tent that will seat from 1,500 to 2,000 people. The revival, it is announced, will continue for three weeks and services will be held twice daily, at 10:30 in the morning and at 8 in the evening.

A large platform will be erected in the tent for the choir and will seat about 250 singers. The revival will be conducted through the united efforts of four churches: St. Peters, Laurel Hill, Hebron and Macedonia—and the services will be in charge of Rev. J. H. Green, M. E. pastor and Rev. J. M. Morgan, M. P. pastor. People from the entire countryside are invited to attend every service.

Central Methodist Church.

"Sabbath Observance" will be the sermon topic at Central Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. Many have been the kindly expressions and words of approval of the service last Sunday. People need and desire the truth. The Bible is clear in its teachings concerning man's duty to himself, his family, his country, his God. Every person in the community who is interested in improving conditions is cordially invited. Invitations are being made upon our Sabbath and unless something is done nothing will be left us but the bleeding, skeleton of its former self. Come with open minds and reverent hearts. Preaching at 8 p. m., by the pastor. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited.

Jimison Freed Of Another Charge

Wake Forest, July 8.—Tom P. Jimison, giving his address as Salisbury, was acquitted of the charge of possessing liquor at a hearing yesterday afternoon before Recorder P. H. Wilson, J. W. Fitzgerald, who gave Dunn as his address, was fined \$25 and the cost on a similar charge and Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, who, although cited to appear, was not held under any definite charge, was released on his statement that he was present on a merely personal mission. The raid was made on a building near the college campus used for dormitory purposes.

Services for Sunday, July 12: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Joe Kennedy, superintendent.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Way.

Preaching service in the evening beginning at 8 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Everyone not attending services elsewhere is cordially invited.

Methodist Protestant Church.