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"Bobbed-Hair Bandit" Draws Three Years In State Prison

Five Given State Prison Terms In Criminal Court Last Week.

The final chapter—that is of the Cleveland county version—has been written in the county's first case centering around a "bobbed-hair bandit".

Every court, even dull dockets, has its sensation, and the attraction here last week generally centered around the county's first woman bandit.

Back in March when the front pages were decorated with accounts of "bobbed-hair bandits" in Chicago, Des Moines and New Orleans, Shelby awoke one morning and discovered one of her own.

Two Girl Prisoners Caught After Escape Made Getaway From Jail Early Saturday Morning. Court Lessened Number of Prisoners.

Mattie Travis and Eunice Michael, two girls serving a term in the county jail for disorderly conduct, escaped early Saturday morning while Sheriff Logan and family were at breakfast.

17 Prisoners Remain. When court opened there were 45 prisoners in the county jail, but with the cases disposed of by road and prison sentences there are now only 17.

Others To Prison. In addition to the Sutton woman and Abernethy, three others will make the trip to the state prison at Raleigh.

Railroad Man Meets Death In Rutherford E. K. King, of Johnson City, Tenn., was killed Thursday afternoon between Tate and Logan stations on the C. C. and O. railroad.

State vs. John Hunt, breaking and entering and larceny; a total sentence, imposed on three counts, of 36 months on the county roads.

State vs. James Eddy Goins, retailing and keeping liquor for sale; 14 months on roads.

State vs. Martin Tue and Roy Waters, breaking and entering and larceny; five months each on the roads.

State vs. Elisha Smith, larceny; eight months on roads.

State vs. Hass Phillips, bigamy; eight months on roads.

State vs. Walter Henry, breaking and entering and larceny; defendant declared insane.

REAL ESTATE DEALS BY J. B. NOLAN COMPANY Mr. H. Clay Cox has bought a home on West Warren street for \$10,000.

Mr. Cox bought from M. M. Mauney through J. B. Nolan Co. He will move into his new home in about 30 days.

Mr. Ford of Belmont, has purchased a new 5 room bungalow on Jefferson street from C. A. Morrison. Consideration around \$2,000.00.

Lots of tired business men work themselves into heart failure trying to avoid business failure.

EDITORIAL

The P. & N. Electric railway may and may not be extended from Gastonia to Spartanburg. That's a matter for Mr. Duke to decide.

That's a fact. The most interesting fact of all regarding the proposed extension, as it pertains to Shelby.

Numerous other towns, numbering more than a score are holding mass meetings, appointing committees, seeking conferences, making every move in their power to be on the extended line.

That's a hard epitaph to apply to a city progressing at Shelby's rate. But that's another fact.

A committee has been appointed to push to the forefront Shelby's claim. That committee may be working but it needs assistance.

More interest should be taken by someone—everyone. Why not make an investigation of the business the town and county can turn over to the proposed railroad?

Then turn the report from that investigation over to P. and N. officials. At that we would only be following in the footsteps of others.

But hereabout the Shelby route is considered the most logical from several standpoints. Even a prominent official of the Duke interests has hinted that the road should come this way.

PROVIDED SHELBY TAKES AN INTEREST.

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Double Springs Church Notice. The members of Double Springs church, and all those having friends and relatives buried there are requested to meet next Thursday morning, August 6th to clean off the graveyard and church grounds.

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BRABBLE LEASES CENTRAL HOTEL HERE

Popular Hotel Man Secures Long Lease, Succeeding Mrs. Ware. Will Make Improvements.

Mr. A. D. Brabble, one of the best known hotel men in Western North Carolina with 17 years successful experience behind him, has secured a long lease on the Central hotel here and assumed the management on Saturday, succeeding Mrs. Pattie A. Ware who has retired after 15 years as proprietress and moved to her home on N LaFayette street which she purchased a year or more ago from Dr. R. C. Hicks.

Mrs. Ware operated the Central hotel for 15 years, during which time she gained a wide reputation for her magnificent table, neat rooms and unusual executive ability. Declining health has compelled her to give up hotel management.

Mr. Brabble secured a long lease from Blanton Brothers and will spend between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in re-furnishing and renovating the 53 room hotel from lobby to top-most bedroom. Gradually the old furniture and floor coverings will be re-placed by new furnishings of a uniform style and patterns, while the dining room will be painted and papered, the lobby renovated and improved in appearance and furnishings.

It is reported that the Blantons may erect a larger and more modern hotel for the lessee sometime in the future.

Mr. Brabble comes to Shelby from the Isothermal hotel at Rutherfordton which he has turned over to Mr. Justice who formerly operated it so successfully before the new brick structure was erected. Before going to Rutherfordton Mr. Brabble was for 11 years lessee of the Mecklenburg hotel, Charlotte. Prior to that time he had had six years experience as a hotel man and is well and favorably known to the commercial men, because of his reputation for conducting clean, comfortable and high-toned places.

Mr. Brabble will receive a welcome to Shelby and the hope of his many friends for continued success here.

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SHAW'S STATEMENT DID NOT REFER TO SPECIAL COLLEGE

Judge Thomas G. Shaw was misquoted in The Star and in the state papers last week when he was quoted as saying from the bench in Shelby that "it is said that forty per cent of the boys sent out from the University of North Carolina are agnostics or atheists" and he made reference to this misquotation from the bench on Thursday afternoon just before court adjourned when he saw a copy of The Star on which the ink had not dried.

He was misunderstood and it was a very natural misunderstanding as he said "universities" instead of "university." His statement about the unbelief of students, therefore, referred to the universities in general and not specifically to the University of North Carolina.

When Judge Shaw was seen yesterday he had no further statement to make in reference to the matter which has brought criticism from several quarters in North Carolina. In justice to him it should be stated, however, that he called attention to the misquotation on the day of its publication and correction was made in the state press without any knowledge or request from him, but purely on the initiative of a reporter who wished to get him clear in the matter.

When the storm of criticism was breaking Judge Shaw had reiterated what he did say and meant with reference to the atheism and agnosticism in the universities of our nation.

Sentiment in Shelby is well in favor of Judge Shaw's remark that there is entirely too much agnosticism and atheism in colleges and universities, and the public should take a hand to correct it.

JAIL CONDITIONS DECLARED IDEAL

Cleveland county's new and modern structure must be the realization of a dream that has been dreamed for years by Superior court grand jurors. At last, a grand jury has termed the county jail ideal.

For several years grand jury reports in this county have hinged—without a squeak—about conditions at the old jail. Naturally, the conditions became worse year by year until visiting the jail almost became a dread by members of the jury. But now with a \$80,000 structure of confinement a grand jury has applied the term "ideal", and what's more such is the sentiment of those confined there.

With a perusal of the report comes a feeling to the county that the new building was worth while and is appreciated.

Nowhere in the grand jury report submitted last week to the court was there a note of discord. The jail was ideal, the convict camp and county court house in good shape, and the court house undergoing a needed overhaul. Perhaps, though, in the last line of the report there is a hint of something else new for Cleveland within a few years—a big, modern and roomy court house in keeping with the progress of the county. At least the report signed by Foreman W. A. Ware, which follows, is worth reading:

"We visited the county jail and find it is in good sanitary condition, and the prisoners reported conditions ideal."

"We also visited the convict camp and found the camp in good condition, with the prisoners reporting good treatment and plenty to eat."

"On a visit to the County Home we found it sanitary and the inmates say that they are properly cared for and well fed."

"We inspected the court house and find it is being overhauled and when completed will be satisfactory for a few years."

Preacher Who Cut Whisnant Arrested

Rev. H. E. Sipe, a ministerial student at Rutherford college who cut Ivy Whisnant, son of Mr. Barrett whisnant of this county in May this year at Rutherford college when some trouble arose over the alleged hazing of Sipe, was arrested Sunday afternoon at Belmont, Gaston county, where he had filled the pulpit at a church at the morning service and was scheduled for a sermon at the night service. It is learned that Sipe was asked to give a \$1,500 bond which he could not make at the time and was taken Monday to Morganton where a preliminary hearing will be given on Saturday of this week. Whisnant was stabbed in the body by a knife and was in a serious condition for awhile.

Feeding Picnic Crowd Is Problem Faced

The committee in charge of the big farm celebration for two states to be held at Cleveland Springs Friday, August 21, is anxious that all the visitors be well-fed and make an appeal to the farm women of the county as follows:

"The one big need is for the ladies of the county to take an interest and help to make this a big success by being present with plenty to eat. We are going to be judged by the way we feed the visitors who attend for they will go home to tell their people of our hospitality."

Big Reduction In Prices On Autos

Sweeping reductions were made Saturday August 1st on a number of popular and well known automobiles that are sold locally. The General Motors corporation which makes Buick and Chevrolet cars has made sweeping reductions on these two popular lines sold by J. Lawrence Lackey and Arey Brothers. Advertisements giving prices appear in this issue of The Star. Big reductions were also made on Studebaker sold locally by Doggett Brothers. These new prices will appear in Friday's Star.

MR. BARRETT TURNER DIED HERE THURSDAY

Mr. W. Barrett Turner died Thursday at midnight at his home on West Warren street of paralysis from which he had been suffering for some months. He had been out on the porch as late as Sunday afternoon, but seemed to have a premonition that death was imminent and made the remark several times to his family that he would not live until August. Mr. Turner was 72 years of age. He was born and reared five miles South of Shelby, the son of Ross Turner. He married to Miss Mary Austell, daughter of the late Amos Austell, and to this union six children were born, three of whom are living: Fred of Shelby, Hazel of Patterson Springs, and Mrs. Coford Moss of Ninety-Nine Islands S. C.

For 16 years Mr. Turner was deputy sheriff under Sheriffs M. N. Hamrick and Ab Suttle. He was a highly esteemed citizen and farmer, quiet in his manner, but a noble husband and father. After moving to Shelby he looked after his farming interests below Shelby.

Mr. Turner was a member of Zoar church. In addition to his wife and three children he is survived by two brothers Sam of Shelby, Elijah of Rock Hill, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. Parvada Ellis of Florida.

Being a faithful member of Cleveland Lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. Mr. Turner was buried with Masonic honors Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Zoar church where he had been a member since boyhood. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Jon W. Suttle assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford and a large crowd and beautiful floral wreaths attested the high esteem in which he was held.

Baby In Mother's Lap Proved To Be 5 Gallons Liquor

The latest wrinkle in the transportation of liquor is told in a news dispatch from Cherryville. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Heavner of near Cherryville while driving through Burke county in an auto were intercepted by Burke county officers, according to the Cherryville Eagle. After searching the auto and finding no liquor one of the officers told the other to see what the lady had in her lap. To this Mr. Heavner, remonstrated, telling them not to bother his baby. But the officer did bother and found the baby to be a 5 gallon container filled with mountain dew. The officers succeeded in getting the baby, but Matthew and the mother succeeded in getting away after a tussle in which the officers almost succeeded in applying the handcuffs.

Other liquor was later found in the Heavner home.

MRS. EDGAR HARMON PASSES SUDDENLY

Wife of Farmer Killed in Car Crash Last Fall Found Dead in Bed Sunday Night

Tragic sorrow has again entered the Harmon home in the Ware school section.

Mrs. Edgar Harmon, wife of the farmer who was killed last fall when his grain drill was struck by a taxi on the Shelby-Kings Mountain highway, was found dead in bed at 9:30 Sunday night, according to reports received here Monday. The crying of a nine-weeks-old baby, born after its father's tragic death, brought other children to the bed only to find that their mother—head of a household of eleven children—had died.

Death, according to reports, is thought to have been from natural causes. Mrs. Harmon attended church Sunday morning at El Bethel and had been visiting Sunday afternoon. She had not been sick and no one had heard her complain any time Sunday or during the evening. To the community the sudden death is a shock.

The death of Mr. Harmon in the fall stunned the community and left the county in sympathy with the mother and her fatherless children and now the sudden passing of the mother again casts gloom over the home.

It will be remembered that Edgar Harmon was fatally injured on the night of November 8, last year, when the wheat drill on which he was riding on Highway No. 20 just beyond Buffalo was struck by a Kings Mountain-Shelby bus driven by Frank Lindsay. Harmon died four days later and Lindsay is now serving a 10-year term in the State Prison.

Funeral services will be conducted for Mrs. Harmon at El Bethel church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, the services to be in charge of her pastor.

Little Story Kept Cleveland Family Going For Month

Mrs. Canipe, of Kings Mountain, Now Teaches People in 20 States How to Make Baskets.

Sometime last year, Mrs. Irma Wallace home demonstration agent, made a report of the fine basketry work being done by one of her home demonstration club women. It told how this woman had been making baskets for a number of years and how the agent learning of her interest, gave her new weaves to try and sought new markets for her output. The whole thing resulted in a visit of the extension editor to Mrs. Canipe's home she had paid for on the edge of Kings Mountain was made possible solely by her basketry work.

Pictures were made of the home and of Mrs. Canipe and a news story sent out. This solicited inquiries for more extended stories from several of the large farm magazines and as a result Mrs. Wallace was called upon to answer numerous inquiries about the work and over 20 people in different states wrote in requesting that Mrs. Canipe teach them by mail the art of making baskets.

Finally a method of "Teaching by Mail" was worked out and quite a number of people paid Mrs. Canipe a small fee for the instruction given. This income brought in the only money coming to the family for one month recently when all three members were stricken with influenza. They were unable to work or to market the baskets already made and the husband stated that but for the basketry instructions and the orders for baskets from those who had read of the work, his family would have suffered greatly. Mr. and Mrs. Canipe are both rather old and unable to do active work on their little farm.

Henry Norris Makes Hole-In-One Shot

Local golfers will be interested in the following news item from the Rutherford Sun:

On Tuesday morning of this week Henry Norris, Jr., made the fifth hole on the Rutherford Country club golf course in one. This hole which is a mashie shot.

The great majority of golf players never have the good fortune to make a hole in one. Howard C. Jarvis, the Westchester professional, who spent last winter here, made it once in over twenty years' playing.

COMMITTEE To Clean off Graveyard.

The grave yard at Beaver Dam church will be cleaned off Wednesday morning. All those interested are asked to take note of the date and be present.

EIGHT NEGROES INJURED WHEN TRAIN STRUCK PACKED AUTO SATURDAY EVE

Negro Woman Not Expected To Live. Three Others Seriously Hurt In Crash.

Eight negroes were injured, four seriously and perhaps one fatally, as a result of a train-auto crash Saturday evening about 6:30 o'clock when a Dodge touring car occupied by nine negroes was struck by the down Southern passenger train near Dover mill just west of town. Lilly Ellis, the worst injured of the party, is still in a very serious condition at the Shelby hospital suffering with a crushed leg and internal injuries. Three of the others injured are her children.

Brought in On Train. Immediately following the crash the injured negroes were placed on the train by the crew and brought to the Southern station here, where they were rushed to the hospital on a truck. Just exactly how the near-tragedy occurred the negroes do not know. One of the less injured says that there was a car just in front of the Dodge and that she did not see the train until they were on the crossing and that they then did not have time to get across before being struck.

Such was the impact of the crash that the cow catcher was torn from the locomotive and the car was badly demolished. Those who have visited the scene of the crash say that it seems a miracle that one of the party escaped without injury.

List of Injured. A list as given from the hospital of the injured and their injuries follows: Lilly Ellis, mother of three children, with a leg crushed and internally injured, is considered in a serious state. With three of the other passengers in the ill-fated car she was unconscious for hours following the crossing crash.

Helen Ellis, eight years old, is suffering from a broken arm and internal injuries.

Senora Ellis, four years, is serious with a broken leg, fractured skull and internal injuries.

William Ellis, 18-month-old baby, has internal injuries.

John McCombs has an injured hip and other minor bruises.

Roy McCombs, aged 25 and driver of the car, has a cut leg.

Martha Lathers received an abrasion on the head, and Rachel Lathers was badly bruised, although her 11-month-old baby was unhurt.

All of those in the car were members of tenant families in different sections of the county. The Ellis family lives on the "Will Cornwell" plantation, the McCombs on the Sankey Mauney place, and the Lathers on the Therman-Horn plantation.

Throw Out Baby. Report of the affair says that the Ellis woman probably gave her life to save her baby. The child was on his mother's lap when she first noticed the train swooping down upon them, and the mother instinctively protected the child by throwing it as far as she could out of the path of the crash. By the act the life of the baby was saved, although it was slightly hurt.

Special Service For N. J. Wright, 59 Years S. S. Superintendent

Friendship Sunday School wishes to announce that on next Saturday, August 8th there will be a special service at Friendship Methodist Protestant church at Fallston, beginning at 10:30 a. m. This service will be held in honor of the faithful superintendent N. J. Wright, who has been superintending the Sunday School in this church 59 years or more. Mr. Wright is now nearing his eighty-first year. In all these years as superintendent he has been successively elected without a break. He has valued the Sunday School so much that nothing but his own bodily sickness and death in his own family has ever kept him from Sunday School or church service. We doubt that he has missed much more than a dozen Sundays in the sixty years.

10:30—song service, 11:30 short sermon; 11:30 short talks by friends; 12:30 dinner spread in grove by friends. Public is cordially invited to come and bring dinner, that we may have a spiritual feast and enjoyable service hour together. Let every body come.

Zoar Church Notice.

All who are interested will please meet at Zoar Thursday morning August 6th and help clean off the church yard. If you cannot come send me \$1 and I will hire your part done.

J. LANE PUTNAM.

Wedding accounts show that the peach crop was not a failure.