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3 Realty Deals Of \$25,600.00

Attorney Falls Buys Curtis Weathers Home. Hord Buys Claude Weathers Bungalow.

Three realty deals this week involve \$25,600, transferred two Shelby homes and acreage at Cleveland Springs where a big development will begin right away, followed by the sale of residential lots next spring. Attorney B. T. Falls has purchased the handsome two story brick home of Curtis Weathers on West Warren street for \$15,500. Julian C. Hord has purchased the brick bungalow of Claude Weathers on N. Washington street for \$6,000, while O. M. Mull and O. M. Gardner have purchased seven acres just beyond Cleveland Springs property for \$5,000. This acreage belonged to J. Frank Harris and was sold through W. C. Harris, realtor. It has a frontage of 1,000 feet on the hard surface highway No. 20 and is beautifully located for development purposes. Since Florida people have become interested in the Cleveland Springs development, property in that vicinity has been moving rapidly and each sale marks a steady up-swing in prices with a boom anticipated next spring when the Cleveland Springs property will be placed on the market. Gardner and Mull have not announced what they expect to do with this acreage.

The purchase by Attorney Falls of the Curtis Weathers residence transfers one of the handsomest and newest homes in Shelby. The dwelling was finished about a year ago. It is understood that Mr. Weathers will build again as soon as he has acquired a suitable lot. He will continue to occupy the house, however, until he completes a new home, after which Attorney Falls and his family will move in. Mr. Falls says he will retain his residence on Sumter street which is semi-business property. Mr. Hord who purchased the Claude Weathers house on N. Washington street will occupy the same as soon as Mr. Weathers has vacated. In all probability Mr. Weathers will build anew.

Governor McLean On the Front Steps of the Mansion Buying Christmas Seals From a Modern Health Crusader



Governor McLean issued the following statement in regard to the Seal Sale and in regard to the work of the National and State Associations today:

"Industrial competency and civic efficiency would be of little avail if there is serious impairment of the health of the citizen, and therefore good health conditions are most essential to the progressive development of the State. The good health of the citizen is both an individual and a state asset. One of the most significant aspects of modern conservation is a high regard for the health of the community.

"The National Tuberculosis Association and the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association have done much in reducing annually the large number of deaths among our people from tuberculosis. We are told by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health that the actual number of deaths from tuberculosis in our State is about twenty-four hundred less annually than it was ten or eleven years ago. And now we are told that these associations are devoting a considerable portion of their activities to the undernourished child. I commend this work to the people of our State.

"The work of both the National Tuberculosis Association and the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association is made possible by the annual sale of the Christmas Seals which takes place from Thanksgiving to Christmas. I especially commend this worthy cause to the people of our State at the present time."

County Cotton Crop Passes 35,000 Bales

Year's Cotton Crop up to December 1,
Passes Expectations of Farmers
For Entire Season.

Still better news for Cleveland county farmers. There were 35,396 bales of cotton ginned in the county up until December 1, according to an announcement made Thursday by Miles H. Ware, special agent.

Until this late season in the year the cotton crop of 1925 still leads that of 1924. Up to December 1, 1924, only 35,016 bales had been ginned in the county, which is 280 bales behind the first of December report of this year.

However, it must be remembered that the crop this year is several weeks, estimated at three, early and that practically all the cotton in the county has been ginned, while on the other hand seven or eight thousand bales were ginned after December 1, last year.

Beginning early in the season when the effects of the drought first began to be felt those interested in cotton in this section, which is practically the entire citizenship, began estimating how much the county would drop in production owing to the dry season. Early season estimates even by the optimists scarcely passed over the 30,000-bale mark, while the majority of the estimates were between 25,000 and 30,000 bales. Later in the season the crop outlook appeared some better, but few placed their estimates as high as 35,000 bales.

Six hundred and four more bales will make the crop reach 36,000 and it has been 10 days since the last report. Some of the cotton experts say that the total will barely pass the 36,000 limit, while others say the crop will do well to reach that mark as there has been little cotton ginned since the first and that there is still a very small quantity to be ginned.

A 36,000 bale crop will be only 6,000 bales from that of last year.

HEADS CLEVELAND BOYS.



J. J. McMurry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McMurry, is president of the Cleveland County club at the State University and one of the most popular boys there. Young McMurry is a star end on the Carolina eleven, and was picked on every All-state Football eleven.

MARRIAGES TOPPED COUNTY DIVORCES

181 More Marriages in Cleveland
County in 1924 Than Divorces.
Marriages Decrease.

Shelby is increasing rapidly in population and out in rural Cleveland county the population is also growing, but marriages in the county are decreasing in number, according to recent statistics issued.

There were 197 marriage licenses issued in the county in 1924 by Registrar of Deeds R. Lee Weathers, while only 16 divorces were granted in the same year. That should be news to those who say the divorces are outnumbering the marriages. However, the figure is less than that of 1923 and will perhaps be less this year.

Among the nearby counties having more marriages in 1924 than Cleveland were Gaston with 288 and Catawba with 351. Lincoln with 104, Rutherford with 189 and Burke with 96 were below Cleveland.

Catawba with 21, Gaston with 47 and Rutherford with 31 outnumbered this county's divorces. Burke with 8 and Lincoln with five did not have as many as this county. Court records so far this year will in all probability show that the divorce high mark for last year has already been surpassed.

In 1924 Forsyth county topped the list with 1,076 marriage licenses issued, Guilford coming second with 1,046 and Wake third with 930. Mecklenburg county was fourth. In 1923 there were 1,026 marriage licenses issued in Forsyth county, 1,159 in Guilford and 935 in Wake. Clay court stood at the bottom with 16 licenses last year and 27 in 1923.

For all of the 100 counties there were 23,100 marriage licenses granted in 1924 and 24,028 in 1923, a decrease of 838 or 3.5 per cent.

As to divorces Mecklenburg stood third in 1924 and 1923, in the former year 60 being granted and in the latter 67.7 Buncombe was most active in this matter, granting 102 divorces in the former year and 99 in the latter year. Forsyth came second with 93 and 85 respectively, Guilford being third with 85 and 87 respectively. Last year but a single divorce was allowed in either Caswell, Gates, Graham Mitchell, Perquimans and Yadkin, while two were granted in each of Alleghany, Bladen, Dare, Jackson, Onslow and Pamlico. No divorces were reported from Camden, Clay, Chowan, Currituck and Jones.

In this section of the state the following number of marriage licenses by counties were issued during 1924: Anson, 169; Alexander, 94; Burke, 96; Cabarrus, 302; Catawba, 351; Cleveland 197; Davie, 93; Davidson, 204; Gaston, 288; Iredell, 270; Lincoln, 104; Rowan 365; Rutherford, 189; Randolph, 245; Stanly, 203; Union, 170; Montgomery, 111; Moore, 164.

In the same counties the number of divorce decrees allowed last year were: Anson, 8; Alexander, 5; Burke, 8; Catawba, 21; Cleveland, 16; Davie, 5; Davidson, 15; Gaston, 47; Iredell, 12; Lincoln, 5; Montgomery, 5; Moore, 9; Rowan, 20; Rutherford, 31; Randolph, 7; Stanly, 11; Union, 7.

Only Eleven More Shopping Days Be- fore Christmas

WEST SHELBY NEWS OF LATE INTEREST

Rev. Mr. Way Goes With Lexington
Newspaper. Hoyt Crenshaw
Goes With Dover Mill.

The prayer service at the Methodist Protestant church Wednesday night was well attended. Rev. L. S. Helms, the pastor, who resides at Caroleen, was present and conducted the service.

Former Pastor Leaving.
Rev. C. B. Way, former pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, is moving this week his household goods from the parsonage of the church to Lexington, Davidson county, where he will engage in the news paper and printing trade, becoming an employe of the Dispatch at that place. Mr. Way was for several years engaged in the newspaper business prior to his entering the ministry of the Methodist Protestant church two years ago. He and his family reside at Lexington for one year previous to November, 1924, where Mr. Way was pastor of three Methodist Protestant churches. Mr. and Mrs. Way made many friends during their residence in West Shelby and their many friends regret their departure but wish them much success in their new home.

Mr. Hoyt Crenshaw, who with his mother came to Shelby a few months ago and has been doing construction work in the city, has accepted a position with the Dover mill and has already entered upon his new work. His many friends wish him success in his new position.

The many friends of Mrs. J. C. Hyder, who has been ill for several weeks, will regret to learn that her condition is not as favorable for recovery.

Mrs. C. B. Way and children, Mildred and Louise, have been visiting her parents in Chatham county this week.

Electrician Hurt In Fall Thursday

E. G. Brandon, electrician for the Electric Service company, was painfully injured Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock when he fell from a scaffold in the new Rowster buildings, where he was engaged in electrical wiring work.

Mr. Brandon was removed to the Shelby hospital where his injuries were treated. Reports from the hospital Friday morning stated that the injured man was recovering nicely and that he would be out in a few days. The major injury was a cut on the head, which somewhat dazed Mr. Brandon.

TO PLAN FOR HOEY CONTEST; ONE WEEK HOLIDAY FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

High School Association To Meet
Here Saturday To Decide Contest
Dates. Other School News.

A meeting of the Cleveland County High school association has been called by County Superintendent J. C. Newton, for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in his office at the court house. The meeting will be for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Hoey Oratorical contest of the county schools.

The contest this year will more than likely be held in January or February, it is said, and the usual medal given by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey will be awarded. The meeting is an important one and all members of the association are urged to be present.

Cut the Holidays
Of importance to the school children of the county is the announcement that the county board of education at its meeting this week decided to allow the schools of the county only one week vacation for the Christmas holidays.

One week for Christmas, that may not sound like good news to the children, but their parents getting the idea of the county board in giving only one week agree with that decision.

The board figured that the children of the county will be needed badly on the farms in the spring and that by giving only one week for the Christmas holidays the schools could be closed earlier in the spring than if more time was given in the Yuletide season. The selection of which week it shall be is left up to the heads of the various schools.

At the meeting of the educational board a petition was presented from the Cabaniss district in No. 7 township, asking for local tax of 50 cents with the purpose of consolidating with the Lattimore school. Judge B. T. Falls, local attorney, appeared for the district in presenting the petition.

According to the county-wide plan of school consolidation the Cabaniss district is grouped with Union, the petition, however, asking that the plan be modified for consolidation with Lattimore. Action on the matter was deferred for the present and until the board has time to investigate it thoroughly.

Hord Sworn In
At this meeting of the board Mr.

Kiwanis To Play Santa for Needy

Club Will Distribute Gifts Among
Needy and Underprivileged
Children of the City.

The Shelby Kiwanis club will discard its grown-up dignity Christmas week and play Santa Claus to the underprivileged child, the special market task of Kiwanis clubs everywhere and the club here intends to see that the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child brings something useful into the life of poor children.

The program next Thursday evening will be devoted to plans for this occasion. Three club members will present needy cases in the city and the member presenting the neediest case wins a prize of \$15, the second, \$10, and the third \$5, the money going to the Santa fund. Messrs. I. C. Griffin, J. B. Smith and R. T. LeGrand will canvass the city for needy cases and report to the club at the meeting.

To Present Bible and Flag to School

The public is cordially invited to the exercises by the Juniors Sunday afternoon when a Bible and Flag will be presented to the South LaFayette street school. A Bible and Flag were given last Sunday by the Juniors to the South Shelby school with appropriate exercises.

The program is as follows:
Invocation—Rev. A. S. Raper.
Song by school.
Reading on Bible by pupil.
Reading on Flag by pupil.
Presentation of Bible by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid.
Presentation of Flag by Hon. B. T. Falls.
Acceptance of Flag and Bible by Supt. I. C. Griffin.
Song by school.
Raising of flag and salute.
Benediction by Rev. H. E. Waldrop.

Jess L. Hord, of Waco was sworn in as a member, taking the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. L. Hayne Patterson recently.

Mrs. T. M. Putnam Dies at Waco Home

A death of peculiar sadness to the friends of the family was that of Mrs. T. M. Putnam at Waco Tuesday night after an illness of more than a year. Mrs. Putnam was a fine Christian character and a patient sufferer. Her husband died two years ago. The funeral was conducted Thursday at Waco Baptist church and the interment was at Old Capernaum cemetery the funeral being preached by Rev. John W. Suttle. The following children survive:

Messrs. Mallory Putnam, Avery Putnam, Hubert Putnam, Talmadge Putnam and Miss Fannie Jane Putnam, all of Waco, Mr. Miller Putnam and Mr. Pledge Putnam of Lincoln, Mrs. Jess Milliere, of Florida; Mr. Bryte Putnam, of Virginia; Mrs. Claudie Beam of Mt. Holly, and Mrs. Emory Blanton of Charlotte.

Senior High Class To Present Comedy

Entertaining Four-Act Play Tuesday
Night At Central School Music
By Orchestra Local Boys.

The Senior class of the high school will present "Second Story Peggy," a four act comedy, next Tuesday evening, December 15, at 8 p.m. The play is given for the benefit of the high school library.

The play is replete with humorous incidents and rates as one of our best comic theatrical numbers. Five male and four female characters are included in the cast.

Miss Mae Washburn, assisted by Miss Alma Peeples, is directing the play.

The high school orchestra directed by Mr. Sinclair will produce music for the occasion.

Mutes are Married In No. 5 Township

Mr. Robert Lee Biggerstaff, age 42 of Rutherford county and Miss Della Black, age 22 of No. 5 township were happily married Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Black, the ceremony being by Rev. G. P. Abernethy, Mr. A. C. Miller who knows sign language of the mutes interpreted the wedding ceremony as it was spoken by Mr. Abernethy, this being the first experience Mr. Abernethy had every had. It was a quiet home wedding with very few attendants.