

Gift Left To Boiling Springs

Cleveland County Institution Gets \$2,000 Year for Ten Years—He Leaves \$32,000 to Schools.

Boiling Springs High School is to receive \$2,000 a year for a period of ten years from the estate of Hon. Jake F. Alexander of Forest City and St. Petersburg, Fla., who died last week in Florida at the age of 60 years. His will leaves \$32,000 annual income from a valuable piece of real estate in St. Petersburg, Fla., and this is equal to an endowment of a half million for these institutions over a period of ten years.

The deed of trust incorporating the bequests was received by Rev. J. W. O'Hara, of the Baptist mission board, under whose supervision the schools endowed now operate. The total endowment includes a lease for 99 years on a valuable piece of St. Petersburg real estate now bringing in about \$32,000 annual income as Mr. Alexander's interest. The property is under option to be sold between 1937 and 1948 for a sum of \$1,190,000.

It is understood in Shelby that Mr. Alexander has a third interest in this property rents for nearly \$100,000 a year. Friends of Boiling Springs are wondering if the property is sold for a million and a quarter at which it is optioned and the Alexander estate comes into possession of \$400,000, that if the proceeds of Boiling Springs will be one sixteenth, the basis on which the rental is distributed among the schools. If so, Boiling Springs would eventually receive from the sale of the property, which added to the \$2,000 for ten years would be \$45,000. This, however is problematical.

The bequests from the income include the following: Mars Hill college, \$10,000 a year; Alexander schools, inc., at Union Mills, \$10,000 a year; Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, \$2,000 a year; Boiling Springs, Academy Boiling Springs, \$2,000; and the First Baptist and First Methodist churches of Forest City \$4,000 each.

The endowment becomes operative January 1, 1927, and if there is any remainder after the bequests are made it is to go to Mrs. Alexander's wife and children.

The bequest to Mars Hill, according to Rev. Dr. O'Hara, will enable that school to enter the Southern Association of Colleges with the highest rating.

The Alexander schools is an institution started only a short time ago by Mr. Alexander and is devoted to the education of motherless boys and girls.

Mr. Alexander was 60 years old and had been in failing health for several months. He was formerly a prominent cotton mill owner, lumberman and banker being president of the Alexander National bank at St. Petersburg, trustee of the endowment. Mr. Alexander's estate is estimated to total \$2,000,000.

Mr. Hollyfield Dies Here at Age of 67

Mr. John G. Hollyfield died Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock at his home on N. Washington street, having suffered for a long time with gall bladder trouble. Mr. Hollyfield was 67 years of age and came to Shelby sometime ago from Henry section of Lincoln county. He was a carpenter by trade and highly esteemed gentleman whose death is learned with sorrow not only in Cleveland but in Lincoln and Burke counties. Sometime ago he built a house on N. Washington street where he and his wife were living with their only daughter, Mrs. E. W. Reinhardt and husband. His remains were taken Saturday to Palm Tree church in Lincoln county the funeral conducted with Masonic honors, Masons of Cooper Lodge of which he was a member and the Shelby Lodge paying a tribute of respect to his noble life.

Esckridge Has a Movie Studio of His Own

Chas. L. Esckridge who loves to devote his time to mechanical and electrical devices has a new hobby. This time he has a motion picture taking machine and a projection instrument by means of which two machines he can take pictures of moving objects and show them on a screen in his handsome residence on West Warren street. Mr. Esckridge has had his neighbors in action several times and later shown the pictures to them, much to their amusement and astonishment. It is the first machine of its kind ever used in Shelby and Mr. Esckridge is undertaking to get a collection of scenes here in Shelby and on trips that he makes with the idea of making a library of them for the entertainment of his friends.

LANDSCAPE PLANS APPROVED FOR CLEVELAND SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT

Alfred Marshall Goes Over Preliminary Plans Made By Draper. Eight Miles Of Streets Provided. Lots Of Liberal Sizes. Two Golf Courses.

Plans made by E. S. Draper, landscape architect for the Cleveland Springs development were approved except for minor changes by Alfred P. Marshall of the firm of E. A. Marshall and Co. of Clearwater, Fla., Saturday when Mr. Marshall with members of the board of directors of the Cleveland Springs company went over the first sketches. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Draper spent several days together walking over the 300 acre tract and studying the contour of the land from every angle. The proposed lake will be eliminated because it is found that there are not enough natural springs to feed such a body of water and that the sloping hillsides would drain in surface water which would keep the lake muddy all the time.

Bridle paths have been added and details of the two beautiful golf courses have been worked out, one nine hole course south of the present hotel and another nine hole course on the north side of the property on a part of the 26 acres bought from Jarvis Hamrick. In order that the present golf course might be used while the development is under way, the first lots to be offered for sale, lie north of highway No. 20.

Six Miles of Roads. According to present plans the development has six miles of roads winding through the property. The 340 lots all have road frontage and are of liberal proportions, ranging from 60 feet frontage to 125 feet with depths varying from 150 to 300 feet. It is the opinion of Mr. Marshall that no sidewalks will be built in the property but that the streets which will be hard-surfaced will have wish-shaped drains which can be used for pedestrians, a plan similar to that in Biltmore Forest, one of the most beautiful residential developments in the Asheville section. Of course the property will have water and sewer lines, telephone and light facilities. As soon as the final plans are accepted, contracts will be let for the grading, etc. Mr. Marshall estimates that it will cost \$50,000 to build the beautiful

golf courses and \$30,000 for the spacious club houses which will be located on the knoll near John Doggett's present home. It is Mr. Marshall's idea to have every green sodded with beautiful grass instead of sand. The contour of the land is ideal for golfing as this popular game is to be one of the best drawing cards for the property, no pains or expense will be spared.

The Club Idea. The method of control of the golf courses will be patterned after the largest and most successful developments in the resort sections. Each purchase of a lot has privileges of the golf course and holds a membership thereto, such membership allowing him a vote in management and control. When the owner of a lot sells his property, his interest in the golf course and privileges in the property automatically pass to the purchaser. Mr. Marshall is well pleased with the progress Mr. Draper and his corps of assistants are making in the landscaping and is confident that development work can begin at an early date to be followed by the sale of lots in the early spring.

Interested with Mr. Marshall are his father E. A. Marshall, R. K. Brandon and John Chesnut, jr., all of Clearwater, Florida

SANTA'S STOCKING

The Star's appeal for funds to brighten the lives of the poor of Shelby and vicinity during the Christmas season is steadily growing but with the appeal for funds also comes the cases of suffering and want for the bare necessities of life, such as food, fuel and clothing. The distributing committee is now at work supplying the neediest cases already investigating and looking into the merits of the new cases reported. If you are moved to contribute anything, send such contribution to The Star office at once and it will be turned over to the distributing committee. Here is how full Santa's stocking hangs at present:

Previously acknowledged	\$701.00
A citizen	5.00
Miss Ella McNichols	10.00
C. E. Isler	3.00
Jr. B. Y. P. U. (Mrs. H. F. Young)	3.00
Brick Masons and Plasters Union	10.00
C. R. Hoey's Bible Class Central church	105.00
Total to date	\$838.00

Mull's Stolen Car Found on Road Near Lexington

The Hudson coach belonging to O. M. Mull, Shelby attorney, and stolen here last week, was found on the highway near Lexington Friday of last week by Deputy Sheriff Blalock. The driver of the car apparently ran off the road, which was the Winston highway about one and one-half miles from Lexington, and stuck up in the mud, abandoning the car. It was reported to Deputy Blalock, who notified Mr. Mull. Mr. Mull brought the car home Sunday and the Davidson county officer received the \$50 reward.

Home Paper Makes Fine Holiday Gift

To the members of the family away from home possibly no gift will be more appreciated and enjoyed throughout the year than the Cleveland Star visits of the home paper. Include a year's subscription to The Cleveland Star in your gifts to the absent members of the family or to some Cleveland county friend who is away from home.

Insurance Expert To Avoid Fire Waste

F. M. Jordan Here on Inspection Trip To Show How To Avoid Holiday Fire Loss.

In order to avoid the usual holiday fire waste, F. M. Jordan, deputy insurance commissioner was in Shelby Saturday conferring with Mayor Weathers and Chief Hamrick of the fire department, telling them how to prevent the usual fires that come at this season of the year. He found the general condition of the town in fine shape, but says the merchants should use extra caution right at this time when the records show the heaviest losses during the year in the state, most of the fires originating from defective electric wiring of houses and stores for the holidays and the accumulation of trash and rubbish in stores and to the rear of stores. Other very common ways in which fires originate are the dumping of hot ashes in wooden boxes, and defective stove flues. Citizens are asked to observe extra precaution at this season of the year when holiday trading rush is on and trash and rubbish are allowed to accumulate more than ordinarily. In the homes and stores where electric wiring has been done by other people than electricians who people for temporary use by people who do not know the code requirements, fires often result in Christmas trees and in stores where this special wiring has been done.

Mr. Self, street over-seer says his job of having streets cleaned would be facilitated if the merchants would place all trash and rubbish to the rear of their stores so that loss mowers will not blow around over the streets and make an unsightly appearance. He is making every possible effort to keep the streets and alleys clean, but it is impossible to do so when loose papers are thrown carelessly on the ground where the wind can scatter them everywhere. If the merchants will follow this suggestion it will not only enable the street department to keep the streets cleaner but avoid the danger of fire. This suggestion on the part of Mr. Self meets the hearty approval of Mr. Jordan, insurance commissioner.

Slow Sorghum

John Griffin took his five-gallon jug over to the sorghum mill early Monday morning of last week after some molasses and has not yet returned. No grave fears, however are entertained on account of his protracted absence, as sorghum molasses runs slow in cold weather, which is still quite brisk—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

VETERAN TEACHERS.



Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eskridge. For nearly a half century have Mr. and Mrs. Eskridge given their services to the rural schools of North Carolina. They have taught for 45 years in Cleveland and Rutherford county and hundreds of pupils have come under their influence.

Saturday Good Shopping Day

Streets Crowded From Early In Morning Until Last Store Closed At Night. Yuletide Buying.

"They came, they looked, they bought"—those Saturday shoppers in Shelby.

Local merchants term Saturday one of the best trading days of many months. It was as the last Saturday before Christmas, and Saturday is the big day with buyers. A touch of real Christmas weather came with early morning and added to the throngs a vim in swarming from store to store completing the gift list. All day long it lasted and late at night when the last shopper had departed it was evident in many stores by the vacant spots that the Christmas crowd had come and gone. The sleet and rain dampened the ardor some late in the day, but did not hold back the shoppers.

Like public officials prepare a big speech, those merchants got ready for Christmas. And a speaker never it took with the people. Just so with merchants until after it is over just a merchant. They did not know early Saturday morning, but they are wise today.

Display windows had been arranged with care and every artistic thought employed. Stocks were placed in such a manner as to catch the eye of shoppers none too enthusiastic and clerks were on tip-toe awaiting Monday and Tuesday of last week business began to perk up. As the end of the week came nearer it continued to improve. Friday saw much shopping. Saturday brought the zenith. Shelby merchants had prepared to give their customers and patrons a bigger and better—funny how those words go together selection than ever and the sales sheets of Saturday spoke the appreciation of the customers.

Cheery rowd. There's always much happiness in a Christmas, as shopping crowd. The festive color of such an occasion generally adds to the spirit. Then there's a feeling at this season of the year that makes everyone friendly. This customer, in a rush herself, took time to point out to the neighbor, jostling her elbow in the crowd, a good present for some member of the family. It was a great day Saturday, perhaps to be ranked next Christmas day itself, for on Saturday the heart that gives on Christmas reveals in buying and selecting with the thought of pleasing.

After today, Monday, there are only three days before the eventful day of the year. Thursday evening all shopping for the occasion must be at end. These three days will be packed with little errands, small, last-minute purchases. The merchants are prepared for that. Buyers brought in enough to last through the big Saturday and for the three days. Many shopped Saturday but 40 percent will shop Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Follow the crowds! There's a lot of Christmas that hasn't been sold. The windows are just as attractive as ever—more so as the sentiment of the season spreads.

Workmen Organize Three Unions Here

Carpenters, painters and brick masons have organized three labor unions in Shelby, the first time any successful attempt has ever been made in Shelby to organize. It is understood that the painters and brick masons were organized some months ago and that most of the workers at these trades have joined The carpenters union is the last to undertake an organization and one of the officials says that it has a membership of 60 men. The scale of wages, however, is reported to be the same as theretofore, the scale in the various trades being on a basis of a man's capacity for work. The local organizations are affiliated with the State Federation of Labor.

Santa's Stocking For Poor Of Shelby Filling Rapidly

Charity Committee Finds One Family of 10 Living on \$25 Per Week. Christmas Appeal Being Heard by Many

As the shadows lengthen this coming Thursday evening and darkness swoops suddenly out of the heavens over a waiting world beneath, Santa Claus, the hero of the nursery and the merriest man of the greatest holiday, Christmas, will start his rounds. Here, there, up this chimney, through one doorway and another will go his call. Gifted Gifts large and small, long and wide, all bringing the cheer of the season, touching up a lonely heart, bringing fond realization for the grown-ups. A bewhiskered man, Christmas bells, a festive glow, and a spirit indescribable. That feeling, that picture of the intangible that dangles in the air to much for poets to describe or artists paint, should enter every Shelby home, but it MAY NOT.

There are nine more than one score homes in The City of Springs where the odds are 10 to one that Santa and what he brings will be only an illusion. And "No Santa," be it the jolly old fellow of the nursery or the real giver of necessities, means taking much out of life, more than you'd care to see slip from a breathing soul. Help Santa visit these 29 destitute homes in the Christmas appeal made to the people of Shelby. Will they heed it not? Will you? For many just like you make up the they.

Shelby is responding nobly to the appeal so far. Contributions are being turned over hour after hour to the committee. Others are being placed with the collection at The Star office. Little by little the total is growing. In comes a group of children, youngsters that have plenty, but they know what "No Santa" would mean to them, and they leave their mite and go away happy. If everyone that is able responds in the manner Santa will visit every poverty-stricken home in Shelby, taking not trinkets and toys, but necessities, the things that must be had to hold the spark of life in human bodies.

Come Through Drop in the line of those contributing. Don't put it off. Santa does not wait until the day after Christmas to begin his task. Death does not wait until delayed coal and food arrive. You may save a life. At least you'll make the future of some life brighter. Not much, just something. A dollar or two, some clothing, shoes, and the like. That's not much to ask, considering what it will mean to those who receive.

Give Joy Fe: Sadness. "Sob stories" are not front page stories usually but it's up to you to take the sob out of some of these stories.

Babson the authority on finance would call it a problem not to be solved for 10 people to live on less than \$25 each week, but in Shelby it is being solved. A father, mother and eight small children must live on that pittance and also meet the doctor bills that sickness has brought. Christmas in this home would indeed be a wonderful occasion if it brought only some meat, some bread and shoes for the youngsters. Only four of the children go to school. The others have no clothes to wear. If it snows for the Yuletide as your child wants, these children will have to walk barefoot in the freezing white-ness. They will, if it were not for you.

A mother sometimes can take the place of much in a child's heart and life, but not 10 blocks from the court square is a home with five children that know not a mother. Daddy tells them that she's gone. They look at him as he tells it, eyes open wide, lips forming questions unspoken. To them, perhaps in an effort to cheer them, he'll read the most beautiful story ever penned, the happiest event ever recorded in the greatest of books—the coming of Christ into the world. And after hearing it they'll wonder, those innocent children, just why the anniversary of that joyous occasion should not to them bring something. Nothing, it is true, can ever take the place of the kisses a mother would have given them, of her love and care, but some one could put shoes on their feet, food in their mouths. Their dad, all they have, make only \$12 each week. Just \$25 would meet the needs and an extra five-spot would bring to their faces joy that could not be equalled unless a mother drifted back from heaven to kiss them on the cheek.

What Is Never Told Spectators in a court room lose interest in a case when the judge sentences a prisoner and he is led away to his chains and bars, but behind the screen is the story that is never told, where the punishment is felt more than by the man who serves. The wife that must make ends meet until he serves his time. The children who wonder where daddy has gone. Out on the chain gang here two men are paying the price of violating society's laws, and in a home here their wives and children are paying a dearer price, and they have done nothing, but still, they suffer. What will Christmas mean to them. These two women, who suffer and wait, have four children, the oldest only five. The county last month paid

MILL FOLKS GATHER IN ANNUAL BANQUET

Dover, Ora, Eastside and Ella Fellowship at Cleveland While Shelby Mill Banquets at Central.

Speeches, music, fellowship and fun, featured the annual "Dover mill" banquet at Cleveland Springs hotel Saturday night at which 150 to 200 overseers, section men, bosses, foremen, officials, office help as well as the preachers, doctors and other guests were present, representing the Dover, Eastside, Ora and Ella Mills. While Mr. John R. Dover, the master builder of mills and leader of men, now has no official connection with the Ella, which he built some 20 years ago, the Ella was represented in the large family out of sentiment for his "first love." This annual get-together is called the Dover banquet because it is Mr. Dover's way of showing his appreciation as mill head for loyal service, co-operation and faithfulness which characterizes the Dover organizations.

Shelby Mill Banquet. At the same time, the Shelby mill of which R. T. LeGrand is secretary-treasurer, was giving a banquet to 50 bosses, foremen, section men and overseers of the Shelby mill, the largest single textile unit in Shelby. The scene of this was Central hotel where Dick Brabble had a most bountiful spread of good things to eat. The program here was interspersed with music by the high school orchestra and an eloquent speech by Max Gardner. Mr. LeGrand had a few special guest, Rev. Mr. McDiarmid and officials of the mill to enjoy the occasion with the fifty "key" men who faithfully work on the inside of this big enterprise.

Rev. Zeno Wall of the First Baptist church was the principal speaker of the evening at the Dover banquet, pointing out "etSven, the Business Man," as an example to live by. During course of his remarks he urged his listeners to spend their spare moments reading good books and improving themselves for better things, pointing out Steven's faith, wisdom and power.

All True American Born. "It's a pleasure to be South and see a bunch of fine looking men like these, all speaking the same language and moved by the same kind of motives," said John Fox of the firm of Wilson-Bradbury Co., selling agents for the three mills of which Mr. Dover is head. Such a gathering could not be had up East where every nationality under the sun is represented in the mills and living conditions are terrible. The mill men of the South are richly blessed compared with those of the East.

Mr. Wykle of the Ella responded to a toast on the subject "If I Knew You and You Knew Me"; Earl Hamrick of the Ora on "Good Fellowship"; Jack Dover of the Dover on "Co-operation, Its Value in Any Successful Organization" and John Toms of Eastside on "Spirituality in the Mill". Eastmaster John R. Dover, equal to all occasions, summed these in an eloquent deliverance in which he declared the foundation of all business is service and that towering above the desire to make money, there is the ambition of mill men to train workers for higher and better service. The reward for service rendered might be delayed but it will come sooner or later.

Mr. Dover declared that the Southern Power Co., had turned Methodist during the summer. All the dampness that could be coaxed from the heavens was one little sprinkle after another, so Charlie Burrus lead the crowd in singing "Tain't a Gonna Rain No More." The Moonchaser's orchestra and Miss Laney of Monro interspersed the program with instrumental and vocal music while radio was a medium for side-splitting jokes on several of those present.

More for Others, Less of Self. Max Gardner who spoke at the Shelby mill banquet at the Central hotel pleaded for the right spirit in the observance of Christmas in that it means just what the Master taught when he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He admonished his hearers to do more for others and less for self and in this spirit the greatest blessing can come. It is the policy of the Shelby mill to remember its help every year and while the banquet had only the "key" men of the organization, plans are being made for the distribution of 800 parcels of candy, nuts and fruit to the 800 men, women and children on the Hill. The liberality and display of the Christmas spirit will be made on Thursday and is looked forward to with great interest.

STRUCK BY AUTO SATURDAY NIGHT

S. C. Barker, Shelby man, is in the Shelby hospital suffering with head cuts and general bruises as the result of being knocked down by an automobile on South Morgan street during the downfall of rain early Saturday night. Barker, it is said, was walking towards the business district when a Ford touring car coming the same direction struck him from behind, knocking him to the pavement. The car driven by Sidney Anthony, young boy, stopped soon after Barker was struck and the injured man was placed on a truck and rushed to the hospital. It seems from reports as if the accident was one of the unavoidable occurrences that come with bad weather. Young Anthony says that owing to the freezing rain on his windshield he did not see Barker just in front. Officers out later in the night stated that it was a hard matter to see any distance in front of a car. Reports from the hospital Monday morning said that the injured man was getting along all right and suffering only from a head cut, there being no bones broken. Barker, however, was unconscious Saturday night.

REV. MR. WAY NOW LIVING IN LEXINGTON

The following item appeared in a recent issue of the Dispatch, published at Lexington: "Rev. C. B. Way and family have moved to Lexington from Shelby and have taken the Raker house on Seventh Avenue west. Beginning with the first of the year, Mr. Way will be with the Fred O. Sink printing house. Mr. Way formerly worked with the Dispatch during part of the time he was located here as pastor of W. Lexington Methodist Protestant church.

Santa Letters To Come Wednesday

Owing to the many advertisements carried in this issue there was no space for the numerous Santa Claus letters from Cleveland county children. These letters together with others that will come in will be carried in Wednesday's issue of The Star, the last before he packs his kit. Children who write Santa letters for Wednesday's issue must get them into The Star office before Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Those arriving after that time will not be published.