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\$688 SPENT FOR POOR OF SHELBY

Many Homes Feel Comfort of Christmas Charity Fund. Remainder of Fund Used as Needed.

Near two score needy families in Shelby were recipients of necessities from Shelby's Christmas Charity fund sponsored by the Kiwanis club and appealed by The Star. The first survey by Welfare officers listed 29 cases for attention by the fund, but numerous other cases were helped in addition to the 29.

For Remaining Winter.
Added to the aid already administered \$346.55 is being held by the committee in charge and will be distributed as needed among the poor of the city during the remaining winter months.

Of the \$1,015 received by the fund treasurer \$688.45 was spent in necessities distributed Christmas eve by which many homes were brightened and children of unfortunate circumstances wore shoes and stockings Christmas day that otherwise would have gone without during the cold snap that followed.

Colored Folks Given Aid.
The distribution of the fund and necessities which cash contributions purchased was not only to white families but also to 23 colored families, nearly \$100 of the total amount going to colored people in addition to clothing and food.

In some cases where budgets had been made out by the distributing committee cut or reduced the amount according to the circumstances found on the day of distribution. The highest amount going to any family was \$29.90.

Covered Necessities.
The necessities given to the needy included merchandise, clothing, coal, groceries, school books, shoes, wood, food, and house rent.

In certain cases it was thought best by welfare officers that distribution be carried out over a period of time as much might be wasted by turning a certain amount over to these cases. A part of the remaining fund will go to these cases while that remaining will go to other destitute cases coming up during the winter and to some of the cases already helped that will not be able to make it through the winter even with the help already given.

School Enrollment Passes Over 2,400 In Shelby Schools

A new enrollment mark was set in the Shelby city schools Monday when the schools opened after the holiday vacation. Two thousand four hundred and eight students enrolled at the opening, which is an increase of 62 over the closing enrollment before the holidays of 2,346.

Quite a number of other students are expected to come in during the remainder of this week and next and by the end of the first school month after the holidays the enrollment is expected to be nearing 2,500 with that number almost assured by the end of the school year.

An enrollment of 2,500 by the end of the year was predicted by school officials at the time of the school bond issue and the prediction bids fair to be fulfilled soon.

Mrs. Bert Harrison, nee Nora Beam, Passes Away Sun.

Mrs. Bert Harrison, nee Nora Beam, eldest daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Beam died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock after an illness of only four days with pneumonia. Mrs. Harrison had not been strong for many years, being a long sufferer with asthma, so her frail body was unable to withstand the severe attack of pneumonia. She was only 37 years of age and a woman of true devotion to family and friends, to whom the news of her death in the prime of life, is a source of great sorrow. Surviving are her husband and one daughter, age four years, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Beam, two sisters Mrs. John Norman and Mrs. L. P. Mergenson, two brothers, Enos and Zeb Beam, proprietors of the Princess theatre.

The funeral was conducted from the residence on McBrayer street Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Zeno Walk, pastor of the First Baptist church of which she was a member and the interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Careless driver after accident: Please let me go this time, your Honor, and I'll be more careful in the future.

Judge: What assurance have I that you'll be careful?
Careless driver: Haven't I turned over a new Paige?

His Daily Dozen



Representative Charles P. Stedman, North Carolina, at 84 is the oldest member of the House of Representatives. He still is young enough to take his daily dozen in the House gymnasium.

Boosts Cleveland On Electric Lights

Commenting on a recent rural lighting line organized in Iredell The Statesville Daily compliments Cleveland county as follows in relating how this county led in the rural lighting program:

"Cleveland county has led the State in the extension of electric power to rural districts (and that county also leads in many other respects.) In Cleveland the organization of the rural power companies centers in the village and small towns in the county, and work out from these centers. Iredell hasn't so many of these centers as Cleveland but there are a number that could be made the base and there are numerous other localities, as in Sharon citizenship get together and pave the community, where the progressive way. What has happened in Sharon may be duplicated in other settlements. The cost is considerable, but that can be met wherever the people make up their minds that they are going to have the comforts and conveniences that will pay a handsome dividend in labor-saving and satisfaction."

Pension Did Not Come And "Uncle Phil" Roseboro, Aged Servant, Sees Life Hard

Christmas did not bring the cheer that was expected to "Uncle Phil" Roseboro, aged negro well known in two states and boasting a record of service to his "white folks" that few possess.

As the result of which the old-time "darky" is touching the hard spots of life and wondering when, if ever, his life of toil will be rewarded.

Phil's pension check didn't come. Together with those of other Civil war period servants his application was not granted, and Phil had looked forward expectantly for months on the check. Weeks ago there were tears streaming down his old wrinkled face as he told friends how "de state was gona pension him for servin' in de war." "Ah's black, but Ah don my best an guess Ah's due sumpin", he would add.

But he didn't get it and now old Phil has been sick. He worked faithfully most of the 87 years of his life, but time was bound to tell and now the old darky, once known as South Carolina's most perfect physical man, is stumbling as life ebbs away.

He followed as a servant two of his "Massa Captains" to war. Then he came back and when the other slaves deserted, kept the old home place going for the "Missus" and buried her tenderly when she died. All ties broken he was cast into the world and has plodded his way since, working, never complaining only a few months ago, despite the weight of 87 years and the loyal service dating back for three-quarters of a century, he was forced to ditch and cut wood for

QUESTION FOR NEXT HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

Instead of picking up a dead question as they did last year when the high school students of the State debated the question North Carolina going into the ship, port and terminal business as advocated by Morrison, the query to be discussed this year is a sensible one. It was announced by E. R. Rankin, secretary of the high school debating union, at Chapel Hill, the past week, and is as follows:

Resolved, That North Carolina should levy a state tax on property to aid in the support of an eight-months school term.

The question was decided upon by the central committee, Mr. Rankin stated after it had received a large plurality of the votes which were cast on a list of 13 suggested queries by 314 high school of the State. The result of this balloting by the high school on the list of suggested queries was given as follows:

A total of 153 high schools cast votes for the question selected this question having been given this preliminary phrasing: Resolved, That North Carolina should adopt a State-wide uniform property tax for providing an eight-months school term covering elementary and high school education.

Fifty-three high schools voted for the query Resolved That Congress should enact the Sterling Reed bill providing for a federal department of education and for federal aid to the states for education.

Twenty-seven high schools voted for the query: Resolved, That North Carolina should abolish capital punishment.

Twenty-three high school cast ballots for the question: Resolved, That the legislature should enact a law setting up the county manager plan of county government in all North Carolina counties.

Twenty high schools cast ballots for the question: Resolved, That the United States should join the world court.

McNeely Clearance Sale is Continuing

Mr. J. C. McNeely, proprietor of the J. C. McNeely store for ladies is pleased with the result from his advertising in The Star during 1925 and declares that his business made a new high record in sales. The stock has been greatly enlarged and a wider variety of the new things in ladies ready-to-wear is carried at all times. The clearance sale on ladies ready-to-wear will continue for a few days longer, during which time the store is selling all ladies coats and dresses at one third off regular price. McNeely's store caters exclusively to women and carries only the best in merchandise.

Bank Call
Washington, Jan. 2.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Thursday, December 31.

Marriages This Year To Exceed Last Year Mark

Total marriages in Cleveland county from June 1925, to June 1926, will exceed the total marriages in the county from December 1924 to December 1925, and will also exceed the marriages in the matrimonial year from December 1923, to December, 1924. That is the opinion of Register of Deeds R. Lee Weathers, and so far the number of license issued bears out the prediction.

Up until June last year the marriage year was considered from December 1 to December 1, but at that time it was changed from June 1, to June 1. License was issued for the marriage of 198 couples from December, 1924, to December 1, 1925, and license was issued for 203 couples from December 1, 1925, until December 1, 1924. From June 1, 1925, to December 1, 1925, license had already been issued for the marriage of 39 couples. License was issued for 31 more couples in December, making the total to date 150. With five months to go at an average of 15 couples applying each month for license the year from June 1, 1925, to June 1, 1926 will likely total 205 or more marriages, which will be a new record. The average number of couples married each week during the last year recorded was 16 with 26 in one month being the highest monthly record. The year is supposed to do likewise.

CAROLINA LEADS IN TOBACCO INDUSTRY

North Carolina leads the entire nation in the manufacture of tobacco and Winston-Salem stands at the head in the manufacturing in this branch of the industry in the State. This information is contained in an article by Prof. Walter J. Matberry, in the current number of Commerce and Industry, one of the numerous publications issued by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

North Carolina, just two years ago, consumed about one-fourth of the total amount of materials utilized in the tobacco manufacture in the United States, produced about one-fourth of the output of chewing and smoking tobacco and turned out more than one-third of the total volume of cigarettes, the article points out.

According to the census of manufacturers there were 26 tobacco manufacturing establishments in North Carolina in 1923, employing 13,956 wage earners, paying wages to the value of \$10,812,000 and creating products amounting to \$295,786,000. If one compares these figures with preceding census years we find abundant evidence of remarkable growth.

From 1899 to 1919, the number of wage earners increased 116 percent the amount of capital invested more than 1,700 per cent, the value of products almost 1,800 per cent and the value added by manufacture more than 1,300 per cent. From 1919 to 1923 growth has continued almost unchecked even in spite of the business depression following the world war.

According to the 34th report of the department of labor and printing of North Carolina, 17 plants in 1924 reported the value of manufactured products at \$251,555,000, the value of plants at \$550,198,000, the number of persons employed at 17,174 and the yearly payroll at \$14,172,000.

North Carolina assumed leadership in the tobacco industry during the period between 1914 and 1919.

"For many years North Carolina has led all the other States in the payment of tobacco taxes to the federal government," the article continues. "According to the annual report of the United States commissioner of internal revenue North Carolina, for the fiscal year ending, June 30, 1921, paid \$79,573,000 her nearest competitor being New York with \$45,370,000. Out of the total tobacco taxes paid in the United States as a whole, she contributed more than one-third."

In 1922 North Carolina paid \$93,189,000, again more than one-third of total collected and more than twice as much as New York, the only State anywhere near her. In 1924 she donated \$136,992,000 far more than one-third of the total and more than three times as much as New York, and contributed the enormous sum, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, breaking all previous records, of \$147,221,000.

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CRIPPLED TOTS TO RETURN HOME SOON

Little Thanksgiving Accident Children Recover. Miss McNichols Returning. Other News of Sick.

Little J. T. Blanton and little Miss Betty Cook, the two young children severely injured on Thanksgiving day and the following day, will be able to leave the public hospital here in a few days after remaining there for weeks, according to a report from the hospital today.

The two tots, forced to lie abed during the holidays, added a closer tie of friendship between the citizens of Shelby and hospital patients. Both received very bad breaks of their legs in similar accidents and it was thought that all the money that would usually go for their Christmas toys would this time go for their hospital bill the citizens of Shelby and several organizations saw to it that the crippled tots were not forgotten by Santa. Their gifts were many from the people of Shelby and through them the spirit of giving to those physically disabled during the holiday season spread and took in many other patients in the hospital.

Miss E. H. McNichols, superintendent of the Shelby hospital, is expected to return the last of the week from Philadelphia, where she is visiting home-folks and attended the wedding of her nephew, Mr. rthur C. Craig.

Other Patients Recover.
Mrs. C. A. Borders recently entered the hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Pink McMurry's condition is very much improved and it is thought she will be able to leave the hospital soon.

Mrs. Louis Gardner and son are doing nicely and will be able to leave the hospital at an early date.

Mrs. C. B. Horton, of Grover, who was operated on last week is doing fairly well.

Misses Seofield Cook, Hattie Mae Smith and Vernon Green were all able to leave the hospital last week following operations two weeks ago.

Mr. G. T. Wright was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis and is doing fairly well.

Ollie Ross, colored, of Patterson Springs, entered the hospital last week for treatment.

County Boards In Monthly Session

The board of county commissioners and the county board of education are holding their regular monthly meeting in the court house today.

The commissioners did not get well into their work until afternoon and little of importance had been transacted early in the afternoon. However a special school tax election was ordered for the Ellis district No. 16 in No. 3 township with the view of consolidating with Patterson Springs, D. A. Blanton was appointed registrar and Rollins Camp and Trat Allen were appointed judges.

Cleveland Star Will Continue To Publish Every Other Day—50c Added to Subscription

The management of The Cleveland Star has definitely decided to maintain the every-other-day publication through the coming year and into the years to come, with the idea and purpose to advance to a daily as soon as rapidly growing Shelby and Cleveland county will justify a daily publication. We have been pleased with the encouragement that has been given us since changing to an every other-day publication. Many of our friends have been kind enough to say that the standard and variety of news has been well maintained. Such words of appreciation of our tireless efforts to serve the county and people in a manner becoming a newspaper, will serve to stir us on to greater endeavors.

In order to maintain this every other day publication, it has been found necessary, therefore, to make a slight advance in the subscription rate and on after Tuesday January 4th, the rate will be as follows: \$2.50 per year by mail, \$3.00 by carrier in Shelby.

In adding the Wednesday or mid-week issue, our subscribers receive 155 different issues in twelve months so the advanced rate is only a little above a cent and a half a copy, delivered in your mail box or residence. It is therefore less than the postage on a first class letter. Then figuring another way, the extra issue each week for 52 weeks gives our readers 52 more copies a year at an advance of only 50 cents per year on the subscription price or less than one cent per copy. By close management, we therefore contend that The Star gives more issues for the money than any other weekly, semi-weekly or thrice a week newspaper in North Carolina.

Subscription List Climbing
Since starting the every other publication a little over two months ago

Boxer Marries



Young Stribling, schoolboy boxer of Georgia, and Miss Clara Virginia Kinney, Macon, Ga., were married on the pugilist's 21st birthday.

Heavy Court Docket Before Recorder

A heavy docket faced Recorder John P. Mull and Solicitor Charles A. Burrus in the county court Monday morning, the docket for the most part being made up of holiday cases centering around booze. Quite a number of charges preferred were for driving while intoxicated.

Cops and Firemen Enjoy a Banquet

Paid members of the Shelby police and fire departments together with a few special guests enjoyed an elaborate banquet last Thursday evening at the Hilliard Tea Room.

The banquet was informal and was no speech-making other than the jovial good fellowship talk of the banquet hour.

Lexington Firemen Killed In Crash

Lexington, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for the three Lexington firemen, killed here New Year's eve, were held yesterday, followed by interment in local cemeteries.

The funeral of Daniel C. Cope, and his son, Edward, was from the first Methodist church at J. P. M., followed by the funeral of J. Howard Michael at Reed's Baptist church, five miles west of here, at 2:30 o'clock.

Six firemen from each the High Point and Thomasville fire departments will serve with the same number from the local department as pallbearers.

The condition of Henry C. Gibson and Henry Yarborough, two other firemen seriously injured in the accident that claimed the three lives was reported unchanged.

Apparently, then, Roland at last account was still alive, or at least did not meet death at Lincolnton. Very good crowds it is reported witnessed both feasts of Roland there.

All of which is good press-agencing for the dare-devil—that is if he returns to Lincolnton and Shelby. Some doubt it.

BANK DIVIDENDS REACH \$21,750

Resources of Three Shelby Banks Now Total Six and a Quarter Million Dollars.

Dividends amounting to \$21,750 have just been paid by three Shelby banking institutions—the First National bank, Cleveland Bank and Trust company and Union Trust company and according to the latest statements made at the close of business December 31st, the total resource of the three banks amount to \$6,254,947. Banks have not had a "brag" year because of the severe drought and the enforced curtailments of textile plants which effected business generally.

The First National paid its regular semi-annual dividend of six percent on its capital of \$250,000 which amounts to \$15,000. A similar distribution was made last July. Other earnings of the bank for the past year were placed to undivided profits which now amount to \$160,000, while the bank has in reserve for interest and taxes \$59,000. Total resources of the First National amount to \$4,600,000. Annual stockholders meeting will be held January 12th.

The Cleveland Bank and Trust company paid an annual dividend of three percent, amounting to \$3,750 on its paid in capital of \$125,000. Out of earnings, \$3,500 was placed to surplus and \$3,179.39 was placed to undivided profits. Total resources of the Cleveland bank as of December 31st amounted to \$740,947. The annual stockholders meeting will be held in the director's room on January 12th.

The Union Trust company paid a semi-annual dividend of three percent on its capital of \$100,000 amounting to \$3,000. Another distribution of three percent was made last July. Surplus of the Union Trust which maintains branches at Lattimore, Lavendale and Fallston was increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Total resources of this institution, according to bank statement just issued reach \$914,000. Stockholders meeting will be held January 19th.

"Human Spider" Not Killed According To Reports Here

A report was circulated over Shelby Sunday and early Monday morning that Henry Roland, the so-called "Human spider," who performed on a building here last Wednesday evening, had been killed in a fall at Lincolnton Saturday while scaling a building there. Some of those passing along the report had it that Roland, who failed to thoroughly thrill a thrill-seeking crowd here, was badly hurt, while others passed it along that he was killed.

The Star for once kills news, as it was learned definitely Monday by this paper that Roland was not killed at Lincolnton. He did not fall and was not even hurt, according to the proprietor of the North State hotel, there in conversation with a Star reporter.

Instead, said the Lincolnton hostelry keeper, Roland was very much alive the last time he saw him, "I've enough to get away without filling a contract with me," the hotel man said Roland, it is said, in climbing the hotel building both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon removed the screens from the windows of the three floors, agreeing to place them back and at the end of the climb mounted his car in a hurry and departed for Newton, the hotel man stated. A telephone call from Lincolnton to Newton by the hotel proprietors seeking the fulfillment of the alleged contract disclosed the fact that Roland told the chief of police there that he was leaving the state.

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