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## SCHOOL ELECTION FOR 3 DISTRICTS

All to be Held on Washington's  
Birthday. Four School Build-  
ings Sold by County Board

The Cleveland county board of education in session here this week granted an election for three school districts of the county, Ellis, Padgett and Cabanis. The trio of elections will be held Monday, February 22, it is announced by Superintendent Newton, secretary to the board. All will be for the purpose of deciding upon consolidation.

The Ellis district, which is in No. 3 township will vote on consolidating with Patterson Springs.

The Padgett district will vote on permanent consolidation with Lattimore. This school has already been temporarily consolidated there since the burning of the Padgett building.

The Cabanis district will vote on consolidation with Lattimore.

G. T. Cabaniss has been appointed as registrar for the Cabanis election with Coleman Blanton and Pink Irvin judges. D. A. Blanton is registrar and Rollins Camp and Trent Allen are judges for the Ellis election. For the Padgett election Cletus Walker is registrar and W. B. Petty and Roy Padgett are judges.

The decision to hold these elections and the dates for the elections were the high lights of the board meeting.

While the board was in session two school buildings and one site in the Casar district of No. 11 were sold and offers for two others rejected. The Casar building and site was sold for \$550, the sale being approved by the board. The Pruitt building was sold for \$20, sale approved. Bids of \$82 for the Newton Grove building and \$81 for the McNeilly building were rejected by the board.

## FOUGHT BROTHER AND SHOT COUSIN

A display of the opposite of brotherly affection mixed with gun play in which a cousin was the receiver of the lead, cost Doc Roberts, negro man of Bowling Springs, \$50 and the costs before Recorder Mull Wednesday morning.

From the garbled accounts of the affair given on the stand it seems if Doc and his brother George engaged in a wretched scuffle Monday night regarding reports of activity concerning a woman. Starlan Wilson, a first cousin, was in the room looking on, when according to Doc a gun hanging on the wall was jarred off and cousin Starlan was shot in the face, the bullet entering the cheek and coming out on the back of the neck. Just how the gun managed to be discharged as it fell to the floor to the floor smoking and Starlan had a hole in his face, Roberts denied that he had the gun in his hand during the scuffle with his brother and also denied that he had even touched the gun.

Fortunately, for one or all, Wilson was not fatally or even seriously injured. The bullet rumbled through his knocked him for a bit, but he was in the court room Wednesday morning and told the judge that a physician told him he would be all right within a few days if he took care of himself.

Greensboro.—Republicans in this city and various organizations plan to invite the Republicans of the state to hold their convention here, it was learned. Special effort will be made to get the convention here. It will be held in March.

## Uncle Phil, Heroic Darky Of Old South, Clothed Comfortably From Charity Fund

"Uncle Phil" aged negro and peer of faithful servants in slave days and since, will be comfortably clothed for the next cold rain and sleet. Shelby feeling some responsibility for honoring one of the heroic colored characters of Civil war days, has seen to it that the next cold snap will find Phil Roseboro, far-famed servant of gallant Confederate officers in better shape to withstand the biting winds. It does not take much cold to administer a knockout to an old fellow of 87 interesting years and such has been the service Phil rendered in those 87 years that kind-hearted citizens of "The City of Springs" have been moved to make the few remaining years comfortable.

Monday some one sent old Phil through the drizzling rain to The Star office to see if by any chance he could be helped through the Christmas Charity Fund made possible by charitable Shelby folks. In he "squashed" with the water oozing out of his worn-out shoes. He wouldn't ask for much. The pride of the old-time Roseboro family of South Caro-

## Big Gain Shown In Postal Receipts For Local Office

A record gain for any year was shown in the Shelby postoffice for 1925. During the year just closed the increase in postal receipts was near \$5,000, an increase shown in only a few second-class postoffices in the state.

Business men and financial experts figure that postal receipts are the best index to the growth and prosperity of a town and the increase here, even greater than that of 1924, shows that the year just closed was one of the steadiest business years the town has ever known even though the season of drought brought so-called "hard-times."

The exact gain for the year was \$4,492.30 over the total postal receipts of 1924. In 1924 total postal receipts were \$27,227.59; in 1925 they were \$31,720.89. The percentage of increase is 16.5 per cent.

This increase is 3 per cent greater than that of 1924 over 1923, the year thought to have been Shelby's best, the increase of 1924 over 1923 being 13.6 per cent.

Near First Class Office. First class postoffices must have an annual postal receipts total of \$40,000 or more and two more years will easily carry the Shelby office by that mark, it is estimated by Postmaster J. H. Quinn. Two more years with increases just equal to that of

## Merchants Sure Star Does Cover All Of County

After holiday sales being staged by Shelby merchants have convinced them, they say, that the motto line of The Star is nothing else than—"The Star Covers Cleveland Completely."

"We believe now that The Star more than covers Cleveland completely," remarked W. H. Hudson of the Wray-Hudson firm Tuesday. The comment came in during the busy moments of waiting on a flood of customers attending the Wray-Hudson sale.

At Fanning's a big cash converter sale has brought similar sentiments. Both sales are being attended unusually well for after holiday events, when all the money has generally been expended. Officials of both stores consider the trade as rushing as that of the holiday season. Bargains well advertised, is their way of explaining it.

## Dr. McBrayer Open Handsome Offices

Six convenient and handsomely furnished offices have been fitted up by Dr. Reuben McBrayer in the Royster building, second floor, facing S. Washington street, where he will give more intensive attention to the practice of internal medicine in which he makes a specialty. An X-ray machine, Alpine lamp, fully equipped laboratory and modern inventions for the examination and treatment of patients, make this one of the most complete medical offices in this part of the state. The Alpine lamp is for the treatment of skin diseases, tuberculosis and asthma. One room is given over entirely to the treatment of genitourinary diseases. A hospital bed is furnished for treatment and examination of patients. Mrs. Turner, practical nurse and well known in Shelby, is in charge of the offices all the time.

Mammals are classified thus: man and the lower animals. Man does the classifying.

## County Taxes Over Half Paid To Date

Announcement comes from the office of Sheriff Hugh Logan that practically 50 per cent of the county taxes have been paid at the start of a New Year.

With the exception of 1925 this is perhaps a record as opinion of those familiar with tax gathering is that the New Year generally sees no more than 30 or 40 per cent of all county taxes paid.

Crestfallen, he started back to his plow. That every detail of his brain picture had been found as imagined did not strike him as remarkable. His disappointment at not finding the jewelry swamped his other thoughts.

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1925 will take the total beyond \$40,000. Local postoffice officials had hoped this year that the increase would take total receipts up to \$23,000, which permits certain salary increases and the total would no doubt have reached that mark had it not been for the dry season.

The year 1925 passed on postal receipts started off with a rush. The June quarter, composed of April, May and June, gave the biggest gain of the year, an increase of 23 per cent over the same period in 1924. However, the three dry months in the September quarter, composed of July, August and September, when merchants cased up in advertising saw a drop in the general increase. Had this quarter held the high average of the preceding quarter another year would have placed the Shelby office in first class. Notwithstanding the dry season postal receipts for the holiday quarter, October, November and December, showed a gain over the same period in 1924. Total receipts in the December quarter of 1925 were \$9,250.20; in the same period last year it was \$8,799.73.

It is reasonably certain without undue trouble that receipts for 1926 will total \$5,000 or more gain with a similar gain for 1927, which would place total receipts between \$2,000 and \$4,500 over the necessary \$40,000 for the first class office.

## COUNTY BILLS PAID BY COMMISSIONERS

Other than ordering the three school elections put forth by the school board and approving other minor business matters little of general importance was transacted in the regular monthly meeting of the commissioners Monday.

Bills ordered paid were: Arrowood and Howell, cement \$36; Art Wilson, cleaning home, \$25; Flay H. Hoey, supplies \$19.93; C. C. Cook Deputy sheriff services, \$10; H. Dedmon relieved on \$12 property 1925; J. H. Costner, bridge work, \$2; Alvin Hardin, county agent \$125; Boyd Camp, burying mule \$3; W. G. Hard, sawing bridge lumber \$7.48; R. A. Doughton Co., tax books \$141.95; L. C. Palmer, bridge work \$126.50; Ideal Ice and Fuel co; wood court house \$8; C. H. Sheppard, capturing still \$20; Shelby Hardware Co., supplies \$4.58; M. A. McSwain, supplies \$2; R. L. Ryburn supplies \$200; South Shelby Pharmacy supplies \$21.75; W. R. Newton, stamp \$2; Webb Bros supplies home \$59.20; L. A. Cabaniss, salary and expenses 115.30; Paul Poston, work on tractor \$35.55; Cleve land Hardware Co., \$23.05; H. A. Logan, jail expenses \$251.35; Wray-Hudson Co., \$24.35; S. W. Dixon, bridge work \$137.25; Washburn Oil Co., supplies \$18.98; A. P. Spake, coffin for home \$7.50; Star Pub Co., supplies \$1; Major Hopper supplies \$15.55; D. A. Branton, \$42.25; Mitchell Printing Co., supplies \$42.08; Edwards and Broughton Co., record book \$48.81; Thompson Co., lumber Home \$53.31; Irma Wallace, Home agent \$50; Chas. C. Wallace, bridge lumber \$15; Farmer Mutual Fire Ins. Co., \$13.13; G. M. Peeler, bridge lumber \$75; Hugh Lowery capturing still \$20; C. C. Martin, bridge work \$6; Kendall Medicine Co., home \$6.50; F. D. Wilson, deputy sheriff services \$5; H. G. Ware, capturing still \$20; Art Wilson, cleaning home \$50; Shelby Water and Light Plant, \$88.61; Shel by Supply Co., bridge work \$3.75; Cleveland News Tax notices \$26.33; O. C. Dixon, \$15; Paragon Furniture Co., supplies \$7.10; R. L. Weathers stamps \$7; T. W. Ebeltoft, office supplies \$5.82.

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He had no reason for believing the stolen property was there, he said, but it never occurred to him to think it foolish that he should stop plowing and turn detective on that account. The one idea in his mind he said was that the jewelry was as good as found. The plow handles knew him no more that day.

The distance to the mountain was not great, he said, but it seemed ages and ages to his boyish mind before he reached the vicinity. He climbed the hill and found a group of trees which looked something like that which he had seen in his imagination. He entered and looked for the hollow log. He was disappointed there, he said, for while there was a large log which looked very much like the one he was looking for, it seemed to be solid all through. He sounded it with a stick and there was nothing to indicate it had a cavity.

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## "Nicky" Is Out



Jules W. "Nicky" Arnstein, husband of Fannie Brice, actress, photographed upon his release from Leavenworth federal prison where he served 18 months as a principal in a New York \$5,000,000 bond scandal.

## MARSHAL COIN WHEN BOY WAS DETECTIVE

Deputy Marshal, Well Known Here,  
Tells of His Big Case. He  
Worked on Intuition.

Shelby folks and those around this section will be interested in the entertaining story related in Charlotte of the first detective case at Hendersonville of M. C. Coin, deputy marshal, who attends Federal courts here and also does a bit of work in the moonshine sections.

M. C. Coin, was moved to reminiscences Monday in Charlotte and his thoughts carried back to the time when he first "broke in" detective work. He was a lad of 16, plowing on his father's farm near Hendersonville. Since that time, he says, he has seen many of the experiences he dreamed of when he was a boy but none of them has given him as much pleasure as the one in which he as the "boy detective" solved the mystery of the Hendersonville jewelry robbery.

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## 1,252 Children Now Ride Trucks To Better Schools

It is a far cry from the days when the rural school children of Cleveland county tramped from one to three miles to attend school and the present day when 24 motor trucks whirl over the good roads of the county transporting 1,252 school children safely to and from school.

The ensuing years will witness greater changes. The county-wide plan of consolidation as supported by the commission board 50-50 will bring into use from 50 to 60 motor trucks in all and over 2,000 rural children will ride to school.

It is hard for the elders of the county to visualize all that has already taken place, and it will still be harder when the education of the county has been so centralized that instead of four centers, Shelby, Kings Mountain, Lattimore and Piedmont, there will be more than a dozen.

Each section made up of a little section, will have its own big school and transportation to carry the children there.

Safe Transportation. With over 1,000 children riding the school trucks daily it is remarkable that there have not been more accidents.

So far only one child is known to have been injured. In connection with this injury which was slight it might be stated that it was because of a violation of the law to protect school children. A little girl was leaving the school truck when struck and injured by another car passing.

Same As Street Cars. The same ruling that protects street car passengers in cities put a cloak of safety around the rural school children. It is against the law for a motorist to pass a school truck

while children are being taken on or put off. Cleveland county motor car owners would do well to remember that. Motorists so doing protect their own children and County Superintendent J. C. Newton urges that all car drivers cooperate in complying. The law itself reads: "That no person operating any motor vehicle on the public roads shall pass, or attempt to pass, any public school bus while the same is standing on the said public roads taking on or putting off school children, without first bringing said motor vehicle to a full stop at a distance not less than fifty feet from the said bus. Person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not to exceed \$50, or imprisoned not to exceed 30 days."

These Rides to School. Thirty schools of the county now use trucks for transportation of the children, 24 trucks being used and transporting 1,252. The schools number of trucks used and number of pupils transported each day during the school year follow:

School	No. Trucks	No Pupils
Fallston	1	36
Grover	1	46
Bethware	1	92
Fairview	3	127
Moriah	2	108
Beam's Mill	1	21
Piedmont	3	125
Union	3	170
Waco	2	106
Lattimore	3	207
Casar	2	150
Patterson Springs	1	30
Mooresboro	1	34
Total 13	24	1,252

## TRESPASSING TRIAL BRINGS CONVICTION

The trespassing case, which ended in a jury mistrial Friday and attracted the interest of quite a number of people, came up again before Recorder John P. Mull Tuesday and was brought to an end when the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The cast was that in which Messrs. Leander Hamrick and J. W. Wesson charged five young men with trespassing on their land and hunting without first obtaining written permission from the owners. The specific charge which brought the verdict was that of trespassing on the Wesson lands.

Heavy Docket Continues. Court took up practically the entire day Monday and continued with quite a number of cases Tuesday. The pre-holiday dullness of court dockets has completely disappeared. Those who found time before Christmas to attend court and did not find any court to attend are now working overtime.

The cases Monday for the most part were of a liquid nature and dealt with the customary plural of the Christmas spirit. Other cases Tuesday in addition to the trespass case included one for drunk and disorderly conduct and three for gambling.

## McKinley-Root Concert Company Here Thurs.

The McKinley-Root Concert company, a trio of young lady entertainers is to appear on the lyceum course at the Shelby graded school auditorium Thursday night of this week. The three are very versatile and capable entertainers. Miss McKinley being a dramatic soprano and pianist, Miss Eugenia Root a superb violinist and barjo jicker, Miss Edna Bell, a regular comedienne and a most remarkable entertainer with her Scotch song impersonations. Their program consists of songs, stories, readings, music and humor and indications are that this number will be one of the best of the season's programs.

up, he ran home and told his father what he had found and sent him to the sheriff. He then returned to the hill and hid himself in the top of a fallen tree.

It was in the afternoon, he said, before anyone came. It was a young man who lived on the other side of the hills, the son of excellent but, himself, wild.

Presently he packed the jewelry away in the suit case and left, going home with it. The young detective "shadowed" him. It was at the home before day next morning when the officers went in and arrested the thief and recovered the stolen property. In the meantime he had gone to town and stolen the bicycle, which Mr. Coin recovered also. He was sentenced to the state penitentiary.

## Readers Strong For Tri-Weekly Paper Renewals Reveal

The announcement that The Star would continue publishing three times each week is meeting with the hearty approval of the thousand of readers of the paper. When it was announced that the subscription price would be advanced slightly scores of subscribers renewed promptly, many extending their subscription two years ahead. Many others have since come in and renewed at the new rate and have expressed the opinion that a paper three times each week is well worth the small difference in price.

Practically all have declared themselves to the conviction that the paper should be continued so. "A newsy paper every other day gives us the news before it rambles around by grapevine wireless and makes The Star better than ever," one subscriber remarked. Shelby and Cleveland county have so advanced in recent years that a semi-weekly newspaper is not keeping the step with the progressiveness of the citizenship and The Star is made happy to feel that readers of the paper that "Covers Cleveland Completely" appreciate the attempt to keep step with them in their advancement, and boost while it still is news their achievements.

## High Teachers To Meet On Saturday

The Cleveland County High School association will hold a meeting Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the office of the county superintendent, it is announced.

All high school principals and teachers in the county interested in the annual Hoey Oratorical contest and the Selma Webb Essay and Recitation contests are urged to attend. The date of the Hoey contest has been set for February 5th, and at this meeting the date for the other contests will be arranged and other details worked out.

## CLEVELAND NATIVE MEETS DOUBLE AFTER 15 YEARS OF MIXING MAIL

Charlotte.—The paths of two men of the same name which have been diverging for fifteen years, converged here Tuesday and brought the men face to face for the first time in their lives. The men were Nat Royster, manager of the Broadway theater at Charlotte, and Nat Royster, advance representative of "Artists and Models" which is to play here soon.

For fifteen years the Roysters, though living far apart, have heard of each other, have received each others mail, have been mistaken for each other.

Mr. Royster, of New York, for five years was manager of the LaSalle theater in Chicago. Mr. Royster, of Charlotte, was manager of the Temple theater, in Birmingham, Ala.

## WIFE OF VANISHED MAN DEAD OF GRIEF

Rutherford Man Missing From Spin-  
dale Home Then Wife Died  
Monday Night. Search on

Search throughout the Carolinas was instituted Tuesday for Grady L. Gilbert, of Rutherfordton, whose absence since Saturday morning was expected and whose wife died suddenly Monday at Asheville—where she was taken in a state of near-collapse Sunday, according to information obtained in Charlotte from Harry Gilbert, of Darlington, S. C. brother of the missing man says a news story in the Charlotte News.

Mrs. Gilbert's death was attributed largely to worry over the unexplained absence of her husband. C. L. Gilbert, father of the missing man and superintendent of the Darlington cotton mills, at Darlington, accompanied his younger son, aged nineteen years on the trip to Charlotte to start the search.

Description Given. The object of the search was described as 29 years of age, five feet, eleven inches tall, of fair complexion, light hair, normal build, weighing about 165 pounds. He is a member of the American Legion and Oasis temple of the Mystic Shrine according to the younger Mr. Gilbert. Grady Gilbert did not serve with the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War, having been discharged in the United States after developing heart trouble, it was explained.

When last seen Saturday, the missing man was five miles from Charlotte, on the Charlotte-Gastonia Highway traveling toward this city in his Willys-Knight touring car of probably 1922 model, the younger brother said. He obtained this information from residents of Rutherfordton, who passed him when they were leaving Charlotte.

Grady Gilbert was an employe in the office of the Spinners Processing Company, of Spindale. He left that office about 10 o'clock Saturday morning, explaining that he intended to buy a lunch.

Members of his family at Rutherfordton became alarmed late Saturday when Grady Gilbert did not return either to his office or to his home and a search was begun Sunday by his brother and father. In the meantime, Mrs. Louise Green Gilbert wife of the missing man, was accompanied to the home of her father J. C. Green of Asheville, where she died suddenly Monday night. She apparently was in good health though deeply worried, when she went to Asheville, according to her brother-in-law.

## Shot Five Times, Mrs. Coyle To Go Back To Husband

Gaffney, S. C., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Annie Phipps Coyle and Walter Coyle, wife and husband, who were principal figures in a shooting affray here two weeks ago that resulted in Mrs. Coyle being a patient in the city hospital and Coyle a prisoner in the Cherokee county jail, intend to live together peacefully and rebuild their shattered romance in the future.

Mrs. Coyle, convalescing from five bullet wounds in her body, said to have been inflicted by Mr. Coyle, sent for her husband to come to see her at the hospital. Sheriff Wright accompanied Coyle to the institution, where the father and mother of 11 children greeted each other with anxious smiles. No reference was made to the shooting affray by either, except Mrs. Coyle indicated to her husband the points in her body where the bullets struck.

"When you get well and I get out of jail we are going to live together right and make our home what it ought to be," Coyle said.

Mrs. Coyle's answer was a sigh of contentment.

Hospital physicians say Mrs. Coyle may yet lose her right arm, which was shattered by one of the bullets that struck her.

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