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MINISTER BLAMES BOOZE WAVE AT PAINTER FUNERAL

Shelby Mayor and Police Officers
Attend Funeral of Slain
Cherryville Chief of Police.

Declaring that liquor was responsible for the crime, and that "90 per cent of the males of Cherryville were drinking alcoholic liquor in some form," Rev. Charles A. Linn, pastor of the Lutheran church at Cherryville, threw something in the nature of a bombshell at the funeral Sunday afternoon of Chief of Police A. L. Painter, it is reported here.

The funeral of the dead officer, shot Thursday in Cherryville by one Jesse Van Dyke, believed to have been liquorped up, was attended by a crowd estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 persons. So great was the throng that the decision was reached to hold the funeral in the high school auditorium instead of the church, as affording more room.

The other victim of the wild sortie of Van Dyke, Horace S. Farnsworth was reported Monday as on the road to recovery in the Lincoln hospital.

Chief of Police Painter died at the Lincoln hospital late Saturday, lingering for some forty-eight hours after the tragedy.

A Shelby angle on the story developed Monday, when it was reported Clyde R. Hoey and O. Max Gardner had been retained as counsel for the alleged murderer, Van Dyke. News to this effect was published Monday in the Charlotte Observer in a dispatch from Gastonia.

Hoey and Gardner? At the local offices of the two attorneys it was announced Monday morning that they had gone to Gastonia, but confirmation that they had actually been retained in the case was lacking.

The painter funeral was attended by Mayor Weathers and the police force of Shelby, including Chief Hamrick, James Hester, McBride Poston and M. M. Moore.

Addressing the great gathering at the high school auditorium, in a funeral oration over the dead police chief, Rev. Mr. Linn asserted that he believed and hoped that in this case good would come out of evil, and that the tragedy would bear the fruit of wakening the people of Cherryville to the seriousness of the liquor traffic. He declared plainly, in unequivocal terms, that the Volstead act is being violated in that section by at least 90 per cent of the people, those present saw.

"It was one of the plainest talks I ever heard a man deliver," said Chief of Police Hamrick, commenting upon the discourse.

The gathering was addressed by three other pastors of the local churches, including Rev. Mr. Doebel, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. J. J. Beach, of the Baptist church and Rev. Mr. Mock, of the Methodist church.

Meantime while the impressive service was in progress, Van Dyke was in jail in Gastonia, closely guarded.

Chief Hamrick said Monday that the funeral was attended by some 50 or 40 police officers of this section of the country, Chief Painter being broadly known and very popular throughout the Piedmont. For a number of years he served as Chief of Police of Blacksburg, later going to Kings Mountain, he had been head of the Cherryville force since 1919.

He is survived by a widow and seven children. He was fifty-four years old.

An unusual and solemn touch added to the funeral service, was the march to the grave of a company of the Ku Klux, in full regalia.

The white-robed figures appeared suddenly upon the scene of the gathering, issuing from a near-by lumber plant. They attended the service, and at the grave a wreath, inscribed with the insignia of the order "K.K.K." was laid upon the mound.

After the service the shrouded figures dispersed as mysteriously as they had come.

It was authoritatively stated in Shelby Monday that a large per centage of the Klansmen were from this city, which together with those from Cherryville, made up the delegation.

The Point of View
Little Bill yipped over the edge of the carpet and dropped the dish of tanioca he was carrying. Picking himself up, he remarked, cheerfully, "That's lucky."

His mother was indignant. "What's lucky, I should like to know?" she asked.

"Why it's lucky I don't like tapioca," replied Billy.

Plan the garden before spring comes, advise horticultural workers at State College. To have an extra early garden, it may be necessary to build a hot bed and cold frame. These are easily built and are valuable.

Letter Found In Shelby Written By Robert E. Lee

A letter, or an order, as the case may be, written by General Robert E. Lee has been unearthed in Shelby. It belongs to Mrs. J. D. Mundy, sister of Mr. Paul Webb. Mr. Webb unearthed it in looking through some old papers for a deed. Amongst the lot of old documents, his eye caught sight of a letter, which he thought might be interesting, and he read it.

It proved to be a R. E. Lee document. A personal relic of the immortal Southerner. It is a faded and much folded document, written after a painstaking, copy-plate style, and is an example of that gesture in penmanship when the careful ones shaded their letters. But the pith of it sets forth the plain, sincere and formal thought of the great Confederate leader.

The order is apparently that written to Lee's men after the surrender. Following is a verbatim copy of it:

"Hdqs. A. N. V.
General Order No. 9.
"After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude the A. N.

Va., has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles who have remained steadfast to the last that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them, but feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past service endeared them to their countrymen. By the terms of the agreement officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you his blessings and protection. With unceasing admiration of your constance and devotion to your country and the grateful remembrance of your kind and gracious consideration for myself I bid you an affectionate farewell.

"R. E. LEE, General."

STATE PANKS NEXT TO PUBLIC LEADER

North Carolina Spends More Money
For Public Improvement Than
Any With Single Exception.

Raleigh, Jan.—Although North Carolina received in revenues per capita less than 42 of the 48 states in the Union in 1924, she spent more money for public improvements than any state in the country, with the single exception of Illinois. Her total interest charges, however, were higher than any of the states, with the exception of three.

Spending \$32,670,000 for permanent improvements during that year she ranked second highest in this particular, being outdistanced only by Illinois, the expenditures for that state for this purpose having totalled \$39,280,000.

But North Carolina's per capita revenue receipts were only \$7.80. This was lower than any states, except Illinois, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Arkansas.

The figures are compiled by the bureau of the census of the United States department of commerce, and have just been received here.

But while North Carolina's expenditure for permanent improvements ran very high, comparatively, and while her revenue receipts per capita were comparatively very low, her interest charges were high. Only three other states paid out larger sums for interest in 1924. They were, New York, Michigan and California.

North Carolina's interest payments in 1924 ran to the tidy sum of \$3,495,000. New York's interest payments exceeded the ten million dollar mark, but the other two states whose interest charges were larger than North Carolina's were ahead of this state in that particular only slightly—neither of them paying as much as \$4,000,000 for interest.

North Carolina in 1924 ranked high in another particular—the amount of income taxes collected. Of 21 states levying income taxes in 1924 North Carolina collected more than any except New York. This state's revenue from that source was \$4,466,000, while New York's totalled \$9,583,000.

Other sources of revenue which brought in large sums to North Carolina's treasury were the motor vehicle license, from which source this state received more than \$2,000,000; motor fuel taxes, which brought in nearly \$4,000,000; and the earning of general departments the figure for the latter being placed at \$3,066,000 for interest.

Shelby Folks "Enjoy"
Shrine Ceremonial

A large party from Shelby journeyed to Charlotte Friday to attend the Shrine meeting. The party left Shelby at 6 o'clock Friday morning, and called it a day at 10 o'clock that night.

Following composed the group: Tom McSwain, Durham Moore, W. T. Alexander, of the Moore and Leverett firm; Tom Eskridge, Richard Brabble and Dr. Hunt of Lattimore.

Paul Wootton, John Honeycutt, R. Z. Riviere, Garnett Cox, Will Metcalf, W. J. Roberts, George Small, Charlie Laughridge, E. B. Hopper, Dewey Plummer, Enos Beam, Knox Hardin, Wade Hoey, Shovine Beam, C. R. Doggett, and Mr. Graham of the Doggett firm; George Washburn, Holly Ledford, Otto Long, Fred Baber, Pey-

Sailor And Girl Draw Fines Here

Legends sometimes will not be criticized.

Song and romance of the seas for endless years of nor'westers have cast on the shoreline the legend that a "sailor has a sweetheart in every port." Mayhaps it's the duty of seafaring men to live up to the legends of the sea—many men wouldn't consider it strenuous duty to seek a sweetheart on every shore.

Anyway the words sweetheart and sailor mingle together with the case of salt with sea water. Nobody can take the salt out of sea water, but sometimes a judge can take the kick out of a good time for a sailor and his sweetheart.

Monday morning a sailor—they were once famed for their balloon trousers—and a girl were before Recorder Mull charged with several things, among them being a charge against the gob for being under the influence of an intoxicant—liquor used to be the word, but you never know nowadays—and there were also charges against the girl. Sometime during the week end the car in which the couple was riding near Grover didn't follow a seaman's compass in navigation and there was a crash. Then the officers.

Judge Mull wrote a finis to the song of the sea with \$75 and the costs opposite the hero's name and \$25 to the side of the heroine's name as registered on the blotter.

And so ends another yarn of the seas, of ships that go and come in the night, and those that have wrecks and travel not.

Shelby Methodists At District Meet

A delegation from the Methodist church of Shelby attended a meeting in Gastonia Friday, called for the general purpose to consider ways and means to raise six thousand dollars, needed in the foreign mission fields.

The meeting was successful, and resulted in arranging for three other meetings to be held in the surrounding territory, one here at Shelby slated for the 28th of January, one for Lincoln and another in Gastonia.

The following composed the delegation that attended the Friday meeting: Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Boyer, the former the pastor of the Methodist church; Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Ford, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Hennessa and Mrs. C. R. Hoey.

Hoey Bible Class To Put On Drive

The Hoey Bible class of Central Methodist church will next Sunday start a drive for regular attendance of members, who in the past have attended none too regularly. Meetings preparing details of the drive will be held this week and two teams will wage a contest in the drive, one being headed by Ward Arney and the other by Oliver S. Anthony.

The class with over 300 men enrolled is one of the largest classes in the state, and during the drive new members will also be sought although the major purpose is to get all old members back to attending regularly.

Fights Mediums



Captain Clive Mackelaine, above, is head of the Occult Committee of the Magic Circle, England, attempting to expose fake spiritualists.

BETTER BUSINESS, SHORTER DRESSES, SAYS SHELBY MAN

Local Merchant Back From New
York Sees Prospects Ahead of
Good Spring Business.

Spring business amongst the merchants will be the best ever, and they are going to be shorter, meaning the ladies skirts.

That's the pith of the news J. C. McNeely brings back from New York, after a week's spring buying trip. Mr. McNeely blew in Sunday.

Concerning the business outlook, he said: "New York is crowded with buyers, and they are purchasing freely, and they believe the country will have the best spring business it ever had."

On the subject of spring styles, he said: "One of the leading features of the spring regalia, both in millinery and dresses, is the coloring. There are many new and attractive shades. The creators called on Florida for their ideas. For example there is the Miami rose, the Pensacola blue.

"Other outstanding shades are sea green, hartrose a light shade of green; peach, coral, bow de rose, raspberry, matador red and Hussar blue.

"Most of the styles are full; there are some straight lines. Suits are much in favor, the skirt, coat and blouse. The dresses are some shorter, averaging from 12 to 14 inches above the shoe.

"The length most commonly worn now is about ten or eleven inches."

Fire Destroys Home On Kings Mtn. Road

Fire which is supposed to have originated from a stove flue, Friday night destroyed the home of Will Williams, white farmer living to the back of the Fairview Filling station on the Shelby-Kings Mountain highway. The house as well as all contents and the smoke-house nearby were totally destroyed. Neighbors hurried to the scene of the fire and saved an organ and sewing machine which is all the members of the family have left from the home except the clothes they had on. Mr. Williams has a wife and four children and friends are making up a purse for their relief. It is understood the insurance amounted to only \$500 which by no means covers the heavy loss.

Modern Woodmen To Stage Campaign Here

The local camp of Modern Woodmen is this week staging a drive for new members in Shelby and over the county. The drive will be featured by a big meeting to be held Wednesday night in Webb hall.

District Deputy J. C. Gibbs is spending several days here in connection with the drive and will be present at the meeting Wednesday night. The local camp now has a membership of about 40 and hopes to increase this to about 100 members during the drive.

Enos Beam Will Undergo Operation

Mr. Enos Beam, one of the proprietors of the Princess theatre, was expected to be operated on at the Lincoln hospital Monday for appendicitis.

It is understood he left Shelby for Lincoln Monday morning, for at least a two weeks' stay in the hospital.

KENDALL MEDICINE SHOWS REMARKABLE ADVANCE RECENTLY

The Kendall Medicine Company held its annual meeting the 15th, at which time facts were revealed which indicates this is one of the foremost progressive concerns of this section.

The company is four-year old. The first year—1921—the annual business aggregated less than fifty thousand dollars. The year past the volume leaped to a figure between a quarter and a half million.

And C. Rush Hamrick told The Star after the meeting that it is anticipated, and plans were laid for a 50 per cent jump in 1923.

In the parlance of the day, that is stepping on the gas.

All the officers and directors of the company were re-elected at the meeting. The following is the official personnel: William Linberger, president; B. H. Kendall, vice president; C. Rush Hamrick, secretary-treasurer and general manager; Directors: J. D. Linberger, Felix O. Gee, Paul Webb, J. A. Suttle and F. D. Quinn.

The company has expanded to take in territory of six counties, and employs three salesmen on the road.

Good Show Coming Here January 29, For Night Stand

"Nadina of Paradise Isle" Romantic
Play, and Fine Music Coming
At an Early Date.

Shelby is assured what promises to be a good show, of modern variety, Friday night, January 29, when "Nadina of Paradise Isle" comes to the Central school under the auspices of the Shelby's Woman's club and Central school.

Shows come and go, and Shelby frequently gets the type that goes and no one wants back. This show promises something different in the cast of characters is included some of the most famous stage stars of modern plays—Broadway lights.

How would you like to see a show that had in the cast: Kenneth Curry, the one-time leading man of "White Cargo", the recent stage hit; or Raymond Cardwell, one of the original characters in "What Price Glory", the thing that set even blarney Broadway gasping; or Miss Marjorie Chester, well known stage beauty?

They're all coming to Shelby, or are supposed to come in "Nadina of Paradise Isle". All of which should be a treat. But these stars are not just coming here for presentation formally, but as characters in a play that is in itself entertaining and popular.

What's more there will be skits galore of music, dancing and singing—the catchy stuff, Shelby seldom sees until it has become antique—ukeleles, steel guitars and the ever-accompanying dusky maidens, for "Nadina" of course, a native of the romantic seas and "Paradise Isle" could not help but be of the South sea jutting land where the sun kisses and the moon bewitches. Emily Montrose will be leading lady. In the larger cities that store would draw a full house. The play is by Lincoln Osborn, author of "Playwrights", and a famous creator of stage studies. The play is put out by Mary Byron, Inc., and is press agent as better than "The Birds of Paradise."

Miss Dorothy Justin, advance agent and former opera talker, completed arrangements for the presentation here last week.

Yates Mauney Gets Acquittal Verdict

Gastonia, Jan. 16.—Yates Mauney, 21 was acquitted of murder in the second degree in Superior court here today when a jury found that Wesley Hallman, farmer boy, was not fatally cut by the defendant at a corn shucking last fall when a gang of city boys and country lads engaged in a fight in the upper part of the county.

The defendant's counsel, including O. Max Gardner, attempted to show that the dead man was cut with a pocket knife in the hands of his brother, Joe Hallman. The case lasted two days and attracted wide attention.

J. T. Bland Dies At At Rockford Home

Mr. S. L. Gillespie, music dealer of W. Marion street, has received word of the death of his cousin, Mr. J. T. Bland, of Rockford, this state, which occurred last week. Mr. Bland was not only well known in the Shelby section, but he had a number of relatives here. Back some fifteen years ago, he lived in this section and taught music. At the time of his death, Mr. Gillespie said, he was making his home with his son at Rockford. He was 70 years of age.

Chimney Rock Co. Takes Old Historic Properties For Value Of \$600,000

Week-End Rains
Proved Valuable

Shelby and Cleveland county are on easy street, with money in the bank speaking in terms of rain. The downpour Sunday and Monday night is estimated to have added an inch or an inch and a half to the store, which had already been enhanced by the recent snowfall.

With these latest deposits of rainfall, effects of the drought, so far as water storage is concerned, are practically neutralized.

MANY TALKS IN LAST PRESS MEET

Chapel Hill, Jan. 15.—What is regarded as one of the most eventful and successful press meetings ever held in the state came to a close here this afternoon with adjournment of the second newspaper institute to be held under the auspices of the North Carolina Press association and the university.

Before leaving for home this afternoon the newspaper folks heartily endorsed the institute idea and expressed the hope that another such meeting might be held in the near future. The institute was divided into weekly and daily sections this morning for the discussion of special problems. In the weekly section Lee B. Weathers, of The Cleveland Star, presided. There were discussions by Ole Buck, field manager of the Nebraska Press association, who told of the problems of the country weekly; by Prof. E. E. Peacock, of the university school of commerce, who outlined a practical system of accounting for weeklies; and by M. W. Atwood, managing editor of the Observer-Dispatch, of Utica, N. Y., followed by an open forum discussion.

Freedom of the Press.
In the daily section Gerald W. Johnson, professor of journalism in the university, discussed some aspects of the freedom of the press.

Mr. Atwood gave a survey he had made of the daily newspapers of North Carolina, referring specifically to what he considers their merits and shortcomings.

U. L. McCall, southern division superintendent of the Associated Press, discussed methods of co-operation for better Associated Press service.

A general session was held early in the afternoon, with A. C. Honeycutt, editor of the Stanly News-Herald, of Albemarle, presiding.

Morrison Jewelry is Sold to Alexander

The E. G. Morrison jewelry store which has been under the operation of John S. McKnight, trustee for the creditors for the past sixty days has been sold to Mr. George Alexander who will continue the business in the future at the same stand in the Linberger building. Mr. Alexander has gone to the jewelry markets where he will buy a full line of jewelry, cut glass, glassware and musical instruments to restock the store with an entirely new line. When Mr. Morrison, the former owner of the store made an assignment, Mr. John S. McKnight prominent wholesale grocerman of the firm of McKnight and Company, was appointed by the creditors to operate the store and under splendid management the creditors will receive more than they would have received in the final settlement of the affairs of the company.

Lincoln County Boy Is Highly Honored

"I am very highly gratified at reading of the success of W. W. Keever, Lincoln county boy, who stood second in the intercollegiate poultry judging contest at Madison Square Garden," declared Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham yesterday.

"Young Keever is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Keever, of Lincoln. Under the present arrangement," he continued, "the department of agriculture and state college, under Dr. E. C. Brooks, are working in co-operation with each other along all lines and the relations between these two state agencies for the promotion of agricultural endeavor are very cordial. I want to see the department extended to the college all the financial aid possible, as well as its moral support."—Raleigh News and Observer.

Biggest Realty Transfer of Year Takes Place in Western Carolina. Involves Chimney Rock.

Asheville, Jan. 16.—The biggest realty transfer of the year in western North Carolina was announced today. It involves the taking over of the Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., owners and developers of Lake Lure, the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$600,000 it is understood. The properties transferred include: the famous Chimney Rock described as America's most spectacular monolith, which towers 315 feet above the automobile parking space on the mountainside; the unique Cliff Dwellers Inn; the dining pavilion in the clouds; the Devils Head; Hickory Nut falls; with its sheer drop of 400 feet in its plunge of 1,700 feet to the Rocky Broad river; the Appian Way; Exclamation point, so named by B. C. Forbes; the Needles Eye; Moonshiners cave, and all the rights and easements belonging to the three-mile toll road from the valley to the foot of Chimney Rock. Approximately 200 acres of the best located land in the Rocky Broad canyon is included in the transfer, 50 acres of which adjoins other lands of the purchasing corporation, at an elevation of over 3,000 feet, all of it overlooking the basin of Lake Lure.

Chimney Rock is famous in history. It is believed that it was from this point that Henry Clay made his famous and often quoted remark, "I am listening to the trend of oncoming millions." It was at this same pinnacle that Christian Reid in a moment of inspiration declared of western North Carolina "This is the Land of the Sky," and so gave the region its accepted name. Dr. F. A. Sondley, famous North Carolina historian of Asheville, declares that unquestionably the first white men to gaze on Chimney Rock were DeSoto and his intrepid band of adventurers on their way to the discovery of the Mississippi. The early English explorers and later the settlers of Tennessee and Kentucky all wended their way through this gorge on their Westward march as did also the Indians who were being moved to the Oklahoma reservations.

Hickory Nut gorge, beginning at the foot of Chimney Rock mountain, has been for generations by far the most traveled highway across the blue Ridge mountains, and today carries more than 1,000,000 persons a year according to the traffic count of the State highway commission. Beginning at the bridge to Chimney Rock is the Fairview highway section of route 20, just completed, the short route from Chimney Rock to Asheville, declared to be the most beautiful scenic highway in the east. It was Dr. Lucius B. Morse, who came to western North Carolina in search of health, who foresaw the possibilities of Chimney Rock as a scenic resort and 20 years ago, with his brother, purchased the property for an amount of money which would seem today ridiculous, but which at that time led the natives to pass the word from mouth to mouth that they believed the doctor "plumb crazy."

In 1916 the toll road from the Rocky Broad valley to the foot of Chimney Rock, climb a more than 1,500 feet in a distance of three short miles, was financed by Dr. Morse and his brothers and completed, later additional developments such as the Cliff Dwellers, Cottage hotel with 20 rooms, dining pavilion, stairways and other attractive and interesting accessories were added and an increasing number of visitors has year by year testified to the popularity and lure of the spot. In 1926, more than 50,000 persons ascended the toll road it is understood. Two million post-card views and snap shots of Chimney Rock have been disseminated by tourists all over the world every year. The taking over of this property by Chimney Rock Mountains, incorporated, marks the securing of the last of more than 175 tracts in the Chimney Rock and Rocky Broad River section where this development company is creating the outstanding resort development of Western North Carolina. A huge dam is now under construction which will create Lake Lure with a beautiful shoreline of nearly 40 miles, the new highways and the development of the first town site of Lake Lure are going rapidly forward at this time. Officers and directors of the company include successful business and professional men and bankers of North and South Carolina and Florida. This transfer marks the final acquisition of the development company of three principal phases of the development, namely, water power, resort lake and scenic property.