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City Authorities Consider Sites For New Water Plant

Narrowed Down To Three Locations Now. Work To Begin In Early Spring.

Announcement may be made by the city at some early date concerning the location the authorities will choose for the site of the new water plant. As things now stand, there is some uncertainty as to exactly where the plant will be placed.

Generally speaking the sites considered have been narrowed down to two or three. One possible location is a site somewhere in the vicinity of West Marion street. That would be a central point, and from several points of view very desirable. But on the other hand there is one major drawback to that particular location and that is this:

It reposes in the fact that if the plant is placed there, a pipe line will be run all the way from the mouth of Hendricks' branch to a point below the intake for the new basis. Any intake for the new plant, the authorities explain, will have to be placed above the point where this branch flows into the river, for the reason that it may carry sewage.

So that, with that positive fact in mind, it may be the new plant will be entirely located in its entirety above the branch intake.

A spot the city authorities consider to be very favorable, is at Chapel bend. Placed there, just below the mouth of the branch in question, the intake could be placed above the mouth of the branch without much extension of pipe line.

A third location considered is a point well above Chapel bend, and above the mouth of the branch. But such a site is considered to be rather far out. It is reliably said the authorities do not believe the necessity exists to place the plant at such a remote distance from the city.

The decision as to the location may be made at some early date. Mr. R. V. Toms, city water and light superintendent, said Saturday that work on the new plant will probably be started in the early spring.

The new plant will cost something over a hundred thousand dollars and will be a vast and incalculable improvement over the present facilities. The new settling basin will have a capacity of 6,000,000 gallons. When the fact is stated that the two settling basins now in use at the old plant have a combined capacity of only 292,500 gallons, something of the nature of the new plant may be comprehended.

Mr. Toms said the limited capacity of the present basin is such that water is not given the proper time to settle before going to the filters, which has occasioned the muddiness which is often complained of.

REV. J. B. CARPENTER DIED ON SUNDAY

Aged Methodist Minister of Rutherford County Well-Known in Section. Was Prominent Mason

Rutherford.—Rev. J. B. Carpenter, retired Methodist minister and one of the best known men in Rutherford county, died here Saturday morning at 9 o'clock after an illness of two weeks. He was 87 years of age.

Mr. Carpenter has been a member of the Methodist Conference since 1875, and has held pastorates from one end of North Carolina to the other. Since first entering the ministry he has missed few of the State conferences and, although on the retired list for four years, still maintained his position as one of the leading figures in the church.

Besides his church activities, Mr. Carpenter was active in civic and fraternal organizations. He was clerk of court for Rutherford county for two terms and was actively connected with other public affairs in the county. He was a charter member of Oasis Shrine and a former district deputy grand master of the Masons. In addition he was a member of the Junior Order, Eastern Star, Red Men, Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. A. Hicks and Mrs. M. Z. Toms, both of Rutherford county.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter, was a member of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and was well-known in Masonic circles. Mr. Carpenter was active in the affairs of the several branches of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Mystic Shrine for many years. He formerly was district deputy grand master of the district Shelby is in.

Much Interest In Hoey Contest On For Friday Night

The usual interest is being shown over the county in the annual Hoey Oratorical contest for Cleveland county schools to be held Friday night of this week, February 5.

The contest will be staged in the central school auditorium here and the usual large crowd of school patrons, fathers and mothers is expected to attend.

So far the number of schools entering contestants has not been learned. County Superintendent J. C. Newton Saturday had not received the names of any of the entrants. In that connection he advises schools of the county that the names of entrants and their subjects should be in his office by Wednesday of this week.

The names of the judges who will decide in the contest have not been made public.

The Selma Webb contests will be held later in the month.

DIVORCED AND TIED OVER IN ONE HOUR

Lincoln County Negress Discards Old Hubby And Takes on New Life Partner in One Good Hour.

Getting a divorce in this day of fast changing customs is not a very hard thing to do. At least a woman got a divorce in Lincoln Superior Court Monday, says J. H. Serence, in less time than it takes to get a pair of license and get married says the Lincoln County News. Anyway the records in Clerk of Court Leathman's office show that Martha Phinx, colored, of East Lincoln County, secured and absolute divorce from her spouse Miles Phinx, while over in Register of Deeds Hoover office the records in the matrimonial section of the temple there is recorded a marriage performed by Esq. D. H. Shields and Martha Phinx is given as the 45 year old bride, and Graham McLean a colored man on the shady side of 50, the groomsman.

Those who followed the days events at the Courthouse say that Garham McLean brought his bride to be to town Monday in his flivver, and waited out in the lobby of the Court house while she secured her divorce, which took less than half an hour. The minute the Court gave Martha her freedom she left the Court room and meeting Graham outside the two proceeded to the Register of Deeds office, got license and were married in the Register's office, leaving there for home shortly thereafter. In about an hour's time Martha, who was married to Miles Phinx in 1895 and who had been deserted by Miles for the past 12 years, had secured a divorce from one man and married another or received congratulations and was enroute home.

"Stop, Look, Listen," Or Seek No Damages

That the John G. Johnson classic, entitled "Stop, Look, Listen," observed at railroad crossings, carries a punch, and is the voice of the railroad supposed to be heeded and obeyed, was borne out in a Gastonia trial the past week.

An administrator for a woman killed when she failed to heed Mr. Johnson's celebrated advice, sued the Southern Railroad for twenty thousand dollars damages for the death of the woman. She started across the tracks, in full daylight last year, with a two year old baby in her arms. Number thirty-six swept up the tracks, and there was a double fatality.

Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby represented the railroad in the suit. The verdict of the jury was that the railroad was not guilty of damages.

This is the second suit against the Southern won by Mr. Hoey in about as many weeks. Some two weeks ago he headed off a claim aggregating the seventy-five thousand dollars for the death of a brakeman on the railroad.

Very Modern

The master was holding a lesson on modern inventions. "Now, James," he said, "can you tell me one thing of importance which did not exist fifty years ago?"

"Me," was the surprising reply.

THIS COUNTY GETS \$83,000 LOAN FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Special State Building Fund Approves Big Loans to Fallston, Casar, Belwood and Lattimore

Meetings in Raleigh last Friday the Special Building Fund Board approved a total loan of \$83,000 to Cleveland county schools.

Loans approved were divided among Cleveland schools as follows:

- Fallston, \$20,000.
- Casar, \$20,000.
- Belwood, \$37,000.
- Lattimore, \$6,000.

The total of \$83,000 is \$10,000 more than asked for in apportionment by the county school officials here. However the division is somewhat altered. \$24,000 was asked for the Casar building and only \$20,000 approved.

The method of this building fund is lending approved amounts to the various counties to be paid back in installments covering 20 years with low interest.

Lattimore Addition.

The new building at Fallston and Casar have already been completed, according to Superintendent Newton, and temporary loans were made to continue until the special loan was granted from the building fund. The \$37,000 loan for Belwood will be to pay for the handsome building now under erection there, while the Lattimore loan is to complete additional rooms in the basement of the present building.

Covers 77 Counties

Applications for loans from the Third \$5,000,000 Special Building Fund, which was set aside by the last session of the General Assembly for the erection of school houses throughout the State, were made from 77 counties and the different projects totalled 248, according to a canvas made Friday by the State Board of Education, a Raleigh dispatch states and the total amount of all the applications reached \$6,415,018.46.

The board approved 197 of the 248 projects affecting the building of 1,627 school class rooms in the 77 counties. The estimated cost per class room is \$3,100.

The sum total of the amount approved for new type projects totalled \$4,652,000, while applications approved for old projects amounted to \$348,000, or a total of the set \$5,000,000.

The estimated average cost of each project is \$25,000. A total of 15 per cent will be reserved in the state Treasury until each project is completed, the interest being payable in advance.

Early Payment Here

As the Fallston and Casar schools have already been completed in this county the final move after the approval should mean that the money for these buildings would be forthcoming at an early date.

For Nearby Counties

- Loans approved for counties neighboring Cleveland were:
- Catawba—Blackburn, \$30,000; Sweetwater, \$28,000.
 - Lincoln—Iron \$20,000; Crouse, \$20,000; Love Memorial \$20,000; Lincoln, \$15,000.
 - Gaston—Lincoln Academy (c), \$10,000; Belmont, \$25,000; Mt. Holly \$45,000; Dallas, \$45,000.
 - Rutherford—Chimney Rock, \$55,000; Hollis, \$30,000; Harris \$25,000; Shiloh, \$20,000.

J. A. Greene Elected Fort Mill Alderman

Cleveland county men in other parts continue to take a prominent place in public affairs. According to the Fort Mill (S. C.) Times, J. A. Greene of Shelby R-5, has been elected alderman from ward 1 and took his office with other executives last Tuesday evening. Mr. Greene has many friends in Cleveland county who will rejoice to learn of his popularity and position. He is president of the Ford Motor company at Fort Mill and is considered one of the town's most useful and influential citizens.

Helpless

Wife (with newspaper): "Just think of it! A couple got married a few days ago after a courtship which lasted fifty years."

Husband: "I suppose the poor old man was too feeble to hold out any longer."

Not Reliable

"Pop, I'm quitting school tomorrow."

"Why, sonny, don't you like your teacher?"

"Naw. Yesterday she told us that six and six wuz twelve and today she said it wuz nine and three."

Dollar Down



Judge George W. Hickman, youngest judge in California, metes out justice at Albany, near Oakland, at \$1 down and \$1 a week. "This gives the poor man a chance to pay without serving a sentence," the judge says.

A. C. MILLER'S FINE SERVICE PRAISED

Succeeded On Deaf School Board by Shuford. Morganton Paper Speaks Highly of Record.

Announcement was made from Raleigh last week of three appointments made by Governor McLean on the board of directors of the N. C. School for the Deaf at Morganton. Mr. J. F. Barrett, of Lexington, and Dr. James Morrell, of Faulkland, whose terms have expired were reappointed and Mr. A. A. Shuford, Hickory manufacturer and business man, was appointed to succeed Mr. A. C. Miller of Shelby. Mr. Miller had served on the board for more than thirty years being one of the original members when the school was established.

Long and Unselfish

Concerning which the Morganton News-Herald says editorially: "We doubt if the record of Mr. A. C. Miller of Shelby, who served on the board of directors of the North Carolina School for the Deaf here for more than thirty years—ever since the establishment of the school—has a parallel in the State. It is a record of long and unselfish service and one that deserves more than passing notice and commendation. Mr. Miller's interest in the school, its activities and advancement, has been unflinching through the years, and his heart has ever been attuned to its needs. He has played a big part in the splendid work that has been done at this great institution."

Trading Continues Out Cleveland Way

Shelby realty trading is stretching out the Cleveland Springs road like the rubber string on a circus ball.

Each day bringing spring nearer, carries the announcement of another lot bought and sold—sometimes several lots.

In the fog-end of last week the Shelby Real Estate company saw to the transfer of a half dozen lots in the section opposite Kings place on Highway 20. These lots were sold to Sheriff H. A. Logan, Messrs. R. D. Wilkins, George P. Webb and R. L. Weathers, of Shelby, and two to C. P. Wilkins, of Brevard.

As is noted in the above sales realty dealers are pointing to the fact that almost one-third of the property selling to outsiders.

DON'T MISS IT
Start Reading Today
"The One Who Forgot"
In Each Issue Of The Star.
A Big War Story.

MRS. CLYDE POWELL BURIED AT UNION CHURCH SUNDAY

Was Miss Ruth Denton Before Marriage and Only 24 Years Old. Throng Pays Her Tribute.

Mrs. Clyde Powell, nee Ruth Denton, well known in Shelby where she worked as stenographer in the law offices of Hon. B. T. Falls, for four years, died Saturday at the Shelby hospital following a delicate operation. Her remains were buried Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Union Baptist church, a great throng gathering to pay tribute to her sweet life. The floral offering was large and beautiful. Mrs. Powell entered the hospital a week before her death. Blood poison developed and all that medical skill could do, would not save her. Mrs. Powell was only 24 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. Beecher Denton of Lawndale. Two years ago her mother died, leaving surviving her husband, popular mail carrier on Lawndale route, her father, three sisters, Lilly of Charlotte, Selma and Virginia and two brothers, Fred and Jack.

Mrs. Powell was a graduate of Piedmont High school and a most conscientious young woman, studious as a student, dependable and trustworthy as a stenographer, devoted as a young Christian wife. She was quiet in disposition and slow to make friends, but was never known to lose a friend when that friend once knew her fine traits and strength of character. All who knew her speak in highest terms of her splendid worth and the bereaved young husband, and the Denton family have the sympathy of a large host of friends.

Union church was over-filled Sunday when her remains were buried. Beautiful tributes were paid by Rev. D. G. Washburn and Rev. John Green who conducted the funeral services.

Earl News Notes Of Late Interest

Twins Are Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hardin. Personal Mention of Travelers in That Town.

(Special to The Star.)
Earl, Feb. 1.—The Sunday school here is continuing to do good work in spite of the inclement weather. We realize we are now in the midst of the winter season and bad Sundays will necessarily effect our work some for the present.

Mr. Jim Austell of Blacksburg, S. C., was a caller in the village this week.

Mr. E. B. Olive of Hollywood, Fla., spent Monday and Tuesday here on business.

Professor Moore made a business trip to Greenville, this state, Friday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hopper, January 21st a bouncing boy, Earl Jr.

Mr. O. C. Sarratt of Shelby, is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sarratt.

Mrs. George Washburn of Shelby, spent last week in the village.

Mrs. W. D. Earl who has been indisposed with rheumatism is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Byers and family of Charlotte were pleasant weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Austell.

Mr. Anthony Lavendar of Durham is spending a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lavendar.

Mrs. Grady Bettis and children returned to their home in Greenville, S. C., last week.

Mrs. E. H. Sepaugh and daughter Mrs. O. F. Sepaugh and Mrs. Bud Hause returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Fayetteville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hardin last week twin boys.

Misses Sallie, Fredlove and Leitha Bettis spent Thursday of last week in Blacksburg, the guests of Mrs. Jim Austell.

Mrs. Hayne Patterson jr., of Patterson Station spent a couple of days in the village the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Austell.

Bury Mrs. Price At Palm Tree Cemetery

The burial of Mrs. Levinia Price, who died at the home of her grandson, R. L. Price, in Cherokee, S. C., will take place Tuesday at Palm Tree cemetery, Lawndale.

Mrs. Price was formerly a resident of upper Cleveland county. She passed away at the advanced age of 97 years, having been born January 10th, 1829.

Double Calamity.

"Yes, I am so sorry for her, poor thing. You know her husband ran away with their cook."

"Isn't that terrible? And cooks are so scarce, too."

New Interests Buy Stock In Lineberger's Hardware Co.

\$30,000 In County Taxes In One Day

Saturday was a good business day with Sheriff Hug Logan's office in tax collections.

It is estimated that around \$30,000 in county taxes was paid during the day. Sheriff Logan spent the day collecting in Kings Mountain, but the majority of the big sum was turned in to Deputy J. H. Austell at the court house office, it is thought. The tax-paying rush Saturday was evidently brought about through the idea of avoiding the penalty that goes on unpaid taxes tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2.

It was one of the best tax collecting days in the history of the county. Two checks alone ran near \$25,000. So far, it is estimated, around \$25,000 in county taxes have been paid, leaving about \$150,000 to be paid.

And the penalty starts on "Ground Hog Day."

BOOZE KILLING IN SOUTH MOUNTAINS

Frank Butler Victim of Unknown Liquor Hunters in Territory Beyond Toluca, This County.

Morganton, Jan. 30.—Frank Butler was killed this morning about 2 o'clock at his home, about 15 miles south of Morganton, on the Shelby road.

The story of the killing as told to officers by the wife of the man was that two men came to their home, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning and wanted to buy some liquor. Her husband told them that he would go with them to get it. He dressed and went. When they returned she heard the car stop and heard what she thought was the car backing, but what was evidently two shots.

Her husband came into the house, and sat down on the bed, and said, "those fools have shot me." He fell over on the bed and died instantly.

The woman said she did not know anything about what took place while they were gone or where they went. There were two bullet holes in Butler's chest, one bullet going through his heart.

The man drove off and the wife does not know their names. She said her husband knew them and that she would know them if she were to see them again, but that she didn't know who they were or where from.

Butler's body was brought to Morganton this afternoon to be prepared for burial. Besides his wife he is survived by two children.

Artists To Paint Chimney Rock Scenes

While in Florida recently Dr. Lucius B. Moore, consulted with eminent artists and arranged for a pictorial scene to be painted depicting Lake Lure and the Chimney Rock region of Western North Carolina. From this painting can be made large wood or metal board reproduction, gigantic posters, and illustrations for newspaper advertising. The demand for tropical scenes on canvas in Florida, due to the boom there, has attracted the best talent of the world, and the services of several will probably be required to exploit the Lake Lure mountain lake resort.

In commenting upon the subject Dr. Morse stated that his executive committee had recently approved locations for several large scenic boards on every important highway in or leading to Florida, so that the thousands of motorists and travelers on train in and out of the state of Florida will "read as they ride," the glories of as summer spent in Western North Carolina. It is expected this will be the means of bringing a large flow of travel to Western North Carolina.

Already the hotels and resorts of Florida have been supplied with literature and pictures of the land of the sky region and, according to recently returned travelers, the chief topic of conversation is the stride and progress of the Tar Heel state, where solid values are emphasized and boom methods severely discouraged.

DR. STORK INCREASES ROCK HILL POPULATION

Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 30.—Dr. Stork favored York county with 1,451 new babies during the year 1925, according to the report of Miss Emma I. McCune, public health nurse, who has just completed a survey of birth statistics and conditions. There were 843 white babies born and 603 negroes.

J. D. Lineberger Retires But Retains Interest. Masseys And Nuchols Plan System Of Ten Hardware Stores.

Shelby's oldest mercantile establishment changed ownership Monday. J. D. Lineberger's Son, known also as the Farmers Hardware Co. which enjoys an unbroken record of 78 years in business has taken in new interests and hereafter the business will be continued at the same stand as the Farmers Hardware and Supply company, an incorporated business with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000. About \$40,000 is involved in the transaction, according to the retiring owner, Mr. J. D. Lineberger who gives up active management to Mr. Henry Massey of Mount Holly. Mr. Lineberger retains an interest in the business, however, but he will be on the outside devoting his time and attention to other matters for a few months before he re-enters active service.

Plan Ten Stores.

Those interested in the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company are J. D. Lineberger, of Shelby, H. S. Massey, banker and merchant of Waxhaw, Henry Massey of Mount Holly and Charlie Nuchols of the American Hardware and Equipment company, Charlotte. Mr. Henry Massey of Mount Holly, son of H. S. Massey of Waxhaw comes to take active management of the business today. It is planned to conduct a wholesale as well as a retail business and one man will be travelled on the road in this territory in the interest of the new firm. The Masseys have hardware stores at Waxhaw and Mount Holly and it is their plan and purpose to open a system of hardware stores in Western Carolina. The Shelby store is their third in number.

At Same Location

No change will be made in the location or the business policy of the new firm. The store will remain just where it has been located since it was purchased by Mr. Lineberger from A. P. Weathers and C. T. Hord who conducted the business for twenty years before it was sold after Mr. Hord's death. Mr. Lineberger is the third generation of Linebergers in the hardware and implement trade, so in the change in ownership, Shelby's oldest mercantile establishment changes hands. A warehouse has been rented on the railroad where heavy hardware will be stored which with the four floors in the present building gives abundance space for an enlargement of stock.

Mr. Henry Massey who comes as manager of the Shelby store opened the hardware store in Mount Holly two years ago and has been eminently successful. He is a hustling young man, a former student of Davidson College and said to be a business man of excellent turn.

WHEN SUCH THINGS GET TOGETHER—?

Auto Loaded With Robed Klansmen And Car Full of Blacks Meets on One Way Road in Country.

Five automobile loads of Ku Klux, 20 or more men in full Klan regalia, started west from Shelby in the neighborhood of 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They were bound for Boiling Springs on an errand of mercy.

Half way over the procession came to a narrow strip of roadway, through which a Chrysler loaded with negroes was traveling to the east. The driver of the Chrysler, catching sight of the white robed figures in the procession ahead of him, threw up his hands and yelled bloody murder, and the car careened in a ditch.

As the Chrysler hit the mud and stalled, an aged negro woman jumped out of the back seat, and exclaiming "Lord a Mercy!" started south across the adjacent field. One of the delegation that witnessed the sprint, told The Star Monday that for all he knows the old soul is running yet.

The Klan delegation visited a home in Boiling Springs in which the head of the household is serving time in the pen. They carried food and clothing to relieve the stress of want reported to be acute in the household.

The big company, fully robed, filed into the living room of the little home, and as half a dozen wide-eyed children looked on agape from corners and cracks of doors, Professor Hamrick, of the Boiling Springs school, addressed the Klan members and thanked them for the contribution.

The visitors remained incognito, not a member removing his helmet.