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HOEY CONTEST ON AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

Music and Student Oratory. Feature of the Entertainment. Ten Contestants Entered.

The Hoey Oratorical contest, the annual event in Cleveland county educational circles, that brings the students up on their toes, is slated to be held tonight at the Shelby High school auditorium.

Ten contestants for oratorical honors are entered for the contest, coming from widely dispersed points of the county.

From Boiling Springs will come two, C. M. Rollins, whose subject will be "The Needs of Today," and Arnold Kincaid, who will declaim on the topic "There is a God."

Shelby High school speakers are Louis Roberts who has for his subject "War's Aftermath" and William Hughes whose subject is "America."

Waco will send two, J. L. Hard, who has announced "Grasping Life's Opportunities," as his subject, and Boyd Canipe, who will discuss "The Forgotten Life, and State's Progress."

From Piedmont will come Charles Forney with a discourse on "Climatical Progress Has Inventive Genius," and Claude Hallman with a thesis, "The Call of Beauty."

Lamar Rhyme and William Mason will represent Kings Mountain, but their subjects have not been announced to the contest authorities.

The program will start at 7:30 o'clock.

MAD DOG SCARE ONCE MORE A LOCAL THREAT

Rabid Animals Reported at Large at Dover Mill, Lawndale and at Points in Lincoln County.

A mad dog scare once again looms on the Cleveland county horizon. Mad dogs are reported at large in several sections adjacent to Shelby.

Doctor Dorton told The Star Thursday that the fact was reported to him a rabies' crazed animal was at large in the Lawndale section, where he was informed it had bitten every good dog in the town.

Another case was reported to Doctor Dorton from the Dover mill section.

"I am also told by two men from Lincoln county," the veterinarian went on, "that there is a serious outbreak of rabies in that vicinity."

It has been two years now—two years this spring—since Cleveland county had its latest mad dog scare. During that period of stress and anxiety, several children in and around Shelby were bitten, and two or three grown persons.

One child, resident in the Zear church section, lost his life as a result of a mad dog bite, dying in awful agony of rabies.

"What would you recommend to check the spread of the disease?" Dr. Dorton was asked.

"I would recommend," he replied, "that owners of dogs keep them holed for the next 60 or 90 days. This is a serious threat, one of the most serious, and if dog owners do not think enough of their pets to protect them from being bitten, and enough of society to use all such precautionary measures, the time will surely come when all dogs will be exterminated."

Name "Shelby" On The Eskridge Roof To Guide Aviators

The city of Shelby, after a manner of speaking, will turn its eyes to the sky in a few days, and prepare to flirt with the coming aviators.

Startling Industrial And Business Growth Revealed

Textile Mills Employ 2,000 People And Have 72,500 Spindles. 9,125 Cars Freight Received. Wholesale Grocers Do 2 1/2 Million. Milling And Cigar Center.

Startling facts as to Shelby's phenomenal growth were revealed in statistics presented at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club with John F. McKnight, prominent wholesale grocer in charge of the program, in the midst of things, yet knowing little of the outstanding facts of the City of Springs, the Kiwanians were surprised to learn that the seven wholesale grocery houses in Shelby do a total business of two and a quarter million dollars that the textile mills here have 72,500 spindles, 1,667 looms, have a ray roll of near a million and a half dollars annually and that the estimated replacement cost of the local textile plants would be four and a half million dollars; that the dairy products of the county last year amounted to \$800,000; that the Rex Cigar company distributes cigars on which the name Shelby appears on every box in 26 states east of the Rocky Mountains; that gross receipts at both the Seaboard and Southern depots last year were \$1,186,229.86; that there are now over, 1,100 telephones in Shelby and that the express receipts last year were \$78,147.81; that the Eagle Roller Mill manufactured 57,902 barrels of flour last year valued at \$693,423.13; that the total bank deposits of the three Shelby bank institutions amount to nearly four and half million dollars; that the four building and loan associations have loaned more than two million dollars toward building homes.

Will Distribute Facts. These and many other eye-opening statements were made, the purpose being to better acquaint the people of this section with Shelby's business and industrial strength and at the same time gather information which will be compiled, printed in thousands of booklets for distribution in this and other states in order to take the message to others in the hope that they too might become interested and cast their lot here. The time was limited to 30 minutes but every minute was fraught with a startling fact that had been carefully and accurately gathered by one in touch with his subject.

Josh Lattimore gave the total deposits of the Shelby banks which reach \$4,380,000, these banks having outstanding capital stock of \$475,000. He recalled the phenomenal growth of 15 years when Shelby banks quickened their stride and stepped up from \$400,000 deposits to over four millions.

Shelby is a home-owning town and the four live building and loan associations have contributed to this outstanding record. Through these four strong institutions, a large majority of the homes in Shelby have been built or have received financial aid in building through the building and loan and today these institutions have outstanding loans of two million dollars, according to J. F. Roberts.

The seven wholesale grocery establishments do a total business of two and a quarter million dollars, according to C. S. Young of the A. Blanton Grocery Co. So well are these wholesalers serving the retailers in this territory, the outsiders find it difficult to find a market here. The retail merchants were declared to be the best in any county in North Carolina and their reputation for promptness in settlement of accounts is of outstanding record.

Shelby in 36 States. J. F. Ledford of the Rex Cigar company distributes for several favorite brands of cigars did not give the number of cigars his firm distributes annually, but he pointed out that the name "Shelby, N. C." is printed plainly on every box and that these cigars are sold in the 36 states east of the Rocky Mountains. The brands "Col. Shelby" and "Col. Cleveland," named for heroes of Kings Mountain battle help draw attention of people in other states to Shelby as a manufacturing and distributing center.

Mills Employ 2,000. Jack Dover's survey of the textile industry revealed that the local mills employ 2,000 people, have 72,000 spindles, 1,667 looms, consume 20,000 bales of cotton annually which at 20 cents per pound amounts to two million dollars, that the mills have an annual payroll of \$1,425,000, that the villages house 6,000 people and that the estimated cost of replacing the mills on present day market values would reach the sum of four and a

quarter million dollars. Half Million Pounds Butter. Last year the two co-operative creameries produced approximately a half million pounds of butter while the dairy products were valued at \$800,000 according to Wm. Lineberger. Mr. Lineberger pointed to Frank Sherrill, one of the owners of the S. and W. system of cafeterias and announced that these institutions use a ton of Cleveland county butter every two weeks. Shelby as a milling center was handled by W. J. Roberts of the Eagle Roller mill who revealed that this enterprise last year milled 253,449 bushels of wheat. Of this quantity 205,625 bushels were shipped in, while 47,823 bushels were bought locally. The cost of this year was \$462,066.78 to which the freight freight should be added, \$53,328.85, making \$515,395.63. From this raw product 57,902 barrels of flour were made valued at \$608,423.13, not counting the by-products which were valued at a handsome sum.

9,125 Cars of Freight. Otto Long, cashier of the Southern railway, offered facts and figures on public utilities which gave a most

Youngest Flier



Farnam Parker, 12-year-old, youngest licensed aviator, recently gave Washington a few thrills with his clever flying.

GAS-ELECTRIC ON SEABOARD

Cheaper Transportation Stock Has Been Purchased and One Unit is Needed on This Division

Shelby people are intensely interested in an improved passenger, express, baggage and mail service over Seaboard between Charlotte and Rutherfordton and the announcement that the Seaboard has purchased two gas-electric trains to put on the Seaboard system as an experiment, will no doubt cause Shelby and the other towns along this division to ask that such a service be instituted along this division. These gas-electric trains steam-engine and regular passenger cars and if they prove to be cheaper to operate than the successful, local train service which was recently curtailed because of the competition by automobile bus lines, might be improved.

Units 89 Feet Long. These gas-electric trains are a combination affair, having the motor power, baggage, express, mail and passenger compartments all mounted on a single unit 89 feet long, a sort of street car multiplied several times in length and comfort. The gas-electric has a passenger capacity of 34 people, but is so that powerful trailers can be added if necessary arises.

Since Seaboard trains Nos. 31 and 34 were discontinued, this Charlotte-Rutherfordton division of the system has had only one train each day, running west about noon and east about 5 p. m. With this curtailed service Shelby as well as the other towns along the division have been greatly handicapped not only in restricted passenger service, but in mail and express facilities. These towns between Charlotte and Rutherfordton are therefore anxious that the Seaboard officials can see their way clear to add one of these new and improved motor power units on this division.

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Group Of Shelby Women Interested In Antique Art

Number Of Ardent Collectors Of Rare China And Old Furniture Discovered In This City. Tell Something Of These Rare Collections. Antiques Are Scarce In Cleveland.

As the much discussed new styles of furniture, the brow of this good year of 1926 are being put on display, comment is being made upon the number of women in this section, and in Shelby especially, who are interested in antiques.

Indeed, the fact has developed that there are a number of prominent women in Shelby who are entitled to be called antique fans. They have developed a passionate interest in old things, and are buying these old pieces and adding them to their collection whenever the opportunity affords.

Mrs. Oscar Suttle is one of the prominent members of this cult. Mrs. C. B. Suttle is another. Mrs. Reuber McBrayer still another, and Mrs. Grady Lovelace is said to be a very enthusiastic collector.

Mrs. Oscar Suttle has gone into the subject to the extent that she is compiling a bibliography—a comprehensive history of old china and pottery. She and Mrs. McBrayer and Mrs. Suttle recently attended the sale of the effects of the late Mrs. Amanda Branton, on the Fallston road.

Mrs. McBrayer said she was able to pick up there some very fascinating odd bits of old china. Mrs. McBrayer recently made a very profitable trip, from the standpoint of adding a number of attractive pieces to her collection, to Winston-Salem.

Mrs. C. B. Suttle, asked by The Star, if it was true that she is interested as a collector, replied: "I certainly am." She went on to say she was especially interested in old china. She said she has been collecting about two years.

It is understood that enthusiasm for this fad does not stop in the Suttle family with Mrs. Suttle, but that Mr. Suttle also gets a sympathetic twitch every time he sees an old piece.

Mrs. Oscar Suttle has made quite a comprehensive study of the subject of the ancient art. She can rehearse comprehensively and interestingly the psychology of the rise of the new styles and the setting aside of the old.

Then we turned the clock back, and went to sleep once more in mahogany beds, and squinted at ourselves in mirrors across walnut pot dressers. The furniture makers took the cue and went to work on the old patterns. But the real antique fan was never satisfied with these made pieces, but his heart (and her heart) yearned for the real age-old, time honored heirlooms.

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ADMIT THE KILLING OF FRANK BUTLER

Minister's Son and High School Boys Implicated in Murder Charge. One Makes Confession.

Wells Green, 19-year-old Gaffney high school student; Roy Hill, 20, son of a Gaffney minister, and Charlie Kendrick, 22, left Gaffney, S. C., Wednesday in the custody of Sheriff R. V. Michaux, Jr., of Burke county, looking for Morganton, where the young men will face charges of having shot to death last Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock Frank Butler, 30 years of age, alleged blockader of Burke county.

Cherokee county officers are searching for Otis Jolly, young Gaffney man who is said to have been the fourth member of a party going from Gaffney to the slain man's home and it is expected that he will be apprehended in the immediate future and taken to Morganton.

An alleged confession, made by Roy Hill to the Cherokee county officers and the North Carolina sheriff, is to the effect that the four men went to Burke county to get a car load of liquor from Butler. They obtained nine gallons and drove back to Butler's home where a dispute ensued about the amount of payment, the Gaffney youths offering \$6 per gallon and Butler demanding \$7.

It is said in the confession that Butler turned off the motor of the Gaffney car, and Hill alleges that Kendrick fired through the top of the automobile, while young Green shot directly at Butler. Although fatally wounded, Butler is said to have walked a distance of 25 yards, carrying a five gallon jug of whiskey, entered his home and told his wife, "those fools have shot me," after which he fell to the floor and died.

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Postal Receipts Of County For 1925 Were \$55,537.40

Gain Of 18 1/2 Per Cent In Receipts Over 1924. Biggest Gain Was At Waco, With Grover Second. Reflect Material Prosperity Of The County.

(By J. H. QUINN, Shelby Postmaster.)

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BUTLER SLAYERS HELD BY SHERIFF MICHAUX

Newton, Feb. 4.—Solicitor Huffmen last night received a long distance telephone message from R. V. Michaux Jr., sheriff of Burke county, that he had apprehended and had in jail the three men who on last Friday night killed Frank Butler in Burke county, and asked him to return home as early as possible to conduct the preliminary hearing on behalf of the state.

Sheriff Michaux stated to the solicitor that the three men had confessed and that they killed him after they had bought some liquor from him and refused to pay him his price, and Butler jumped on the running board of their car when they started to leave without paying. One of them shot and missed and another shot and killed.

The solicitor stated that the preliminary would not be held until possibly late Saturday evening.

MR. JOE C. HOYLE BURIED WEDNESDAY

Prominent Farmer Of Upper Cleveland Dies At The Age Of 49 With Kidney Trouble.

Mr. Joe C. Hoyle, one of the most influential farmers of No. 10 Township died at his home early Tuesday morning of this week with a complication of kidney trouble. Mr. Hoyle was only 49 years of age. He had been declining health for some time but confined to his bed only a short while. He was the son of John R. Hoyle of No. 10 and a prosperous and highly esteemed citizen who enjoyed the confidence and respect of all his friends and neighbors.

Mr. Hoyle was married to Miss Minnie Willis, daughter of Mr. M. Frank Willis who survives with three children, Mrs. Lester Barrett, Emory Hoyle and Woodrow Hoyle. He was a faithful member of Carpenter's Grove Baptist church but his remains were buried at St. Peter's Methodist church Wednesday the funeral being conducted by Rev. John Green amid a large crowd of friends despite the bad weather.

Those attending from Shelby were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hoyle. Mr. Hoyle being a brother of the deceased, Dr. J. R. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. George Peeler.

Table with 4 columns: Offices, Recd. 1924, Recd. 1925, Per Cent. Lists various offices like Belwood, Boiling Spgs., Casar, Earl, Fallston, Grover, Kings Mtn., Lawndale, Lattimore, Meoresboro, Patterson S., Shelby, Waco with their respective receipts and percentage changes.