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We wish to call your attention to the
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 death notice has been published. This
 will be strictly adhered to.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 1926.

THE GOOD ROADS SPIRIT

So determined are the forward looking business men in the sections to have good roads that they advance county money to the state highway commission with which to build hard surface roads, the money to be refunded to the county when the state makes it available. The citizens of Hendersonville to make sure that they have a hard surface connection with Highway No. 20 at Bat Cave, will let the county advance the money rather than go another year without this important artery of travel east and west. Highway No. 20 from Wilmington through Charlotte and Shelby to Asheville goes through Hickory Nut Gap and misses Hendersonville. Now that the Hickory Nut Gap road is open, Hendersonville is alert to the importance of a connection and the travel to Asheville does not necessarily see Hendersonville, that live town is alert to the importance of this connection at Bat Cave.

Recently Mr. Kistler made the proposition to Rutherford county that if the county would advance the money, to be refunded when state road money is available, he would see that the contract is let at once for the hard surfacing of Highway 20 from Rutherfordton to Bat Cave. Whether Rutherford does what Henderson is doing in advancing the money has not been announced, but they realize that where such progress is under way as is now taking place in the mountains of Western North Carolina, good roads are of prime importance. Cleveland county rejoice if these two links are built, whether we ever leave the state any money to build roads in Cleveland or not.

HIGHWAYS AND ACCIDENTS

The fact that there were 365 fatal accidents on the highways in North Carolina last year cannot in any way be charged to any negligence of the State Highway Commission which has made every safeguard for safety travel. Drivers are notified of every curve in the road, every narrow bridge, every railroad crossing, even marked a center line in the highways as a warning for drivers not to pass each other on curves. In the face of all these safety notices, 365 people were killed last year in automobile accidents and indications are that list will be longer this year.

How to prevent it is a problem yet unsolved. Judge Harding a distinguished Charlotte jurist, asks that the speed limit law be revoked. He thinks it is a farce because nobody obeys it. He advocates a change in the law so the reckless driving would be a crime rather than speeding. Both should be and are violation of the law. Excessive speed is bound to be dangerous and is reckless driving itself. If the speed law is repealed and reckless driving is the sole control of travel on the highways, then the avenue is left open for all sorts of interpretations as to what reckless driving is. As to whether driving is reckless is a matter of opinion among men whose opinions always differ. As to speeding, a mechanical device known as a speedometer tells a true tale, as reliable in one community as another and never influenced in its opinion. If Judge Harding would keep the death toll from mounting he had better keep all road laws and advocate their strict enforcement.

"Be sure you're right, then go ahead" is a very annoying policy in a cafeteria.

COME ON WITH IMPROVEMENTS

While we realize that the town of Shelby as well as all other towns are up against a problem to finance themselves, the towns that grow spend money for public improvements. Here is the Piedmont belt where the progress is unprecedented, it is a difficult matter to anticipate the growth of a few years and the tendency is to be too conservative, therefore we soon outgrow in five years what we thought would answer for a ten year period.

The Star has always been opposed to extravagant bond issues for it realizes that pay day is coming and often the paying pinches. In the matter of street paving programs carried out here three and four years ago, it has become necessary to take drastic steps in forcing the collection of assessments past due. This will embarrass some property owners who haven't the ready cash with which to pay. On the other hand their property has increased in value several fold because of the improvements.

Right now, demands are coming for more street paving, extension of sidewalks, sewer and water mains, electric light lines and other public improvements. How to answer these demands is a problem in the face of a \$200,000 school building program and a \$200,000 water plant. But if the people are willing to pay for extensions and sign up on the same basis the previous work was done, why should they be denied? A town belongs to its people. Property owners pay the tax and if they are willing to assume the burden, why not outline extension programs for water, lights, streets and sidewalks that will meet the demands. The cost may be great but Shelby has not reached the limit of its bonded indebtedness and its credit is good for an amount large enough to satisfy the demands of the tax payers. Our idea would be to add another \$50,000 or even \$100,000 to the present bonded indebtedness if such would give the people the public improvements which they demand and have a right to expect.

Negro Pupils Being Taught In Churches As Result Of Fire

Wrecked Building Was Insured for \$10,000 and Insurance Company May Rebuild Structure.

With the coming to Shelby the end of this week of an insurance inspector, who will appraise the loss on the building, definite plans will be laid to reconstruct the Shelby negro school which was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday.

It is understood the blaze was caused by a defective fuse, a fact which came to light through an investigation by City Superintendent G. F. following the fire.

Horace Grigg, principal of the Shelby High school, speaking for Mr. Grigg to the Star that he understood the building was insured for \$10,000, and it is believed the insurance company will undertake to replace the damage rather than pay the policy.

Such a program, it appears, has met with the tentative approval of the school authorities.

Meantime, pending the adjustment and the reconstruction of the building the negro pupils are being housed in three negro churches in the district.

School work is being carried on without interruption, Mr. Grigg said. Asked if it was anticipated the reconstructed building will be ready for occupancy the current term, Mr. Grigg replied that it was planned to carry on school work there, not only before the term end, but at a very early date.

The one they call a "lucky stiff" never seems to have any luck at dodging the hard jobs.

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INTERVIEW FIRST STARTED IN U. S.

That Form of News Gathering Started in Civil War Days, Distinctly American

Washington.—The collection and distribution of news is one of the most ancient of occupations, but one phase of news gathering, the interview, is of comparatively modern American origin.

Interviewing, in the form in which it is known today, appears to have originated in Washington about the time of the Civil War, when there was a great demand for news bearings on the internal situation.

The reading public, always with a ready appetite for personalities, received this style of reporting with so much favor that a few years later President Andrew Johnson was credited with expressing a preference to giving an interview to sending a message to congress, for "everybody seemed to read the interview and nobody seemed to read the messages."

One of the earliest of these interviewers was "Mack" the correspondent for the Cincinnati Commercial, says Harper's Magazine, January, 1874. His first interview was with Alexander H. Stephens, and was the result of a two days' visit at the latter's residence in Georgia during the summer of 1867.

During the ensuing winter the interview project was reviewed in Washington, and "Mack" applied the interviewing process to Andrew Johnson.

The matter discussed was nearly always the pending impeachment; the manner was that of a quiet talk, each party asking and answering questions in turn. Neither pencil nor note book was introduced during the conversation, but "Mack" always asked the President if he was willing that the result of the conversation should go into print and if there was anything he desired to have omitted. The President's desires in this connection were always scrupulously regarded.

More than once the chief executive sent his secretary to request "Mack" to meet him, preferring this to sending a message to congress.

Dr. Russel of the London Times, in a book covering his visit to the United States gives the following account of one of the early attempts at interviewing, under date of Washington, March 28, 1861:

"On returning to Willard's Hotel I was accosted by a gentleman who came out from the crowd in front of the office. 'Sir,' he said, 'you have been dining with our President to-night, I bowed. Was it an agreeable party? said he; and what do you think of Mr. Lincoln? 'May I ask to whom I have the honor of speaking?' 'My name is Mr. _____, and I am the correspondent of the New York _____.' 'Then, sir, I realized it gives me satisfaction to tell you that I think a good deal of Mr. Lincoln, and that I am equally pleased with the dinner. I have the honor to wish you good evening.'"

South Carolina Leads in Number Children

South Carolina has in proportion to its adults more children than any state in the union. For every 100 persons under 21 years of age there are only 86 more than 21 years old it is shown in figures in the current issue of South Carolina Education, North Carolina with 89 adults to every 100 children is the next "most childly" state. The figures were obtained from "The Effect of Population Upon the Ability to Support Education," a study by Harold F. Clark of Indiana university, this study tending to explain in part at least the apparent shortcomings of South Carolina and other Southern states in educational progress. With the child population considerably outnumbering the adult the economic problem is naturally heightened for a great proportion of the young are dependent upon older persons for their support and contribute nothing to the wealth of the state. California, at the other extreme, has for every 100 children 209 adults, while Nevada's figures are 100 to 208.

William S. Pool
 (Lincoln Times)
 Mr. William S. Pool, a highly respected citizen of North Brook died at his home near Bess Chapel Monday night. He had reached the advanced age of 82 years, 7 months and 20 days. Deceased had been in failing health for the past two years.

He was an old Confederate soldier and a member of the Baptist church. The interment was at Bess Chapel cemetery with funeral service conducted by Rev. J. J. Beach of Cherryville, assisted by Rev. Beaman pastor of Bess Chapel church.

About the only consolation in being poor and unknown is that dry agents won't bother you.

A true radical is a man who can't love you unless you are unreasonable.

It takes a lot of faith to believe that everything since Locarno indicates the millennium.

It's Italy's own business. Bosses never rise except where people are willing to be bossed.

All you need to be a leader is to find a natural-born follower and find him first.

INTERESTING NEWS OF SOUTH SHELBY

Number of Spelling Matches Planned—Money is Contributed to the Library.

(Special to The Star)

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the student body assembled in the auditorium at which time we had a delightful and interesting program rendered by Miss Adams' section of the first grade. Bible verses were recited by eight little boys and girls of Miss Adams' section. Irene and Elizabeth Rhinhardt sang very sweetly a "Good Morning Song." Clarence Scruggs recited "The Snow Man" and Louise Jones "January." All the pupils in the first grade sang "Fairly Snowflakes Song." Pupils in the 2nd, and 3rd grades also helped Miss Adams with her program. Mrs. Grady Lovelace was present and sang a solo for us.

We are glad to have Rev. G. P. Abernathy with us Monday morning during our chapel exercises. He made a splendid talk to the pupils assembled, telling them that the one hope for this world was the Cross of Christ and urging them to put emphasis on Christ.

The primary grades are learning the following new songs: "The Dairy Maids," "Clip-Clap" "Round and Round the Village."

Spelling Match

We are planning to have a number of "Spelling Matches" next week in the auditorium. Mrs. Moore's section of the 3rd grade will spell against Miss Howie's section of the 3rd; Miss Rankin's section of the 4th will spell against Miss Hoyle's section of the 4th; Mrs. Casstevens section of the 5th will spell against Miss Sheridan's sixth, and Mrs. Blanton's 7th, grade will spell against Miss Webb's eighth grade.

A project that has proven very interesting is one in "Health" by Miss Rankin's fourth grade. A Health Store has been built in that room. The boys in the room built the store and painted it. Posters for the store were made by the girls. Letters were written by the pupils to different grocery stores asking for samples for the store. Quite a number of samples were contributed. The children are very much interested in the work. "The Daily Health Charts" in this room have proven to be very successful. Those who come to school with clean hands and face and their hair combed are rewarded by having a star placed by their name. Miss Rankin also has in her room a "Clean Teeth Chart" and those who brush their teeth daily are rewarded by having a star also placed by their names. This health project which Miss Rankin has worked out is worth while.

The following have contributed money to our library: Mr. J. J. Ferris, Paul Webb, W. Q. Jones, C. R. Smith, Mrs. Dovie Hamrick, Charlie Hicks, R. H. Champion, T. M. Peters, P. F. McSwain, J. H. Hardin and W. H. Ledbetter.

The following contributed books: Mr. Marvin Blanton, Miller Spake, Rev. A. S. Raper, S. D. Carter, D. L. Grant, H. H. Wilson, Hershell Blanton, M. D. Humphries, W. H. Ledbetter, R. E. Ledbetter, R. W. Weaver and J. M. Byars. We are very grateful to these spirited men and women for these donations.

Big Increase in Use of Gasoline

Predict \$12,000,000 for Automobile Fuel This Fiscal Year

With the use of gasoline increased by over 2,900,000 gallons since January, 1925, and each gallon paying a tax of 4 cents instead of 3 cents, the automobile division of the Department of Revenue collected \$723,493.92 in January 1925, as compared with \$503,317.98 during the same month last year.

Indications now point to collections of \$13,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 as compared with ten millions collected during the preceding fiscal year.

Gasoline consumption during the last month in North Carolina amounted to the enormous total of 15,913,099 gallons despite the fact that it was mid winter and the collections from this source amounted to \$636,643.94 as compared with \$425,221.94 in 1925 when the tax was only 3 cents instead of 4 cents, the present rate.

Automobile licenses last month yielded \$81,596.98 as compared with \$63,613.50 in 1925 and title certificate taxes increased from \$9,482.50 to \$10,253.

SYNDICATE BUYS BUSINESS PROPERTY IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville.—Madrid B. Loftin, Goldsboro attorney and Judge F. H. Brooks of Smithfield, representatives of an eastern North Carolina real estate syndicate have during the past two days purchased approximately \$200,000 worth of business and semi business property in Asheville for an investment, according to Ed. L. Loftin, local realtor, who handled the deals. Tentative plans were announced by the purchasers for the development of a large tract of acreage in the Weaverville section.

Americanism! Wishing to be a Sando without doing anything more strenuous than pressing a button.

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comprehensive idea as to the town's business growth. Last year the total freight receipts were \$1,186,226.83 which is \$300,000 more than the preceding year and twice the gross receipts of 1922. During 1925 there were 9,125 solid car loads of freight received at the two stations, 2,196 car loads of merchandise or (mixed cars) while 4,285 solid and mixed merchandise cars were shipped out from the two local stations. The Southern operates four passenger trains daily and four freight trains daily, while the Seaboard operates two passenger trains, two local freight trains, four through freight trains and one "switcher" through Shelby daily. Indications are that this year will make another record, the total receipts for the month of January 1926 being \$15,000 more than for the same month a year ago.

Express Receipts.
 Express receipts for 1925 were \$78,147.81 for the two companies, American Railway and Southeastern, which have offices here.

Over 1,100 Telephones.

In April 1923 there were 437 telephones connected with the central switchboard and in that year the annual receipts were \$12,000. Then there were 60 long distance calls a day; now the average long distance calls amount to 400 and the total receipts of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph company's local exchange last year were \$51,000. The number of telephone subscribers reached 843 in 1924. Last year the number went on up to 1,026, yet in January 29 new service connections were made, bringing the total number of subscribers above 1,100. In 1922 there were five operators to care for the business. Now 11 work full time and two on part time to handle the business.

As an Automobile Center.

Approximately \$575,000 worth of automobiles were sold in Shelby by local dealers last year, according to Paul Webb who read a carefully prepared paper of Will Arsy. There are seven uses operating every day from Charlotte, five from Asheville, two from Morganton, two from Rutherfordton, and two from Lincolnton, supplementing the six daily railroad passenger train service.

Colbert McKnight, young son of John S. McKnight, delighted the Kiwanians with several harp selections, while District Trustee George Blanton continued his report on the Columbia meeting, urging Kiwanians to wear their badges on all occasions.

Small bags of Eagle mill flour, gifts of the Eagle Roller mill and Hava-Rexa cigars, gifts of the Rex Cigar company, were souvenirs given to each member and visitor present.

Syndicate Buys Big Tract In Rutherford

Rutherford Sun.

A Greensboro syndicate, headed by Mr. Smith Richardson, president of Vick Chemical Company, and in which are interested Mr. Carl J. Balliett, Mr. John Atwell and several other well known capitalists have recently purchased a tract of over five hundred acres between Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock.

The tract, according to Mr. Atwell, who has been in the city several days working on this deal, abuts on the Rocky Broad River and on Highway No. 20, and adjoins the property of Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc.

The fact that Mr. Richardson, one of the wealthiest men of the state, and one of the most level-headed business men in the country, has the faith in this section to invest a large amount of money is very significant and one that should drive home the necessity of being ready for the great future which is in store for this section. When men of this calibre are willing to back their judgment with their means it seems no better recommendation could be asked.

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Music is to be a special feature at the Presbyterian church Sunday. At 11 a. m. Mrs. Helen Morton Beam will sing "Hold Thou My Hand" as written by C. S. Briggs. At 7:30 p. m. the choir will render the anthem, "Sun of My Soul" by J. Lincoln Hall. No choir works more faithfully than the choir at this church, and its efforts are always of high standard. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, will have for his subject "Friendship with Christ" and in the evening "The Outlook of the Kingdom" will be the topic. This will conclude the pastor's series of sermons on the Kingdom of Heaven. This series have proven very interesting to those who have followed the sermons. The Workers Council of the Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a. m. The departments begin work at 9:45 a. m. J. S. McKnight is the superintendent and he would like to see every Presbyterian in Shelby at Sunday School. The Junior Christian Endeavor under leadership of Miss Elizabeth Alexander will hold its meeting in the Sunday school auditorium at 4 p. m. The Seniors at 6:30 p. m. will be led in Bible study by Miss Mary Moore Keller. The public is invited to all the services at this church.

Read Preacher Woodson's A1. It would be a good idea for every one who contemplates taking life insurance to read what Preached Woodson has to say on the subject in this issue of The Star.

-- SPECIALS --
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