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WIDOW OF BUTLER THREATENED WITH KILLING BY RING

Reports Say South Carolina Bootleggers Warned Her Not to Testify Against Alleged Slayers.

Morganton, Feb. 6.—Misery and fear were written upon the face of the young widow of Frank Butler, 29 year old moonshiner, last night as she sat in a hearing in the Burke county courthouse called for the purpose of setting a date for the preliminary examination of the four Gaffney, S. C. young men charged with her husband's murder.

She had fled from her home in the South mountains seeking safety following messages said to have reached her from a South Carolina bootlegger ring to the effect that she would be shot if she testified against the four prisoners.

Burke authorities gave her assurance of protection, and her father, Aaron Cook, former deputy sheriff took her and her two children into his home.

MAX GARDNER WILL DEFEND TWO BOYS

Shelby Attorney to Appear for Two Gaffney Boys in Butler Killing Case Near Toluca.

It was announced here Saturday that O. Max Gardner, Shelby attorney, had been retained by relatives of the two boys as counsel for Wells Green and Charlie Kendrick, of Gaffney, held in connection with the recent killing of Frank Butler on the Shelby-Morganton road.

The mother of Green, 19-year-old school boy, and relatives of Kendrick were here in connection with Mr. Gardner's employment.

The original confession it will be remembered charged Green with being the one who shot directly at Butler.

Thought at Movie.

According to Mr. Gardner, the plight of the mother of the youth is a tragic one. The wild culmination of her son's trip came as a complete shock to her. Reports have it that Mrs. Green thought her boy at the movies when in reality he was wandering in the liquor section of the South Mountains and getting mixed in an affair that will bring about a great change on his future.

The mother, it is further said, had no idea that her son was of the drinking type or was accustomed to making such trips, her whole story being related in the line: "I thought he was at the movies."

Trial on 16th.

The preliminary hearing was scheduled for Saturday at Morganton, but Mr. Gardner learned late in the day that for some legal reason it will not be held until later in the month, probably February 16. The actual trial will likely come up at the March term of Burke county Superior court.

Potato Farmers To Assemble Tuesday

Announcement is made by A. Hardin, county agricultural agent, that all directors of sweet potato storage houses will meet at the court house in Shelby Tuesday afternoon at half-past one o'clock.

The object of the meeting will be, Mr. Hardin said, to determine the number of bushels of potatoes in storage, their condition, and to lay the foundation for a co-operative sales system next year.

Realty Business Continues Climb

Locally the zest of realty trading is increasing in favor.

The past week numerous trades were recorded and it is estimated that local real estate dealers and property owners transferred, bought and sold more property than in any "first of February" period in the past.

Quite a bit of the realty interest centers on the Cleveland Springs road and around the proposed development but several trades have been recorded in other sections of county.

Hoey Medal Won By Charles Forney--Piedmont's Third

Sons Of County Board Members Take First And Second Honors In Annual Contest.

Charles D. Forney, Jr., of Piedmont High school, was the winner of the Hoey Medal given in the annual Hoey Oratorical contest, which was held at the Central school auditorium last Friday night. Young Forney's subject was "Climatical Progress of Inventive Genius."

Piedmont Strong Through the ability of young Forney to carry off the honors of the contest the medal goes to the Piedmont school orators for the third consecutive year.

Unique Standing Awards of the judges as given out bring forth an unusual incident of the contest, which holds more interest perhaps than any engaged in by the schools of Cleveland county. First and second honors were awarded sons of members of the Cleveland county board of education. Forney's father is a member of the board as is J. L. Hord, Sr., of Waco, father of J. L. Hord, Jr., who ranked second in the contest. Hord's subject was

Former Shelby High Coach Being Talked For Director Of Athletics At Wake Forest

Of much interest locally among Wake Forest fans and Shelby athletic followers generally is the report that Dick Gurley, former Shelby coach and now Lenoir-Rhyne coach, is being considered as the next athletic head for Wake Forest college.

Gurley, who brought Shelby her first state championship and instilled clean athletics among local boys, is a favorite in the section and since the report a number of Wake Forest alumni, are working in his behalf with the Demon Deacons athletic committee.

The dispatch under a Wake Forest date line in the Charlotte News-Sundays says: "Tonight the campus of the Demon Deacons is buzzing once more following the report that the coaching situation at Wake Forest college will be cleared up in the next few days. Information here is that the athletic authorities are to act either tomorrow or Tuesday and name a successor to 'Hank' Garrity, who recently resigned as head of athletics at Wake Forest."

"Dick" Gurley, coach at Lenoir-Rhyne college, is to visit Wake Forest tomorrow for a conference with the authorities, according to information received here. Officials are unwilling to discuss the situation, further than to state that they have several promising men under consideration for the vacancy. They intend to land a capable man for the post, but demand plenty of time in which to select a mentor for the Deacons.

Gurley, a star at North Carolina State college, is regarded as one of the best coaches in the state. He has made an enviable record at Lenoir-Rhyne, considering the fact that the material was not of the best."

Children Attend School In Carolina More Regularly

North Carolina children attended school more regularly in 1924-25 than they did in 1923-24. Not only was a much larger number of children enrolled last year than during that preceding, but a bigger percentage of the enrollment was in daily attendance, it is shown by figures compiled by State School Facts.

The February 1 issue of this publication, put out by the State Department of Public Instruction, and released for publication today, deals comparative records of enrollment and attendance for the two years.

Last year, 559,396 white children were enrolled in the public schools and of this number 426,999, or 76.4 percent were in average daily attendance. In 1923-24 the enrollment figures were 544,142, and 406,661 children that year attended school daily a percentage of 74.4.

In the negro schools the enrollment was 248,904 in 1923-24 and 250,438 in 1924-25. The average daily attendance figures for the two years were 164,698 and 169,212. Expressed in terms of percentage, the latter figures mean that 66.2 percent of the children enrolled in 1923-24 were in daily attendance, and 67.6 percent in 1924-25.

Mr. Putnam III—The many friends of Mr. Albert Putnam will regret to learn that he has double pneumonia and that his condition is quite serious. Mr. Putnam lives on S. LaFayette street and is 79 years old.

Realty Sales—Among the realty sales of the past week were eight lots near Cleveland Springs and the R. M. Gidney house and lot near the Cleveland Springs road sold to M. A. Spangler by W. C. Harris, dealer.

CLEVELAND BOY IS CLUB SPECIALIST

L. R. Harrill is Now Working as Club Specialist With the Agricultural Experiment Service.

The many Cleveland county friends know that he has been appointed as club specialist for the North Carolina Extension Service bureau with headquarters in Raleigh and that under his direction boys and girls belonging to clubs will be given more attention. Says the Extension Farm News published at Raleigh:

Mr. Harrill will work with the



L. R. HARRILL.

home and farm agents in club organizations and methods, and will seek to promote this work in the future. Mr. Harrill is a native of Cleveland county, receiving his elementary education in the public schools of Belling Springs. He graduated from the North Carolina State College in 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agronomy.

Following his graduation he became assistant county agent in Buncombe county having charge of club work, and remained in this work during 1922 and 1923. He then went with a commercial organization, demonstrating methods of dusting to control the boll weevil. In 1925 he returned to the College to take work leading to his Master's Degree, which was awarded him in June.

Mr. Harrill was reared on a farm, and has always been interested in better farming and better rural life. While at college he was a member of the Alpha Zeta fraternity and some of the other purely social organizations.

In his new work Mr. Harrill will select one county in each district to put in model club organizations. This will be a representative county, with both home and farm agents employed. At the present time, Polk county, in the mountains, Davidson County in the Piedmont, Robeson County in the Southeastern District, and Pasquotank in the Northeastern District, have been selected as model counties to try the new plan.

At the recent conference of extension workers, it was agreed that more attention should be paid to work with the farm boy and girls, and it was felt that in the selection of Mr. Harrill to head this activity an excellent choice had been made.

Hikers on Visit To Shelby Attract Street Attention

Shelby was visited Saturday by a man and a woman who have walked twenty-five thousand miles, and are still on their way. The two, man and wife, started out from Wilmington, this state, June 6th 1923, and have visited the capitals of forty-one of the country's forty eight states. And they have hiked through both Canada and Mexico.

The man tells the story that he was knocked out by war service, and started on the hike to put some red blood in his veins. He carries on his back a pack weighing seventy-eight pounds, which is handcuffed to his right wrist by a chain.

The reason for this bit of by-play was not clear. But the weight of the pack was entirely evident.

The couple said the trip along over the scenery at about twenty miles a day. One day the woman said she walked thirty-two miles. She looked husky enough. Asked if she didn't think some of the flappers of the time would do better to follow her example and tramp a few miles every day, she said she was sure of it.

It takes off the flesh. That's the way she put it. The couple was going west from Raleigh, headed into Tennessee, whence they will hike northward, through Kentucky and Indiana and on to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Land Company Formed Here With Capital Of \$180,000

The Gardner land company, a corporation with an authorized capital stock of \$300,000 with \$180,000 paid in, was formed in Shelby Saturday by O. Max Gardner, Chas. C. Blanton president of the First National Bank and O. M. Mull lawyer and farmer. There are associated with these gentlemen, a group of northern capitalists who are convinced of the future growth and development of this section of North Carolina and they represent credit and resources of any amount they care to employ in their operations. The objects of the corporation will be to develop suburban property into a tractive home sites. No definite territory for their operations is prescribed, but the immediate plans contemplate operation in the Cleveland Springs section, adjacent to Shelby and on the new Wilkinson boulevard between Gastonia and Charlotte which connects two of the liveliest industrial towns in the South.

Mr. Gardner will be president of the company and O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer. No stock will be offered for sale. This corporation is another strong proof of the awaken-

ing to values in this section and is in line with the wonderful future in this territory.

Train Loads Coming Elmer E. A. Marshall and Son of Clearwater, Fla., have purchased an interest in Cleveland Springs park consisting of an 80 room hotel and 240 acres of land, real estate here has become very active and this who's section promises to share with the territory farther west, the wonderful development which is marking Piedmont Carolina. Mr. Marshall announces that a train load of Pullman cars will arrive in Shelby shortly, reversing the situation that has obtained whereby people from this section have been taken to Florida.

This is the first time Floridians have been imported in train loads to North Carolina with a view of investing in a year-round climate. Mr. Dray, landscape architect of Charlotte has completed his survey and plans for the Cleveland Springs park development and work on roads, water and sewer mains, club house and another golf course will begin in a few weeks.

Piedmont School Teacher Dies While In Car En Route To Shelby Hospital

THIEVES GET HAUL IN LATTIMORE RAID

According to reports reaching Shelby a Ford car and about \$100 worth of goods were stolen by thieves last Thursday night at Lattimore.

The stolen Ford, it is said, belonged to J. D. Brooks, while the goods, reports say, were taken from the Seaboard warehouse there.

Entry was made into the warehouse by means of prying off staples of the door. The automobile was pushed out of a shed in which it was housed and was driven away.

DEATH ROW NOW HAS POPULATION OF SIX

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Arrival Thursday night of Robert Lumpkin and Booker T. Williams, Robeson county negroes who slew Chief Boyd M. Rogers, of Rowland, brought the death row population to six this week. These negroes helped to make the uncommonly bloody record of the last 1925 days. The state had an epidemic of homicides. These young fellows were tried by Judge Frank A. Daniels, who sentenced them Tuesday last week. There will probably be no plea for clemency for them. Their district will be heard in a few weeks and if there should be an appeal they would hardly get a new hold on life. The jury that convicted them was out less than an hour.

DR. MOSS FINDS ROOM FOR ALL EXCEPT BIGOT

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—"Parson" W. D. Moss, of Chapel Hill Presbyterian church, spoke to the Raleigh religious forum tonight found faith big enough to embrace everybody but the bigot.

Mr. Moss was not in pugnacious mood; he dealt more with the Beautitudes, as he always does. His man whom he found in the Bible was big enough to go to the forum, large enough to bring a Potato to Chapel Hill, and great enough of vision to see the glory of Christian instruction, as interpreted by the denominational school.

The Chapel Hillian spoke to the congregation just as though he had it before him in his university church, talked to the people as if he instructs the graduating class under Davie poplar during commencement week. He preached a real sermon from a real pulpit.

BOB EYNOLDS TO RUN IN PRIMARY AGAINST OVERMAN

Asheville.—Definite opposition to Senator Lee S. Overman was announced here today when Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, tossed his hat into the ring and stated that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States senate in the June primary.

Mr. Reynolds said he will make a formal announcement in a couple of weeks. Senator Overman let it be known months ago that he would be a candidate to succeed himself again.

County Debt Here Below Average Of 47 Other Counties

Cleveland Ranks 48th Down the List in Bonded Debt Per Inhabitant in County.

Up to June 30, 1925, the total bonded debt per inhabitant in Cleveland county was \$61.77. This includes all debts county and municipal.

The county debt per inhabitant for county government purposes alone was only \$27.61, and among the lowest counties in the state.

In total debt 47 other counties have a higher average per inhabitant.

The total bonded debt of counties, cities, towns and all other divisions, exclusive of the state government debt, on June 30 1925, was \$223,671,519, or \$83.24 per inhabitant. On June 30, 1923, it was \$134,443,016, or \$50 per inhabitant. The county debt on June 30, 1925 totalled \$102,181,874, and the municipal debt totalled \$121,489,645.

The bonded debt of the state government to date (including current debt to be funded) amounts to \$126,677,531. The state debt, when all authorized issues are sold, will aggregate \$157,402,531.

The total current and bonded debt of the state and the bonded debt for all subdivisions of the state, for all purposes whatsoever, on June 30, 1925, was around 350 million dollars, or \$130 per inhabitant.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, County, Total debt per Co. and Mun'pal. Lists counties from 1-Buncombe to 48-Cleveland.

"Two Horsemen" Make Stop-Over In Shelby

Two of the famous "Four Horsemen" of Notre Dame football fame rode through Shelby last week and alighted from their charger, a modern auto, for a short visit in "The City of Springs."

The "two horsemen", Don Millec and Harry Stuldreher, were with John McAuley, Rockingham boy, who was among those in the "cleaning" business in Florida—no clothes, but dirt just the same, in sub-division plots.

McAuley, who brought the two famous athletes to this state boosting them for coaching positions at the State University, halted in Shelby to greet W. H. Blanton Jr., and other old friends of Carolina school days. They were en route to Western Carolina seeking a site for a summer camp for the "Four Horsemen."

Following their visit discussion here centered around the possibility of having the camp located in the Cleveland Springs section and a conference regarding the matter is still pending awaiting developments on a site sought at Brevard.

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Mr. Hamrick of Boiling Springs has been made district secretary of the North Carolina Co-operative Cotton Growers Association, succeeding Jack Leigh of Danville, Va., who came here last summer to handle the work after Forrest McGill resigned. Mr. Hamrick at the time Mr. Leigh entered upon his duties was made assistant and has therefore had considerable experience in handling the work. He is a native son and a practical farmer who is familiar with all problems and is vitally interested in the success of the co-operative movement. Mr. Leigh has been transferred to the Charlotte territory of the co-operative association.

T. Carl Hamrick is New Co-op Secretary

Important Meeting Of Legion Tuesday

An important business meeting of the Warren Hoyle Post of the American Legion will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, it is announced by J. Horace Grigg.

The meeting will be held in the club rooms of the legion in the First National bank building and all members are urged to be present.

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