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TO PARK AUTOS IN CENTER OF SHELBY STREETS SOON BY NEW REGULATION

FAMOUS FOX AND CHICKEN AFFAIR COMES TO CLOSE

Plaintiff Taxed With Costs in Case. Trial Attracts Much Interest Over the County.

A jury which set on the case of W. H. Warlick against O. V. Warlick whereby W. H. Warlick was asking damages in the sum of \$200 for the loss of chickens alleged to have been killed by foxes turned loose by O. V. Warlick, decided that there was not sufficient evidence to show that O. V. Warlick was to be held accountable for the loss of the chickens and when the jury answered "Nothing" to the question, "What damage, if any is the plaintiff, (W. H. Warlick) entitled to," Judge John P. Mux called the plaintiff with the cost in the case.

Court Room Filled

It was an interesting scene in the court room which was filled to capacity. No case has attracted as much attention since the famous Frances-Philbeck affair. Interest was aroused because the case was unique and the outcome of the case settled a question which has often arisen in the minds of the public. Fox hunters and chicken fanciers were there in great numbers because it was a case of "fox vs. chickens." The Warlick families are both prominent in the upper part of the county where the case has been discussed freely as well as in the state press, since the story went out from Shelby.

It will be remembered that O. V. Warlick turned loose a number of foxes in his section because he and his friends are lovers of the chase. The foxes were kept in a "den" about 60 days and fed fresh meat. After the foxes were freed some months W. H. Warlick lost 200 nice chickens and blamed the foxes. O. V. Warlick disowned any responsibility for the loss of chickens, alleging that the foxes were not his after they were freed but belonged to anyone who caught them. Mrs. W. H. Warlick alleged that she ran one fox out of her chicken yard and that it went into the direction of O. V. Warlick's fox den; that feathers from her chickens were also found strewn in the direction of the fox den. To counteract evidence that it was his foxes that ate the chickens, O. V. Warlick declared that chickens and weasels were destroying chickens in the neighborhood at the time Mrs. W. H. Warlick alleges she lost her fowls.

Mrs. Andy Proctor living between the two Warlick families alleges that she lost a quantity of chickens and that a member of her family killed two foxes with a gun.

Squire Sam Marks Still Fiddles at 82

Squire Sam Marks, resident of Shelby up until 20 years ago when he moved to Stevensville, Montana, is still fiddling despite the fact that he is 82 years of age. When Squire Marks and his boys lived in Shelby the "Marks Band" was the best musical aggregation in these parts. He is still justice of the peace and still a fiddler of such adeptness that Henry Ford might call on him.

A copy of the Missoula, Montana, daily paper has been received by The Star and it carried the following interesting notice:

"S. S. Marks, the local justice of the peace, who is 82 years old this month, has received a letter from the secretary of Henry Ford at Detroit, that they have learned of his adeptness with the violin and later he will receive more information from the office regarding the revival of old-time tunes with which Mr. Marks is familiar. Judge Marks has a reputation during his 20 years residence here as a violinist and in his home state of North Carolina, where he lived prior to coming to Montana."

Plan Woman's Klan In Shelby, Report

Shelby may soon have a Ku Klux Klan for women!

According to an announcement sent out from the Klavern of the Shelby-Ku Klux Klan such an organization is to be discussed.

At a meeting of Klansmen one night this week, according to reports the major klan of the woman's klan organization will address local klansmen in regard to organizing a branch for women. Just who this prominent woman Klan official is and the night of her visit were not learned.

Engineer Arrives For Big Realty Development Here

Florida Interests Rent Office For Sales Department. Gardner Gets Farm.

Activity in real estate development and trading centers this week in the Cleveland Springs section on Highway No. 20, with the arrival of Mr. Baird, chief engineer for E. A. Marshall and Co., the trading of Julius Mull 56 acres for 168 acres of the O. M. Gardner post road farm which 50 acres has been taken over by the Gardner Land Company. The other chief news of interest is the development of the Gardner Land Company's 62 acre tract formerly belonging to the Major Green estate into residential lots, drive-ways, etc.

Planning Conveniences

Mr. Baird, E. A. Marshall and Son's engineer who arrived on the scene a few days ago is a native of Ohio and is regarded as one of the most experienced men in city planning in the business. His job is to plan the sewer system, water mains, establish the grades for the streets and drives, etc. When these facts are secured, contracts will be let for the grading of the streets and the laying of the water and sewer mains. The water supply will be secured from the town of Shelby, a six inch main already being down from Shelby to the Cleveland Springs property where it serves the hotel and a number of citizens along the highway. It is understood that all city conveniences will be available to the lots before they are offered for sale.

Office Rented Here

An office for the sales department has been rented in the Royster building on South Washington street. This office will be opened in April or May when it is thought the first block of lots will be ready for sale. Mr. Marshall will arrive at that time with a force of salesmen who will bring with them Pullman car loads of Florida people who are already interested in buying homes in Western Carolina. It is said that the proposed Marshall trip to Shelby will be the first time since the Florida rush that trips have been offered to Floridians to come to Carolina to make real estate investments. In the absence of Mr. Marshall it is not known how large the sales force will be, but the offices will be elegant and show beautiful, real and prospective views of the Cleveland Springs Park development.

Following the work of the engineer Mr. Baird and that of Mr. Draper, the landscape architect, will be another expert who will complete plans for the \$50,000 golf club house, the tennis courts, bridal paths, etc.

Three for One Trade

A trading of surpassing importance in real estate circles was completed this week whereby O. M. Gardner gives three acres of his post road farm known as "Morperace Seed Farm" to Julius Mull for each acre of his farm in the corner where highway No. 20 and the Post Road cross each other about three quarters of a mile beyond the Cleveland Springs property. The Mull tract runs out 56 acres and he gives this for 168 acres of the Gardner land. It is understood that Mr. Gardner will include the Mull farm in with the holdings of the Gardner Land Company, recently organized with an authorized capital of \$300,000. The Gardner Land Co. has a valuable tract just out of Gastonia on the Wilkerson Highway to be 40 feet wide between Gastonia and Charlotte and owns the 62 acres recently purchased from the Major Green estate and J. F. and W. C. Harris near Elizabeth church. The last acreage sale in this territory was completed Saturday whereby J. F. and Holly Ledford bought six acres at \$800 per acre from Arey Brothers and Zollie Riviere.

The Gardner Development

The first development of the Gardner Land Co. will be the Green property. Mr. Draper, landscape architect, made the survey, planned the streets, home sites, water and sewer conveniences for this division. A force of hands began work this week clearing the land of undergrowth, erasing the roads, etc., and staking the 162 lots which will be made out of this property. Several areas in the Green property is reserved for future development, while 10 or 12 acres were sold to the Cleveland Springs Company to provide for the 18 hole golf course to be constructed right away north of highway No. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Flay Hoey, Mrs. C. C. McBrayer, Mrs. C. R. Doggett, Mrs. A. V. Wray and sister, and Mr. George Wray and James Webb Gardner spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

MRS. HANNAH ELLIOTT PASSED ON MONDAY

Wife of Andrew J. Elliott is Buried At Elliott's Cemetery. Was 50 Years of Age.

(Special To The Star.)

On February 15, 1926, the people of this and many other communities were saddened by the death of Mrs. Hannah Elliott, wife of Andrew J. Elliott who is a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Polkville region in upper Cleveland county.

On February 15, this kind neighbor, faithful wife, and affectionate mother, was laid to rest in Elliott cemetery, several hundred sorrowing friends and relatives witnessing the funeral rites, which were conducted by Rev. S. M. Needham, of Polkville circuit and her pastor, with Rev. R. T. Baker pastor of Little Britain Presbyterian church. The floral tributes were tasty and numerous. Nephews of deceased acted as pall bearers.

As deceased and her husband are both of prominent families, they have many relatives in the counties of Cleveland, Rutherford, Mecklenburg, especially in the city of Charlotte in the latter county.

The sorrowing expressions on the faces of the several hundred present at obsequies indicated that all felt a sensation of bereavement and realized that a mother in Israel had plucked her flight to shores celestial where the tree of life blooms eternal.

She was the mother of three sons and the same number of daughters and leaves as brothers and sisters to mourn her death, Sheriff J. V. McFarland, of Rutherford; John E. McFarland of same county; Mrs. Addie Lewis, of Gainesville, Ga.; Mrs. Belle Lewis, of Forest City; and leaves three grandchildren.

Deceased was in her fiftieth year, and her death was caused by high blood pressure and kidney trouble. All that expert physicians and trained nurses could do for her restoration to health was done; but a decree of Providence called her to a reward where congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end. In her youth she joined the Presbyterian church; but later joined the Methodist with her husband. All of her extensive acquaintance regard her as one of the kindest, most sympathetic and charitable women of any region.

Max Gardner And Carolina Running Well Over Florida

Orlando, Fla., Feb. 16.—The North Carolina boosters arrived in Jacksonville on the dot, and made all points from Jacksonville to Orlando today. The Chamber of Commerce at Orlando was host to the boosters in a ride about the city, followed by a luncheon.

L. M. Authrey, mayor of Orlando, formerly of Fayetteville, N. C., made the address of welcome. O. Max Gardner replied. According to Clarence O. Kuester, director of the Charlotte chamber of commerce, Mr. Gardner is running well in Florida, and will carry the state beyond a doubt.

The Charlotte Observer's special Florida edition is making quite a hit in the several cities in which it is being distributed.

Two Women Who Fled Lock-Up Are Caught

Two of the three women who broke jail here some two weeks ago have been caught, are now safe once more in the county lock-up.

The two who were caught are Eunice Michaels and Dorothy Townsend, Mary Owen, the oldest of the jazz trio, that escaped is still at large. Eunice and Dorothy were caught at the home of Charlie Schenek, a negro living near Grover, Monday night.

Deputy Sheriff H. G. Ware phoned over to the sheriff's office that he had a tip where the young women were hiding, and Mike Austell went over and the two officers fetched the erring ones back to Shelby.

Sheriff Logan said Wednesday he is still of the opinion the trio were furnished with jail keys by some unknown on the outside. The two women are now quartered on the third floor of the jail, and the chances for them making a second get-away are slim.

Patched Up



James A. Stillman and his wife say they have "patched things up" and now are in Europe on a "trial honeymoon." Mrs. Stillman has temporarily dropped her divorce suit. They have held prominence in the days news for several years.

FLORIDA MILLIONS FINDING WAY INTO WESTERN CAROLINA

Max Gardner Leaving for Florida Tells How Shelby Real Estate Is Moving Now.

"Millions of money made in Florida is finding wide investment in western North Carolina," declared O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, former lieutenant governor of North Carolina, who left Charlotte Tuesday on his way to the land of sunshine and land boom as a member of the chamber of commerce party.

Speaking of the real estate development and the marvelous land market under way in western Carolina, Mr. Gardner declared that "it is simply stupendous, and the way property is selling is unbelievable."

Going to See

"I have never bought property in Florida during all these tempting days of unprecedented activity and profit. My conservatism has doubtless been costly. I am going down with the chamber of commerce party to study and analyze conditions there with a view of gaining a clearer understanding of the marvelous real estate revival taking place at our own doors," he said. "It was a great day for our state when North Carolina, through Asheville, Hendersonville and adjacent territory, formed friendly and co-operative contact with Florida."

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"We have felt the impulse of Florida in Shelby. From the moment Marshall & Son, wealthy real estate operators of Clearwater, Fla., bought Cleveland Springs, the whole real estate atmosphere around Shelby has been transformed into a whirlwind of activity. A beautiful 18-hole golf course is now under construction, and parties from Florida and from Washington, D. C. have bought substantial areas of Cleveland Springs property."

Boom Already Started

"While Shelby is fully alive to the possibilities of the situation, one must visit Rutherford and the Chimney Rock and Lake Lure section to fully appreciate the remarkable significance of what is taking place. The public has no adequate conception of the magnitude and magnificence of Lake Lure and surrounding development. It is simply stupendous and the way property is selling is unbelievable. The impressive thing about it is that the big buying is from outside the state and it is in no wise a local boom. I have just returned from a visit to Chimney Rock, Hendersonville, Asheville and Waynesville. With snow on the ground and summer in the distance, these towns are filled with citizens."

Mrs. Byars Dead

Mrs. Byars died suddenly Friday night in the Macedonia community of Cherokee county South Carolina at the age of 74 years. Mrs. Byars is survived by her husband and a number of children. P. C. Lavendar of Earl is a brother of Mrs. Byars.

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Pastor Explains Why Some Members Departed Church

SPRING-LIKE WEATHER SPUR TO THE FARMERS

Stirs Them to Early Plowing. More Than Half the Land Already Broken Up.

The Springlike sun of Monday and Tuesday carried the Cleveland county farmers to the fields, for the first plowing days of the new season.

Mr. Samuel Lattimore, super farmer of the county, told The Star Tuesday that a short spell of such weather would put the local farmer more on easy street, insofar as breaking up land is concerned, than they have been at the dawn of spring for many a year.

Mr. Lattimore estimated that fully half the cultivated land of the county was broken up last autumn. We had a wonderful fall for plowing," he said, "and the farmers took advantage of it. So much land was plowed up that it put the bird hunters out of business."

"Now with that as a start, with some good weather favorable for outdoor work, our farmers will be more forehanded than they have been for years," he added.

Mr. Lattimore went on to explain that early cultivation does not mean early planting. But it does mean the farmers will be ready to plant when the time comes.

He cited an instance that happened some five years ago, when the rains started early in the spring and kept up so continuously that there virtually no work done in the fields at all until the first part of May.

Then the breaking up work had to be done so quickly to get the seed in that workmen on his farms went at the job in two shifts, laboring night and day.

Gave Up Career as Rabbi and is now a Merchant in Shelby

Thinks Jews and Gentiles Will Eventually Come Together to Fight Advance of Infidelity.

Three years ago, Harry Capple, who runs the Surprise store, on South LaFayette street, came to Shelby a nervous wreck. He came directly from a New York hospital, where he had been treated for nervous prostration.

These three years Capple has been living here, he has been known as Harry Capple, merchant. Only a very few persons know the man's real history. He has passed for one of the crowd, a good chess player, but that seems to have been the only outstanding feature of his accomplishment.

But as a matter of fact Capple was educated as a Jewish Rabbi. That was back in Poland years ago. He is therefore a scholar. An intimate talk with him reveals the fact. He is a philosopher, a close student of world affairs, and especially religious affairs.

Asked why he didn't pursue his chosen career as a Rabbi, he told The Star that he gave it up because he couldn't stomach orthodox, which event those days was afflicting Judaism.

"I couldn't tolerate the narrow outlook of orthodox Judaism," he said. "Then you must heartily subscribe to Rabbi Wire's utterances, of the recognition of Christ?" he was asked. "I am in full accord with Wise," he said. "His conception in large measure bridges the gap between the Christian and the Jew. And the time is undoubtedly coming when these two peoples will unite in a common faith to fight the common enemy of both—infidelity."

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Former Protestant Church Pastor Now Suing Church Tells About Tithing

Rev. C. B. Way, former pastor of the Methodist Protestant church in southwest Shelby and now suing the church for back salary he claims due him, in a statement to The Star offers an explanation as to why the 11 members mentioned by one of the trustees left the church during his year's pastorate. Rev. Mr. Way includes in his statement certain facts regarding the tithing proposal he made the church.

No Lack of Interest

The statement of the former pastor as addressed to the editor of The Star follows:

"Will you please allow me space in your valuable newspaper to correct an erroneous statement made in the issue of The Star for February 12, concerning the Methodist Protestant church and my pastorate there."

"I desire first to call attention to the statement made to The Star by one of the trustees of the church, to the effect that 11 members had their names removed from the roster of the church during my pastorate, for the reason as stated, that they lost interest in the church work. I desire to inform the readers of The Star the facts in the matter:

"Of the 11 members who were granted certificates of removal, five secured such removal certificates because they moved away from Shelby. The first one was Mr. E. G. Gantt, well known transfer man in Shelby for a number of years, who moved to a farm near Lawndale. Two others, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Willis, secured their certificates of standing for the reason that they moved away from Shelby to the Dover mill village. The other two of the five members who left the church by certificates of removal were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright, who moved to Lawdale where Mr. Wright engaged in machine shop work. All of these five members left the church, not because they lost interest, but because they were changing their places of residence and desired to unite with churches at the places to which they moved. Four of the remaining six of the 11 members referred to in the statement gave the then pastor of the church their reason for removing their names from the church roll namely, that they desired to unite with church nearer their homes. This one other fact about these 11 members who secured certificates of removal: Every one of them contributed liberally and generously to the support of the pastor and the church work during the year or the portion of the year that they were members. I have given the reasons of nine of the eleven members under consideration in this article in accounting for their removal."

Two others, a grocer and his wife, asked for their certificates of removal for the reason, as understood by the pastor, that the pastor had not proven a true pastor to the grocer, in that he did not buy all of his groceries from him, but traded some at other stores, and furthermore, that the underpaid pastor, struggling to live on an unpaid salary, did not pay his grocery bill with a degree of promptness that was to the entire satisfaction of the grocer.

"Permit me to add that I am surprised that your informant, was not inclined to be fair in furnishing you the information. He failed to mention the fact that a total of 15 new members were added to the church roll during the pastorate in question."

"Now in regard to the claim of the church concerning the pastor's tithing obligation, I wish to state the facts in this matter. During the early part of the year I did propose to the church a conditional tithing obligation. And it was that if the church would make the payments on the salary promptly, I would contribute a tenth of the salary to the church. But the church failed to meet my proposal in that they did not make sufficient payments on the salary in order to assure for the church the proposed tithing amount of the salary."

"Allow me to state in concluding this communication that I am astonished beyond measure at the methods to discount my pastoral work there, by misrepresenting the facts concerning the removal of the eleven members of the church during last year."

"Thanking you to accord me the courtesy of publishing this communication in the next available issue of The Star, and wishing you continued success in its publication, I am,

"Very sincerely,

"C. B. WAY."

(Note: See Editorial page.)

NO LEFT TURNS ON SQUARE CORNERS OF LAFAYETTE STREET

New Parking Regulation in Center Instead of Curb Applies Only to Court Square Block.

Announcement is made from City Hall that a shift of traffic arrangements, looking to greater safety both of pedestrians and automobiles, will be put into effect within a few days—just as soon, that is to say, as the paint arrives for marking the streets.

The new plan, which will inaugurate the newly installed signal system, comprehends two drastic changes from present conditions. One of these changes is, left hand turns on the square front of LaFayette street will no longer be permitted, and the second is, the experiment will be tried of parking cars in the center of LaFayette street, on the Court square block, instead of at the curb.

The streets around the court square will be thoroughly marked off as a guide both to pedestrians and automobilists.

The plan proposed, as outlined by Mayor Weathers, in a nut-shell is this:

That LaFayette street will be marked off with pedestrian crossings as far north as Sumter street and as far south as Graham street. Cars traveling on that thoroughfare will be required to travel north to Sumter street before making a left hand turn, or a U turn.

And at both extremities, that is to say at Sumter street and Graham street, cars will be required to travel north on the one hand or south on the other, beyond the pedestrian paths before making the turn.

And that same ruling will hold good at the other two corners of court square, at the Masonic temple and at Webb theatre.

Which means in effect this: That if you drive a car north on Washington street say from the post office and desire to make the turn west on Marion street, you will be required to go far enough north on Washington to clear the pedestrian path leading from curb to curb on the north side of Marion.

The parking of cars in the court square block of LaFayette street in the center of the street instead of at the curb is a radical departure in traffic regulations in Shelby. The mayor said the experiment will be tried, in belief that it will afford relief from a congestion which at present so frequently afflicts that area. Cars will be required to park at an angle in the block.

These new rulings, together with the inauguration of the new signal system, will go into effect the mayor said just as soon as the paint arrives to make the necessary street markings, and the work can be done. It is anticipated that by the last of this week or the first of next, Shelby will thus be in the big town class.

Two "Mad" Cow Are Shot By Veterinary

Two milks cows suffering from rabies have been killed in the county this week. They were shot by Dr. J. S. Dorton veterinary.

One of the mammals belonged to W. A. Gladden, of Patterson Springs, and the other to Mr. Bookout, of Grover.

Both animals, Dr. Dorton said, had been bitten by mad dogs.

Asked how a "mad" cow acts, and how it can be determined whether or not they actually are suffering from rabies, the veterinary said:

"If you ever saw a mad one there would be doubt in your mind what the trouble is. They run at all moving objects viciously, fall down as in fits, and act in an all round erratic way."

Colored Church Burns At Boiling Springs

Green Bethel Baptist church belonging to a colored congregation and located at Boiling Springs was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The fire started on the roof and is of unknown origin. The building, together with the seats, organ and pulpit were a complete loss. The building at one time belonged to a white congregation and is said to be one of unusual value. A \$4,000 insurance policy was carried but this does not cover the loss.