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WEBB CONTESTS ON FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Good Crowd Expected to Attend Annual Contest at Central Auditorium Here.

Fourteen girls of the county will match prowess in reciting Friday night at the Central school here and advance indications are that a fair-sized crowd will hear the contest.

Nearly all of the leading schools of the county have entered contestants in the Selma Webb Recitation contest and the annual event with school girls of Cleveland county is expected to be one of the most interesting and entertaining ever staged.

Added to the interest of the recitations will be the announcement following the program of the winner of the Selma Webb Essay medal. The essays have already been turned in and are now in the hands of judges, who are going over the merits of the various papers.

These two contests are the highlights of high school life for the girls in school in the county as are the Hoey contests for the boys.

Musical Program.

Miss Webb, who offers the medals and who has instilled much helpful interest in the county through her contests, announces that in addition to the recitation program there will be an entertaining musical program put on by the music departments of the various schools. Among the other numbers will be several sections by the Shelby High orchestra which has gained considerable local fame through the combined talent of the youthful array. There will also be a number of individual selections, vocal and instrumental, it is understood.

Seven schools as follows have entered contestants for the essay program at 7:30 Friday evening: Union, Shelby, Boiling Springs, Kings Mountain, Piedmont, Waco and Lattimore. Each school will have two entrants making a total of 14. The general average length of essays Superintendent Newton thinks will be around eight minutes and the program should not be long enough to prove tiresome.

The names of the entrants of only two schools were available Wednesday. They are: Veila Blanton and Bessie Campbell of Union school, and Lula Moore Suttle and Mary Sue Borders of Shelby. Miss Blanton's subject will be "As the Moon Rose", while Miss Campbell's subject will be "Moriah's Mo'nin'."

Williams Sells Out Book Store Interest

Charles H. Williams has sold interest in the Shelby Office Supply and Book Company, Inc., it has been announced.

The withdrawal of Mr. Williams leaves Mr. W. R. Newton, and his son-in-law, R. E. Brooksher, as owners of the business.

This enterprise was started about a year and a half ago as Williams and Hamrick. Later Mr. Hamrick withdrew, and the business was incorporated under the title of the Shelby Office Supply and Book Company.

Mr. Williams said Tuesday that he has made no plans for the future in a business way.

Chocolate Shop to Open Tuesday

New Ice Cream Parlor, Candy Kitchen and Fruit Stand in the Beam Building.

George Smyrnois, well and favorably known Greek candy maker who is a Chesterfield in courtesy and an expert in candy making will be manager of the Chocolate Shop, which opens Tuesday in the Beam building, occupying the store room recently vacated by Jackson's Cash Grocery. A beautiful new plate glass store front has been put in by Julius Branton, contractor, and the interior has been all gone over and beautified. A new liquid carbonic soda fountain has been installed, booths built for private service to customers, new tables and chairs added, giving a seating capacity for 36 in the soda department. In addition to sodas, George will make fine candies of every description in a sanitary candy kitchen where new candy making machinery has been installed. George has a wonderful reputation for his fine candies, the like of which has never been made locally before. He came here a year or more ago from California.

Tobaccos and fruits will also be sold, making one of the most attractive places in Shelby for these several lines. The Shelby Candy Kitchen in the Union Bank Building will be continued and carry the same merchandise. Owners of the Chocolate Shop are Moses George, George Smyrnois, Moses Kouri, and Joe Owens, four enterprising fellows who have been a splendid success in their lines.

Bull Pays Mayor a Visit



Mayor Edwin Brown, Seattle, Wash., played host to a real-honest-to-goodness bull recently when the animal strolled into the executive's office.

Woman Pleads Poverty, Then Rides Away in Big Expensive Limousine

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—It is not often that one listens to a plea of poverty from a woman. In rags and then witnesses that same woman, when she thinks she is unobserved, ride away in a handsome limousine driven by a liveried chauffeur.

And yet that is exactly the experience that befell Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink yesterday and the commissioner related several instances of the same kind.

Pretension to unreal wealth is more common that simulation of poverty and yet it is the time honored custom when applying for a pardon to put up a "hard luck story" of dire distress.

Mr. Sink's visitor yesterday was a woman from Durham. She left no records behind her and the commissioner was vague as to who she was and for whom she entered a plea. The commissioner states she presented a woe-begone and bedraggled appearance, but that his attention was attracted when in the height of her argument she excitedly dropped a chambray bag which appeared to contain rings.

The commissioner began to sit up and take notice. He saw that his visitor's shoes and stockings were immaculate—in striking contrast to the rest of her costume. He further observed that there were visible marks on her fingers where rings had obviously been worn for a long time.

Thus far could Mr. Sink go without assistance, but the situation was becoming too complicated for a mere man. He needed help and relating his suspicions, called in his feminine assistant, who returned a true bill upon the commissioner's bill of indictment. To a practiced feminine eye there was no question but that the visitor had returned to the simple expedient of turning her dress inside out.

When his visitor departed Mr. Sink went to the front of the building and asked permission of Mrs. Griggs, secretary of the Library commission, to observe the view from her window. From that vantage point, Mr. Sink observed his erstwhile caller, her dress once more right side out, step into a large limousine driven by a liveried chauffeur.

That is only one tale. There are others. One of them relates to another woman, who excited the sympathy of the girls in the office. When they were asked to call a taxi they were sure that the woman, who waited in vain for the commissioner's return to the office which had not materialized, merely was not able to find her way about the city and instead of calling the taxi, gave the woman minute instructions for reaching the bus station, only four blocks away.

However, the next time she called she said: "Please call me a taxi and tell them not to send one of those yellow cabs, but one of the closed Hudsons."

The taxi was ordered.

Another story relates to a woman in an adjacent county whose son was on the roads. She told a pitiful tale of a helpless, invalid husband, completely impoverished. Inquiry brought forth the information that the man owned 200 acres of land and was in perfect health.

Griffin Attending Educational Meet

Prof. L. C. Griffin, superintendent of the Shelby city schools, is spending this week in Washington where he is attending the annual meeting of the National Educational association.

Mr. Griffin is expected to return from Washington on Friday.

Shoots Brother Accidentally

Billy McKnight, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. McKnight is a patient today in the Shelby hospital as the result of an accidental shot Tuesday evening, when a gun in the hands of his younger brother, Colbert, aged 9 years, was unintentionally discharged.

Reports from the hospital have it that the youth's condition is not serious and that the bullet was removed Tuesday night. Mr. McKnight, prominent wholesale grocer, states that he expects to remove his son home Wednesday or Thursday if he continues to improve.

It is understood that the two brothers were playing Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock when the younger boy picked up a .22 calibre rifle, which he did not know was loaded and in some way caused it to discharge, the bullet striking the older brother in the lower part of the back.

Spring-Time Must Be Nearing Shelby

Spring, the real thing, can't be far away on the calendar, that's what the observant ones about town are saying.

Their proof is under the eaves at Beck's Fountain it's been several months now since the chairs have been tilted back there to gain the best advantage of the sun's rays while deep topics were discussed. But the chairs are occupied again now.

Which is the same as saying that Sheriff Logan's council now holds forth on the court square's most famed sunny spot. With the summer-like weather of Tuesday the sheriff noticed a vacant appearance about the office and couldn't fathom the mystery until he noticed that the historic fountain was again a place of activity.

And Mr. Ebeltoft agrees with the statement that spring has come. "When they gather around Beck's Fountain, it's springtime, and when they depart in the fall it's almost time for the snow to fall," according to the bookstore sage.

Now Building New Golf Course Here

W. H. Lyle, professional of the Cleveland Springs Golf club, is now engaged in preparing nine holes of the new 18-hole golf course that will supplant the present nine-hole course of the resort.

The nine holes now being prepared are on the north side of Highway 20 and to an extent face the front of the hotel from across the highway. Mr. Lyle has practically half of the first nine holes roughly laid out and in his opinion the course will be one of the most attractive in the entire section. Engineers in the construction division of the resort company are assisting in the work. The other nine holes of the 18-hole course will be in the neighborhood of the present nine.

Of recent months local golfers have been using only five holes of the present course while the other four fairways were being grassed. These fairways are now in near perfect condition and within a week or so the nine holes will be open for full play. The new nine being prepared will probably be open for play about the first of June.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS IN BRIEF

State Has a Financial Deficit—University Head May Go to Oregon—Flag on Every School House.

(Special to The Star) (By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, February 22.—The mounting state deficit, the interest in the situation at Chapel Hill where Dr. H. W. Chase may resign the presidency of the University for a better offer in Oregon, and the selection of football coaches at Wake Forest and Carolina were among the matters which chiefly held attention in the Capital City during the week. For several weeks now there has been a conspicuous lull in political circles, perhaps due to the fact that the master hand of Governor McLean is keeping down turmoil and perhaps the calm before the storm of elections scheduled for this summer and the political activity of next fall which always precedes a session of the general assembly.

State Has Deficit

The financial statement of the month showed that on February 1, 1926 the state had a deficit of \$1,083,334.26 in the general fund. This was an increase of about three hundred thousand over the previous month but Governor McLean is not worrying. He is confident that by the end of his first fiscal year, July 1, 1926, the state will be operating on an even basis. He believes the heavy income tax payments and other taxes due during March will offset the deficit. In his connection it is interesting to note that R. A. Doughton, head of the revenue department, has started a drive for an early collection of income tax payments which are due by the fifteenth of March. Mr. Doughton points out there is no use to delay because of prospective action by congress because the action of that body will reflect only Federal and not state income taxes.

May Leave State.

Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina is considering an offer to head of the University of Oregon. A reported higher salary and a larger school are the inducements. The trustees of the University through their board of directors or executive committee, have expressed their approval of his administration and have urged him not to leave. The full board will meet early in March to canvass the situation and hear the report of a committee appointed to confer with Dr. Chase.

Selection of Baldwin as a recommended coach for Wake Forest by the athletic committee was made during the week. It is likely that the college will confirm the recommendation. Coach Baldwin formerly coached Duke University. Over at Carolina several are being considered for the post of coach and a selection is to be made this week.

Employees and Pistols

Railroads are responsible for the actions of their employees who tote guns, the Supreme Court rules and are liable for damages if their employees use said pistols on others. The court handed down this decision in a case affirming a verdict against the railroad for the widow of a man killed by an employe of the road.

The North Carolina Mutual Building and Loan Association has failed but will be able to pay off about 80 to 90 cents on the dollar. Trying to operate on a state wide basis with heavy overhead expenses is said to have caused the crash.

Employees need not report to the United States government on salaries of less than \$1,500 for single men

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Officers Go After County Meat Thieves

Two Men Are Arrested at Salisbury With Hams and Shoulders Thought to be Stolen.

Two white men have been arrested at Salisbury who are thought to be the thieves who made a rich haul when they entered meat houses from Mooresboro to Shelby the other night. Officers at Salisbury report they have two men under arrest who had in their possession 17 hams and shoulders, thought to have been stolen from Monroe Green, Mrs. J. E. McBrayer and Mr. Nolan at Blanton Brothers farm. Rural Policeman Festerman of Mecklenburg county has telephoned that he thinks the thieves belong to his county and he joined Sam Green, Monroe Green, Yates McBrayer, Sheriff Logan, Mr. Nolan and Bob Kendrick in Charlotte Wednesday, all en route to Salisbury to identify the meat and the thieves if possible. In the event the meat answers the description of that stolen in this county, the men will be brought back to Cleveland and lodged in jail.

Americans Will Soon Be Spindle-Legged Creatures

North Carolina Man Radio Play Winner



Hilliard Booth, of Brevard, N. C., won the second prize of \$200 in the nation-wide radio drama contest conducted by the Drama League of America and WLS, the Sears-Robuck Agricultural Foundation station, Chicago. His play is entitled, "Back Stage," and will be presented over WLS March 3.

ELECTRIC SIGNALS START BY FRIDAY

By the latter part of the week Shelby autoists will be going and stopping by the electric traffic signals on six uptown street corners, such is the present plan of the police department.

City workmen began Tuesday afternoon marking off white lines that go with the new traffic system and according to Chief of Police B. O. Hamrick the painting of the lines will more than likely be completed by Thursday or Friday.

Lines will be marked at the traffic corners where the signals are stationed both for pedestrians and motorists. The lines include stop marks on each side of the street where motorists must stop until the "go" light is turned on and announced by the bell.

Much interest awaits actual operation and enforcement of the system and to see how long it will take local motorists to absorb the city air in threading uptown traffic.

Central Parking.

It is not definitely known, according to reports emanating from the City Hall, as yet whether or not the proposed plan of parking in the center of the business streets will be carried out. It seems as if the plan has yet to receive a definite okay of the officials before that time are carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages of the two parking systems.

Legion Members In Another Big Drive

Doughboys, gobs, aviators, artillerymen, kitchen police and all, meaning the members of the Warren Hoyle post of the American legion, sallied forth in a concerted drive Tuesday evening that in its way resembled some early dawn charges in No Man's land back in the days of '17.

However, this time the bayonets were replaced by paint brushes, mops and sand paper, and the wire entanglement and trenches ahead were nothing more than the walls of the legion club rooms, while overturned paint buckets were the only things approaching shrapnel. Which is to say the hangout of the legionnaires has been renovated and painted. The members of the post gathered in force there Tuesday evening and "falling to" in older style made a complete change in the appearance of the quarters within a short time.

Realty Sales By J. B. Nolan Co.

J. B. Nolan company report the following sales for the past few days: D. E. Honeycutt has purchased the E. B. Hopper house on East Marion street for consideration approximately \$10,000. Rev. G. P. Abernethy has bought a lot on S. LaFayette street from J. A. Nolan, consideration \$1,550. Forrest Eskridge has bought five lots from V. A. and A. A. Powell on the Mike Borders property. Rev. H. E. Waldrop has bought R. B. Turner's Whisnont, milliner, who recently came here from Sharon, S. C., bought Miss Maggie Black's hat shop. Hershel Ponder and J. L. Thomason have bought several valuable lots and business property at Chimney Rock.

Such Is The Opinion Of James Anderson Who Says We Ride Too Much; Walk Little.

Los Angeles.—Americans of the future will be spindle-legged creatures with impaired powers of locomotion.

Generations of people with shriveled arms and legs and generally ill developed bodies are descending on the United States.

America now supreme in athletics will fall under the prowess of foreigners within a comparatively short time.

These are the opinions of James Anderson, noted physical culture expert and athletic trainer, who declared today that a "cure" would be established as truths if the lost art of walking is not revived in America and a cure found for what he termed "automobilitis."

His deductions concerning future generations in America were prompted by figures revealing the staggering number of automobiles in this country and the increasing readiness of Americans to succumb to the lure of soft inviting motor car cushions. Anderson, who was coach of the Swedish national track team of 1917-1918 and 1919, director of the Russian government's athletic program from 1911 to 1917 and who conditioned the track team of the university of southern California, winners of the 1925 national championship has made an extensive study of athletics in America and abroad.

"In America very little is known about walking," he declared. "In Europe nothing is thought of walking fifteen or twenty miles a day on foot, but this would be regarded as very unusual here, where the automobile is pressed into service for even the shortest walks."

Anderson declared lack of physical training causing spindle legs among a people was not unknown. He said centuries of life in canoes among the natives of Tierra del Fuego and the Aleutian islands had caused the limbs of the people there to waste away until they were a spindle legged race.

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STORE BREAKING IN UPPER CLEVELAND

A trial of much interest it is thought will be that Monday of several defendants charged with store breaking and robbery in the upper Cleveland section, according to reports from local officers.

Deputy Sheriff Dixon has already made several arrests, it is understood, but likely more will be made. A preliminary hearing was first set for this week before Judge John Mull, but the date was later changed.

Stores entered it is said were those of Douglas Carpenter at Carpenters Knob and Will Porter of Belwood and perhaps others.

Gardner Talked to Million Hearers

Shelby and Cleveland county folks who listened in on O. Max Gardner's radio speech from Miami last Saturday night composed a part of the largest audience the Shelby man ever addressed.

The manager of the Fleetwood hotel broadcasting studio at Miami, informed Mr. Gardner just before he began talking that he was reliably informed through hearers and telegrams that several hundred thousand more than a million people would hear his talk. "It made me a little more nervous than my first speech back in school days when I realized the vastness of the statement," Mr. Gardner declared.

Which is to say more than one million people heard of the "all-time Paradise" of Shelby, Cleveland Springs and North Carolina.

Jackie Fields Will Fight In Charlotte

Jackie Fields, 132-pound nom de plume Shelby fighter, has been matched with Kid Melton, 133-pounder Bessemer City, in the eight rounds semi-final for the big fight card at Charlotte Wednesday, it is announced. The main fight will be between Joe Paglina and Lou Guglemini. Promoters had figured using Terry Roberts of McAdenville, in this bout, but passed him up because of the way he behaved when last he had a chance at the Auditorium there. Melton has fought there before and so has Fields. Both boys are crowd pleasers and their willingness to mix things up seems to indicate a hard fought contest.

SURVEYING MOVES ON AT CLEVELAND

Samuel P. Baird, Well-Known Engineer, Now Engaged in Preliminary Lay-out of Hotel Resort.

According to word reaching Shelby from Clearwater, Florida, contracts for the development work at Cleveland Springs Park will be let within four or five weeks and actual grading and construction work begin.

Local officials of the Cleveland Springs Company say that the Marshalls have informed them that they will move headquarters here just as soon as the preliminary survey and lay-out of the development is complete. The Florida firm has already leased offices here and it is presumed the organization will start functioning at that time.

Mr. Samuel P. Baird, prominent engineer, who is now at work on the general preliminary lay-out when questioned as to how long the work would take declared that it was hard to estimate any definite length of time, but that the survey work would reach the contract stage within four or five weeks possibly.

Mr. Baird and assistants are daily surveying and staking off the huge development by the blue-print program made by landscape experts.

Work Local Folks

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Coming in Few Months

O. Max Gardner and other Shelby folks returning from a tour of Florida have the idea that in April and May and along through the summer Shelby will attract quite a number of visitors from the Florida section and that they will visit this section about the time work at the development here is in full swing.

Further rumor has it that a mammoth dance pavilion may be erected at or near the resort for the pleasure of summer visitors. However, nothing definite about the matter has been announced.

Colored Swains in Love—Dangerous

Monday night Herman Clark, colored, called on Mamie Randolph, also colored, at the latter's home in the negro district. Herman liked Mamie, and he was acting up to the part when along came Willie B. Sims, also colored.

Willie also liked Mamie, and little dark cupid stuck his tongue in his jaw, and winked as a sign of trouble. Willie stood around a while at one end of the porch, and watched Mamie and Herman spoon at the other end. Then he called Mamie over.

"Come over here," he said to his dusky anamorata, "I've got something particular to say to you."

At that Herman looked at Willis, kind of unfriendly like and said: "She ain't goin' nowhere, nigger."

At that Willie went home, peevish clear through, got a shot gun and parked himself in the path Herman had to take to go home. But Herman got wind of what was in the air, and sent for the Chief of Police.

When Mr. Hamrick arrived on the scene, Willie had gone, carrying his shot gun with him. But when arrested later he admitted he got green eyed when he saw Herman in such proximity to Mamie. And Judge Mull fined him ten bucks.

Dr. Rankin Speaks Here To Kiwanians

Dr. W. S. Rankin, a modern Napoleon in medicine who has brought North Carolina from near the bottom of the list in medical science and sanitation to a position where it is regarded as having one of the best health departments in the United States, speaks here Thursday night before the Kiwanis club in the interest of health. Dr. Rankin has charge of distribution of Mr. J. B. Duke's millions to hospitals in the two Carolinas and he has valuable information to impart to his hearers. Those who are not members of the Kiwanis club and wish to hear him will be privileged to do so. It is not necessary to wait for further invitation, but simply notify Rush Hamrick by telephone that you will be present and pay for your plate 75 cents. It is imperative that Rush Hamrick be notified if you expected attendance in order that a plate might be reserved for you.