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Shelby High School Teacher Has Taste For Squared Circle

"Rudy" Matthews, College Graduate, And Teacher Of Science, has made Reputation As Boxer.

Eppa Rixey is a professional baseball pitcher (with the Cincinnati Reds.) He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and he goes back to his alma mater every now and then to teach the young idea how to shoot. During his baseball career, Eppa taught Math at a college in northern Virginia. It is said of him that he could get more work out of a bunch of kids than any professor in the institution. A professional baseball player, capable of teaching higher math, caught the imagination of the young hopefuls. Most kids love an idol, and in the tall Eppa, they found one.

Which brings us along to Shelby and one R. S. "Rudy" Matthews. Matthews is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He got an A. B. degree at Chapel Hill, then came over to the Shelby High school to teach Science.

He hands out dope to the local young idea on biology, chemistry and such like highbrow stuff. But between times—and here we come to the point—he is a boxer.

He has been studying the art of boxing since he was in college. As some young men of the campus go in for football, tennis, swimming and baseball, Matthews went in for the so-called manly art of self defense. And he has perfected himself at it.

A young man with a college degree who can teach science at a high school, and who at the same time can stand up in the squared circle with high class professionals, is a rare bird. That is what one calls mixing one's metaphors. In his way, Matthews is as remarkable as Eppa Rixey.

He likes boxing because he says it teaches one self mastery, self control and perfects the state of one's physical condition. He believes it is an aid to scholarship and brain development, in that it makes one quick, alert, able to stand punishment, stamina and good fellowship.

He has stood up in the ring with both amateurs and professionals. He doesn't hesitate to fight a professional, although he is himself an amateur, and probably always will remain one.

He has been seen in the ring here in Shelby, and won the admiration of the local fraternity. Last week he went down to Charlotte and entered an eight round bout with a professional "Kid" Melton. The "go" was a hummer from the gong, but Melton got the decision, apropos of which the Charlotte News says the contest should have been a draw, as Matthews went through the mill break for break, with the professional.

The Star called Matthews up at the high school Friday and asked him to come to the office. Here, he sat down, and explained the philosophy of his pastime. He believes it is essential that for young America to win, he must be strong and alert, equipped with physical vigor to give him mental poise and stamina.

"And I know of no sport in the world," he said, "that is such an all round developer as boxing. That is why I go in for it. Some folks don't understand my idea. They don't differentiate between a boxer and a fighter. But there is all the difference in the world; one is a sport, and the other a business, and a rather sordid one.

"I believe in boxing, because I believe in clean living and clean thinking, and a healthy body, such as a boxer must have, makes for both."

Mr. Dick Turner is Dead at Ellenboro

Was Native Of The Sharon Section Of Cleveland County And 79 Years Old.

Mr. R. V. Turner, known as "Dick" Turner, died Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home at Ellenboro at the age of 79 years. Mr. Turner was a native of the Sharon section of Cleveland county, being a brother of the late Eli and William Turner. He was married to Miss Lina Blanton, a daughter of the late Albert Blanton who lived on the line between the two counties. She passed away a number of years ago leaving surviving six children. At Ellenboro Mr. Turner was a member of the mercantile firm of McKinney and Turner for many years.

His remains were buried Friday at Sandy Run Baptist church, a large crowd attending to pay a tribute of respect to his splendid life. The funeral was conducted by Rev. I. D. and Z. D. Harrill and Rev. Zeno Wall.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. A. R. Putnam and family wish to acknowledge the kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

Nine Hundred Hear McLean Speak To County Farmers

A total of nine hundred people heard T. D. McLean, a practical farmer, deliver a series of four addresses in the interest of cooperative cotton marketing in the county last week, according to reports by Carl Hamrick, district agent. Mr. McLean found the farmers deeply interested in this vital subject and they in turn found him presenting the subject of co-operative cotton marketing in a clear, practical way. Mr. McLean has his whole heart and soul in the movement and while he is connected with the association, he is a practical and successful farmer who realizes the benefits to be derived from marketing in this way.

Prof. Lawson Banton filled Mr. McLean's appointment at Casar and handled the subject in a magnificent way to a large crowd. Mr. McLean not being able to meet this appointment.

Paragon Inaugurating Ambulance Service

The Paragon Furniture Company's undertaking department has blown it up to a new ambulance and hears, for service here in Shelby and the neighboring towns.

The two vehicles set the firm back some nine thousand dollars. The Paragon people are taking great pride in the inauguration of exclusive ambulance service in the city. They assert it is rare that a town the size of Shelby affords an exclusive ambulance service.

This vehicle is equipped to the last minute with finished details for the comfort of the sick. It has a siren, which will give it immediate right of way on emergency calls; it is equipped with electric fans and electric heaters to insure uniform temperature; hot and cold water, medicine chest, linen chest, electric call buttons, Bull's tires and special springs make it ride as smoothly as propulsion can be made.

The hearse is also modern in every respect. The vehicles were supplied by Henney, and are of especially imposing appearance.

Belwood Route 1 News Of Interest

(Special to The Star) We are having some fine weather now, and the farmers are making use of it, clearing land and making gardens.

The Richard school pupils are all looking forward to a picnic which they are going to take to Bakers mountain some time soon.

Miss Beula Wilson spent the week end with Miss Lulaway Elmore.

We have several cases of "flu" in upper Cleveland now. Mr. A. P. Walker's family have all been confined to their beds but are fast recovering. Also Mr. Lawrence Turner and Vivian Elmore have it.

Miss Lula Walker is at home from Morganton, where she has been training. She came home to attend to her family which has "flu."

Misses Thelma White and Willard Blackett spent Saturday night with Miss Ruby Carpenter.

Mrs. Rebecca Eaker is visiting her sister Mrs. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eaker spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Vivian Elmore.

Miss Leovonia Smawley is at home from Morganton State hospital where she has been taking training.

Miss Evangeline Canipe of Lawndale star route gave a delightful party Saturday night. All who attended report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Elmore were shopping in Shelby Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Wilbur Lutz and Elmer Biggers were visitors in upper Cleveland Sunday afternoon.

Whites school girls played an interesting game of basket ball last week with Fairview, the score running in favor of Whites.

Mr. Vassie White spent last Friday night with his uncle Mr. R. C. White.

Misses Macie Warlick and Vernie Turner spent last Thursday night with Miss Beula Wilson.

Misses Fannie and Evangeline Walker attended the party at Miss Evangeline Canipe's Saturday night.

Wishes An Explanation.

J. A. Goode of No. 2 Township was taken before the bar of justice a few days ago for failure to send a child to school. Mr. Goode wishes the public to know that he has since obtained a certificate from the attending physician saying that the child has an ear trouble which keeps him out and that it is no willful neglect on Mr. Goode's part.

Coming Back



Theodore Roberts, a great movie favor, recovering from a nervous breakdown, is coming back into the limelight. He will open a vaudeville engagement in Seattle, Wash., soon.

D. J. HAMRICK DIES AT BOILING SPRINGS

Victim Friday of "Flu" After Brief Illness. Was Well Known Citizen and Merchant.

The funeral of Mr. Drury J. Hamrick, 74, former merchant, assistant postmaster, and well known citizen of Boiling Springs, was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hamrick died at his home in Boiling Springs Friday morning after a three days' illness of flu, which brought about heart complications. He was taken ill Tuesday afternoon, rallied Thursday and was thought to be out of danger. However, he had a sinking spell Thursday night from which he did not recover.

He was a brother of Dr. T. G. Hamrick, well-known physician of Shelby. Mr. Hamrick had recently disposed of his mercantile business in Boiling Springs to J. W. Spangler, and at the time he was taken sick was assisting his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hamrick at Boiling Springs postoffice.

The funeral services at the Baptist church at Boiling Springs were conducted by Rev. Zeno Wall, pastor of the Shelby Baptist church. Dr. Greer, pastor of the local church, and E. B. Hamrick a deacon also made an address.

The pall bearers were grand children of the deceased, including the following: D. J. Hamrick, jr., a student at Wake Forest; Linwood Kendrick, of Fountain Inn, S. C.; Allen and Henry Cash and Wilbur Cash and Hal Green, all of Boiling Springs.

Mr. Hamrick is survived by Mrs. Hamrick, his widow, one sister, three brothers and four children including the following: Mrs. Bertha Hamrick and Mrs. John Cash, of Boiling Springs, Mrs. N. Kendrick and Mr. Clarence Hamrick, of Fountain Inn, S. C.

Sousa's Band At Gastonia Tuesday

(By Edwin M. Steckel.) Although there has been an unusually large advance sale for the concert by Sousa and his band, Tuesday night in Gastonia, we are authorized to promise our readers that an account of the seating capacity of the high school auditorium, 1,700, it is safe to say that everyone who comes to the concert will be taken care of even if they have neglected to reserve their seats until this time.

Edwin M. Steckel, who has charge of the concert, wishes to assure prospective purchasers that the entire band of 85 pieces, will appear in this program and John Philip Sousa, the world's most famous bandmaster, will positively conduct the entire concert. All of the regular features will be given and soloists will include several of the famous musicians who accompany the organization on this tour. This statement is made so as to reassure music lovers of this section that they will hear exactly the same concert as the band is giving in Atlanta, Ga.

Tickets are now on sale at the Adams drug company, Gastonia, and will be on sale at the door Tuesday evening. The concert will begin at 8:30 and will be given in the new High school on York street.

Mrs. E. B. Caldwell, Ed Jr. and Misses Dorothy and Frances Caldwell spent the week end in Concord with relatives. The Caldwells are living at Cleveland Springs this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Roberts spent Saturday in Charlotte. Sunday they spent in Spartanburg at Converse College with their daughters Misses Mary Adelaide and Minnie Eddins Roberts.

McLEAN APPEALS TO OUR FARMERS

Asks Them to Solve Their Big Problem Through Co-operative Marketing of Cotton.

(Special to The Star)

The evening of February 25, 1926, featured as a red letter occasion for Fairview School situated in classic Township No. 8; a large audience had assembled and a variety of features were scheduled for this important date.

In the first place, Mr. McLean who is advocating co-operation among the farmers was present. Prof. Taylor, of Lattimore high school, delivered a short but timely talk tried to impress the farmers with importance of using good seed, without which it is impossible to achieve satisfactory results. He recommended the famous Cleveland big boll as the best variety and stated that arrangements had been made to supply the season-toil with satisfactory seed at reasonable prices.

Next, Mr. McLean placed his feet on the mat and delivered a very practical and impressive address upon the cotton situation and the importance of co-operation. He made no effort to fly eagle in impassioned oratory nor to array the masses against the classes. No lurid enathemes were pronounced against the capitalist nor mill man; but farmers were enjoined to work out their own salvation. He declared himself as from the sand hill regions and declared that the citizenship of Cleveland County abounded in beautiful girls and fine, stalwart young men. He paid a high tribute to education, good roads and our growing rural and urban conditions. The State had been highly taxed to secure modern advantages; but it was a good investment.

True education is the training of head, hand, and heart. The speaker called attention to fact that more money was required now than in the past. When every man on the farm was a farmer, carpenter, blacksmith tanner and every housewife was a cook, weaver, spinner and tailor; very little money was required. But this is an age of specializing and more money is needed. The banker of proper vision, the capitalist and professional man and other organized industries are not always inimical to interests of the farmer; but the spirit of competition necessitates that they look after their own interests just as the farmer must do to achieve proper success. Sometimes the favored classes live in luxurious homes furnished with running water, baths and electric lights; while the producers of cotton live in squalor and drudgery. For this the farmer is largely to blame because he neglects his manifest opportunities. He asks his neighbor, "What is cotton worth?" and has nothing, under old conditions, to do with pricing his product. Helping the farmer helps all classes; for the more money he obtains for his crop the more he can spend with the merchants, the book seller and the dealer in musical supplies. The boy who can operate farm machinery is just as necessary to civilization as the one who guides a locomotive, or holds a position in a bank. He emphasized the fact that overproduction didn't hammer down the price of cotton but under consumption. So long as the producer of this staple with his wife and children has a scarcity of clothing no sane man can claim overproduction.

Later, Mr. Hamrick made some timely remarks; after which the decks were cleared for action relating to school features. Prof. Carpenter briefly announced that a pie supper, a beauty contest among young ladies and a contest deciding the ugliest man would be staged. Nixon Whisman featured as spell binding, jokesmith and auctioneer and spirited bidding was the result. When the pies were all sold the ugly man contest was staged, and your correspondent could cheerfully warble, even in his toothless condition, "Is my name written there?" But he went down before an avalanche of younger men and failed to win the prize.

Several young ladies were nominated in the popularity contest; but after a spirited battle a Miss Good of the school was winner, amid great applause.

While the youthful contingent with merry optimistic hearts, flying feet and frivolity enjoyed their inning, the address of the chief speaker left a fine impression and is likely to bear fruit. Under co-operative organization and methods cotton would be bringing thirty cents instead twenty.

South Shelby News.

Born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reinhardt, a daughter.

Mrs. L. L. Moss and son Odell of Blacksburg, R. I. are visiting Mrs. Marvin Blanton and Mr. Edgar Rippy in South Shelby.

Mr. Craig Runyans left Monday for Raleigh where he takes a course in embalming. Mr. Runyans has a position with the John M. Best Furniture company.

Pershing Back



General John J. Pershing recently returned to Washington from his long assignment as arbitrator of the Tacna-Arica dispute.

LIST OF PATIENTS AT SHELBY HOSPITAL

The following is a list of patients and their condition at the Shelby hospital.

Mr. J. H. Toms, scalded, improving; Mr. Robert D. Crowder, treatment, expected to be dismissed Tuesday; Mr. Luther Spencer, Shelby, who underwent an operation a few days ago is improving; Raymond Brittain, son of C. A. Brittain, of Casar, fractured leg, doing nicely; Woodrow Davis from McBrayer Springs has been very sick, condition about the same; Freeman Sailors, Shelby who has been a patient for some time is improving; Joe DePriest, of Lattimore, treatment, very much improved; Austell Borders, 19 months old baby of G. B. Borders, of Grover, has been very sick but is improving; Avitt Hester R-2, Shelby, underwent operation two weeks ago dismissed Monday; David Tessiner, R-4; Shelby operated on few days ago, condition fine; Mrs. M. L. Spaka operated on week ago, condition good; little Evans Lackey, son of J. L. Lackey, operated on last week, condition much improved; C. H. King, of Shelby operated on few days ago, condition good; Mrs. A. H. Galloway and baby will be able to leave hospital this week; Paul Martin, son of George Martin of Lawndale, treatment case, much better; Mrs. H. M. Pippin and son doing nicely and will be dismissed this week; R. E. Carpenter, operated on last week doing fine; Mrs. O. E. Stewart, Shelby, treatment case, condition good; Ruth Williams, operated on recently left hospital Monday; Mrs. Philbeck of Lawndale, was dismissed Sunday; Julius Laill was able to go home Sunday; Mrs. Wilds and Mrs. Mabry and babies left hospital Saturday.

Leitha Ann Martin, Shelby, entered for treatment; Vernie McDowell operated on several days ago; Dora Fitzsimmons operated on week ago, doing nicely.

Venus De Milo Was Too Fat-Get That

New York, Feb.—Venus de Milo never would have won an American beauty contest because she ate too much and danced not enough. R. C. Shirton, president of the H. W. Gossard and company, so declared to 500 girls and men from 17 states attending the school for corsetiers under the direction of Kathryn Cunningham, of Chicago and J. L. Varley, of New York.

"If Venus de Milo were reincarnated today she would discover that she was overweight and over-measure," said Shirton. "Her figure would be passed and her physicians would prescribe a diet and exercise. Her modiste would prescribe reducing garments."

The classical Venus would probably not survive the first elimination trials of a modern beauty contest, Shirton asserted.

"Judged by present-day standards, Venus would be too generously proportioned, neck, chest, waist, hips, everywhere she would be altogether too pleasingly plump," he said. "Women didn't indulge in athletics in her day, and the science of dietetics was unknown."

State represented at the school included Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

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Boiling Springs High Wins Both Medals In Selma Webb Contest

S. S. Institute is Held at New Hope

Rev. G. P. Abernethy and A. V. Washburn Taught Classes—Five Teachers Hold Gold Seals.

(Special to The Star)

A very fine Sunday school institute was held at New Hope Baptist church at Earl last week. The pastor, Rev. G. P. Abernethy taught a class on "The Sunday School Manual" and A. V. Washburn, association field worker taught "Teachers That Teach," a course especially for Sunday school teachers.

Rev. W. E. Love, pastor of Buffalo and Peran churches in South Carolina, with a number of his workers from both churches, attended the meeting every night. As a result of the work, more than forty diplomas and other book awards will be presented to the faithful workers soon.

New Hope is one of the outstanding churches in the association in teacher training work, having to their credit more than two hundred teacher training awards within the last two years. Five of the teachers and officers hold the Gold Seal Diplomas, which means the completion of thirteen books in the course; and is the highest course the Baptist Sunday School, Board offers in Teacher Training. This is a worthy achievement, and speaks well for these faithful workers and their wide awake pastor; and shows what can be done when we have a mind to work. This worthy accomplishment should be emulated by many of our churches.

West Shelby News of the Week-end

(Special to The Star)

Mr. C. D. West has quite sick with flu at his home on Gardner St. Mr. Lee Hefner has accepted a position in the cloth room at the Dever Mill.

Miss Kate Allen who has had pneumonia, is showing some improvement.

Mr. S. M. Smart has moved his family from the M. P. parsonage to the McSwain house on Clegg street.

Clyde Wilson, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Burgen Wilson, who has had pneumonia, is better.

Mr. Lester Canipe has accepted a position in the cloth room of the Ora Mill.

Mrs. C. D. West was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Tom Bradley, who is very ill.

Mr. Joe Kennedy has returned from Charlotte where he went to consult a head specialist.

Mr. Connor has moved his family to the Dover Mill village in order that he might be closer to his work.

"Snook," the small son of Mr. and Mrs. William Williams fell and cut his forehead. He was carried to the hospital, where medical service was rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gantt announce the birth of a fine son, weighing 8 pounds on February 2.

Better Orchards For Farm Homes

(By Alvin Hardin, Cleveland Farm Agent.)

No farm is complete without a home orchard. The farmer should have an abundant and constant supply of fruit for his family, and yet a well kept home orchard in this county is the exception rather than the rule.

Fruit is a special business which is given special attention will give special results. The principal thing about fruit growing is the plow, pruning knife and the spray pump.

A pruning demonstration will be held on the county home farm, near the fair ground Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m. All farmers are urged to attend this demonstration to produce a good orchard and good fruit. Come and see trees of different age and size pruned and sprayed.

Thermometer At 40, March True To Form

March, entering upon the scene to play its part for some thirty-one days, ran true to form making its bow to the local community. High, raw and chilling winds, with the thermometer at 40 in the early hours of Monday inaugurated the new season.

With three weeks to go the entrance of spring, winter made a fresh descent upon Cleveland Saturday night. The thermometer fell from the sixties early Saturday to Thirty-two during Saturday night. The disturbance is said to have been more or less local, due to snow on the hills in the near-by country.

Fable: "I'll make my living by honest labor," said the reformer, "so that none can accuse me of doing this for money."

Grover Splawn And Miss Evelyn Huggins Victors In Annual County Educational Classic

Pupils of the Boiling Springs High School copped the honors of the Selma Webb dual contest held in Shelby last week, carrying off both medals offered at this annual educational event. The essay medal was won by Grover Splawn, of Boiling Springs High, and the recitation medal by Miss Evelyn Huggins, daughter of J. D. Huggins, of the Boiling Springs school faculty.

The medals were presented following the recitation contest at the Shelby High School auditorium Friday night, by Rev. Mr. McDiarmid, pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian church.

The high school was packed for the entertainment by an audience that taxed the capacity of the building. Special music enlivened the occasion. J. C. Newton, county superintendent of schools, presiding over the exercises. Thirteen contestants were entered in each event.

In the recitation contest, second choice was given to the presentation of Miss Lula Vay Elmore, of Piedmont, and the third to Miss Alice Post, of Lattimore.

There was no second choice announced for the essay contest.

Special music was given during the recitation numbers by pupils and teachers of a number of schools of the county, including a quartette from Lattimore and the school orchestra of Shelby.

The Star is printing on another page the winning essay of this contest, written by Grover Splawn.

Mr. Hoyle Trades For Hickory Real Estate

Mr. George Hoyle who has been connected for sometime with the W. L. Fanning company has retired from indoor work and has traded his interest in W. L. Fanning Company store for a half interest in the three story brick building occupied by the Fanning Department store at Hickory. The magnificent store building at Hickory occupied by the Fanning Co., was owned by Mr. Fanning, Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Craig Harrelson and Mr. J. L. Carroll, a brother-in-law of Mr. Fanning's, now residing at Columbia, S. C. Each owned a one-fourth interest and it is understood by the transfer that Mr. Hoyle now owns three-fourths interest. Mr. Harrelson owning the other fourth. Mr. Carroll's interest in the Fanning store does not mean, however, that he will come to Shelby to reside.

O. Elam May Run for Webb's Place

Orlando Elam who has considered making the race for Sheriff to succeed Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, is saying to friends that he is about to change his mind and make the race for Clerk of Court to succeed George P. Webb who announced in Friday's Star that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself, after holding the position for eight years. Mr. Elam has been urged to make the race for Sheriff but since the clerk's office is now open to all-comers, Mr. Elam is thinking more seriously of announcing for this. The clerk's term is four years which is a decided advantage over that of other county officers, most of which are for only a two-year term.

Weathers Will Run to Succeed Himself

R. L. Weathers, incumbent in the office of Register of Deeds will make the race to succeed himself in the coming primary this summer. While a number of other candidates have indicated that they will run, that will not deter Mr. Weathers from making the race. The names of Squire M. P. Harrelson, Rev. Wilbur Wall, Andy Newton and Marvin Blanton have been mentioned as probably candidates, but it is learned that Mr. Blanton has definitely decided not to make the race at this time. No announcements have been made as yet, but Mr. Weathers says he will stand for re-election.

Shelby Welding Co. Adds New Machinery

E. N. Ledford of the Shelby Welding Company has added a cylinder grinding machine to his plant on Trade street, built a new office and otherwise enlarged and re-arranged his plant to meet his growing business. This new cylinder grinding machine is said to be the only one of its kind in this county. The work this machine does is to re-grind cylinders of automobiles, making them just like they left the factory.