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SQUARE DANCE BIG KIWANIS FEATURE

Two Hundred and Eleven Attend Kiwanis Ladies Night Program. Gardner Speaks.

"Ladies night" at Kiwanis club Thursday night brought out an attendance of 211 and the program in charge of C. C. Blanton and Forrest Eskridge was featured by an old-fashioned square dance that is becoming more popular in town and county among old as well as young. Being the season of St. Patrick's green was in evidence in the decorations, souvenirs and refreshments. The attendance and the pleasure of the evening stands out in Kiwanis annals as the really big night of the organization for the members had their wives and friends with them and the evening was given over to real entertainment. Mr. Will Neal, banker of Charlotte, rendered several vocal selections, accompanied by Mrs. McCord at the piano. Mr. Neal won the applause of the great audience by his beautiful rendition in a clear, rich voice of several numbers. Mr. Neal's voice is declared to be one of the finest ever heard here and he was forced to answer several encores.

The Square Dance.

After the distribution of a number of prizes, a dozen couples took the floor to demonstrate the old fashioned square dance. Knowing that Mr. Charlie Blanton used to cut the figures in his younger days, the Kiwanians thought it fitting that such a dance should be given at the ladies night program. A dozen couples familiar with the figures followed the calls of Coleman Blanton and for an hour the spectators looked on with envy. Those dancing were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Athernethy, Mr. Charlie Alexander with Miss Maude Bookout, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Self, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Washburn, Coleman Blanton with Mrs. Maude Gladden, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Smith, Ab Poston with Mrs. Quinn Roberts, Dr. E. B. Lattimore with Miss Sara Roberts. After these had danced for 45 minutes to the stringed orchestra of local talent, led by Mr. Ross of Gaffney, S. C., who played at Cleveland over 50 years ago and had conducted a number of old time Fiddlers Conventions, others took the floor and a general good time followed. The square dance is dignified and wholesome, but requires more endurance than the modern-day dances.

Old Time Tunes.

Another splendid feature was an concert by talented young local musicians who appeared in the costumes of colonial days. Mrs. Ben Suttle sang "Coming Through the Rye," Miss Millicent Blanton recited "That Old Sweetheart of Mine"; Miss Ann Adams sang "Love's Old Sweet Song". Mrs. John Schenck Jr. played a beautiful violin solo entitled "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms"; Mrs. Grady Lovelace sang "Annie Laurie." These musicians were accompanied on the piano by Miss Eugenia Holland. The costumes were clever and the music took the audience back to the period of 50 years ago.

Spirit of Shelby.

Max Gardner, in an eloquent appeal delivered a short talk on the "Spirit of Shelby" in which he stressed the importance of hospitality, sociability and kindness, especially to strangers within our gates. Mr. Gardner expects more visitors to be in Shelby this summer than ever before and declared that if Shelby people will give them a welcome, extend an outstretched hand and show them some act of kindness and friendship, it will be a greater blessing to humanity than all the profits from real estate. He cites Charlie Blanton's geniality and cordiality as outstanding means of his success and expressed the wish that Paul Webb's wonderful spirit of cordiality could be cut into thousands of pieces and inoculated into the bodies of every other Shelby citizen.

Masons Sell Vacant Lot For \$15,000

Another realty deal of interest was consummated Thursday when the Masonic fraternity sold 32 feet and two inches of ground on S. Washington street, adjoining the four story Masonic building to Lee B. Weathers and associate for \$15,000. This lot extends to a depth of 100 feet to a ten foot alley. In all probability the property will be improved for business uses, being located in one of the best retail districts of the town. There is a growing demand for close-in business property but little is available and this sale transfers the closest-in property that has changed hands since the activity started in real estate. Deal was made through Linberger and Hoey, realtors.

Shelby Property Enhanced In Value 40 Times, Sale Shows

With the germ of Shelby's realty fever spreading to the business section unusual property enhancement is being revealed in sales of this week.

Wednesday, when Claude Webb sold his horse and lot, two lots east of the Masonic temple structure on East Warren street, to Attorney D. Z. Newton for \$25,000 an enhancement of 40 times over original cost was shown. Let that sink in and debate in your mind Shelby business property values.

Twenty-three years ago "the Tabernacle", an old Shady landmark, stood where the Webb house now stands in the semi-business district. The lot, 100 feet by 200 feet, and the building was sold at auction. The late W. Purvis placed a bid of \$607 on

Jesse VanDyke Found Guilty Of Murder In Second Degree

A. L. Stanford to Attend Banquet of Men's Bible Class

Rev. A. L. Stanford, of Charlotte, former pastor of Central Methodist church here, will attend the annual banquet of the Men's Bible class of Central Methodist church to be held at Cleveland Springs hotel this evening Friday, at 8 o'clock. It is definitely announced, Rev. Mr. Stanford while pastor here took much interest in the big Bible class taught by Clyde R. Hoey and it is with pleasure that the 375 members of the class hear that he will be able to attend the big occasion.

The program for the banquet follows:

Music by Tar Heel Syncopators. Opening Song, "America"—Everybody.

Invocation—Rev. H. K. Boyer. Everybody eat while Syncopators syncopate.

Violin Solo C. E. Getchell, Miss Ruth Howie at the piano.

Remarks—Rev. H. K. Boyer.

Vocal solo—Miss Ann Adams.

Introduction of Speaker of the Evening—Clyde R. Hoey.

Address—Rev. A. D. Wilcox, Pastor Trinity Methodist Church Charlotte, N. C.

Vocal Duet—Misses Bessie Clarke and Lucy Harmon.

Remarks—Rev. A. L. Stanford.

Pastor Tryon Street Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Closing Song, "God Be With You" —Everybody.

Benediction—Rev. A. L. Stanford.

The defense sprang the surprise of the day when it offered not a single word of testimony from witnesses after having summoned more than 20. The state used 44 witnesses. The defense relied entirely upon extenuating factors brought out in the cross examination of state witnesses.

The plea of the defense was that the defendant, though guilty of an unlawful killing, was not guilty of premeditated murder, with malice aforethought, as charged. The opinion was advanced that the defendant committed the deed when "eazy drunk" and did not know what he was doing.

Mr. Carpenter referred to the bullet which killed Painter as a "stray bullet," citing the evidence that the defendant had been firing at random and shooting up the town before he fired the shot which killed the policeman.

Clyde R. Hoey making the closing speech for the defense, made one of the most brilliant speeches ever heard in the Gaston court house.

The failure of the state witnesses, Lorain Hord and A. B. Sweatt, Cherryville men, to arrive from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this morning, was more or less favorable for the defense. Court room talk put it that these two men were prepared to swear that Vandyke had threatened the life of Painter.

Respected Colored Man Died Thursday

Scott Hunter, aged negro man and one of the most respected colored citizens of Shelby, died at his home here Thursday night, death resulting from a second stroke of paralysis. Scott was around 70 years of age.

For years a blacksmith with the Linberger family the aged negro was a hard worker, honest and straightforward in his dealings with his own race and the white citizens. He was a regular reader of The Star, and very intelligent and polite for one overcoming the handicap of the war and reconstruction days. He is survived by his second wife and three children, it is understood, by his first marriage.

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Outside World Watching Shelby

(Gaston Gazette)
The Florida boom is on in full swing in Shelby. Construction forces are at work out at Cleveland Springs turning things over in preparation for the big dings this summer. Under the direction of Mr. Marshall, the Florida owner, work's going on rapidly. The Cleveland Star says:

"These who have visited resort developments in this state and Florida declare they have seen few spots more beautiful by nature and added landscape artistry for a residential resort. The wooded lands with towering pines and oaks offer a semi-forest here unequalled, while the open hilltops give wide scenic views over the new golf-links and Etel park."

Things ought to turn down this way, too, soon if everything breaks right. Some of that Cleveland money is behind some Gaston county developments and when it is turned loose we shall see a replica in this country.

GEORGE CHAMPION BURIED FRIDAY

Substantial Farmer And Deacon Of Prospect Church Passes After A Year's Illness.

Mr. George R. Champion, well known farmer of the county and a deacon of New Prospect church for many years, died at his home on the edge of Waco Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock following a protracted illness from paralysis. He suffered a stroke about a year ago and since that time has not walked a step. Mr. Champion was born in McDowell county but came to Cleveland when a young man and has lived here since. He farmed in No. 6 township and was a very reliable and successful man, being regarded as a most trustworthy and honorable citizen.

Mr. Champion was married twice, the first time to Miss Sarah Bowen, who died in 1915. By this union the following children survive: Ezra Champion of Lincoln county, Delbert Champion, address unknown, Horace Champion and Mrs. Julia Hamrick of Waco. Two daughters and one son by this marriage preceded him to the grave. Mr. Champion was married the second time to Miss Minnie Wright who survives with one son, Charlie.

Deceased was buried Friday morning at 10 o'clock at New Prospect Baptist church where he was a deacon for many years. His funeral was conducted by Rev. W. G. Camp, the pastor.

IRVIN PHILBECK BURIED FRIDAY

One of Most Progressive and Successful Farmers of No. 7 Township Was 71 Years Old.

Mr. Irvin Philbeck, one of the most progressive and successful farmers of No. 7 township, a member of the township highway board and a most active member of Double Springs church was buried at Double Springs Friday morning at 11 o'clock, funeral services being conducted by Rev. John W. Suttle, assisted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. Mr. Philbeck had been in failing health all winter but had kept going until he had a spell of influenza which developed into pneumonia. He died Wednesday night about midnight.

Mr. Philbeck was born near where he lived December 28th 1855. He was married to Mary Ann Fortune of Rutherford county February 15th, 1875 and to this union 16 children were born, eight boys and eight girls. His widow and nine children survive: Horace Philbeck of Memphis, Tenn.; Gus who lives out west; Paul and Tom of Cleveland; Mrs. George Grigg, Mrs. Pink Grigg, Misses Jessie June, Mabel and Vernie Philbeck. Twenty-one grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive.

Mr. Philbeck joined Sandy Plains church in 1888 and was a consistent Christian. He was a member there for many years before moving to Double Springs and in his younger days he taught a Sunday school class. The community is greatly saddened and the county loses one of its most substantial and worthy citizens in his passing.

Irishman Turns Jew for Girl



Walter J. O'Neil, a son of Erin, changed his name to Walter Berg and gave up the Catholic religion when he fell in love with Ruth Friedman, a pretty Jewish girl.

Florida Interests Buy Big Timber Tract For \$350,000

Mammoth Purchase Runs Along Border of This County Into Burke, Rutherford and McDowell.

Florida interests have purchased a 20,000 acre tract of timber lying along the borders of Cleveland and Burke counties and extending westward through mountain sections of Rutherford and McDowell counties, according to information received in Shelby this week. The purchase price is said to be \$350,000. It will be remembered that a man named Middleton of Massachusetts at one time owned this large timber tract and sold it to the Broad River Lumber Company, representing that the tract contained one hundred million feet of merchantable timber. Middleton bought it for \$65,000 and sold it to the Broad River Lumber Company with offices at Greensboro for \$150,000. The Broad River Lumber Company had reason to believe that there was not one hundred million feet of merchantable timber in the boundary and contested the payment of the purchase price. Older people in Cleveland, Burke, Rutherford and McDowell counties remember that the dispute was taken into the Federal Court. Men were sent into the woods to cruise the tract. It required a force of lumbermen 18 months to count the trees, measure them and list their variety and uses to which they could be put, in lumber, crosses and hardwoods, but that it is almost inaccessible. The tract is so large that the number of acres is not definitely known. The owners guarantee 20,000 but they claim that a survey would show it to contain 22,000.

The Broad River Lumber Company was partly owned by John Swanson of Danville, Va., a brother of Senator Swanson of the Old Dominion.

March Snowfall Heaviest Seen During Season

Shelby shivered awake early Thursday morning to find the city and county blanketed in the heaviest snowfall of the winter.

Slipping up in the darkness of the night Wednesday, the falling flakes caught "The City of Springs" by surprise just as speeded work was being done on resort developments for a big summer and a warm spring.

Thursday construction forces on the Cleveland Springs resort were temporarily halted as snow filled the nooks and dales of the vast estate making grading and other development work impossible, and from the shelter of the big portico Florida visitors witnessed their first falling battle.

A few years ago the big acreage was purchased by the Wright-Brockman Company of Indianapolis, Indiana. About that time the proposed Casar railroad bond issue was voted in Cleveland county and while little of the large boundary lies in Cleveland county, a representative of the Wright-Brockman Lumber Company spent sometime in Shelby expecting to take the county bonds and apply to the building of a railroad from the timber tract to Shelby, this road to be used primarily as a lumber road. The Wright-Brockman Company, however, found that a road to Shelly would not reach into the heart of the big timber boundary, so he moved to Thermal City and undertook to haul to the Southern and Clinchfield. The cost was too great

According to early risers snow began to fall between 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning and by the time the average person awoke the ground was blanketed several inches deep. Snow continued to fall steadily until nearly noon, but by late afternoon much of the whiteness had disappeared due to the warm sunshine.

If it was the final gash of winter it was a lusty kick.

Seeing so much trading going on in real estate circles and being a natural born trader himself, Jim Webb just couldn't stay out of the fun. He has sold his half interest to his brother Claude in the Webb Theatre equipment and now Claude is sole owner and will continue the operation of this popular movie house, while Jim is likely to try his fortune again in the real estate business. It is understood that about \$8,000 was involved in the transfer.

After Jim Webb purchased the old Central Methodist church property and converted it into a picture show house, cafe and offices, he took in his brother Claude as part owner in the show house equipment. Together they have been successful as half owners, but Jim wants more sensation. He still owns his real estate where the picture show is located, also several store rooms down on the corner of Graham and S. Lafayette streets. His sale of the picture show equipment was made so hasty yesterday that Jim had not decided whether he would devote his time to the sale of his own property or open up an office as a realtor handling property on commission for other people.

At any rate Claude Webb is now sole owner of the Webb Theatre and the operation of it will continue as if nothing had happened for Claude has been half owner and actively identified with the play house as manager.

S. C. Lattimore Out For Commissioner

In this issue of The Star former Senator Sam C. Lattimore announces his candidacy for a member of the board of Cleveland county commissioners. Senator Lattimore is the first candidate to announce so far the board.

Mr. Lattimore, one of the county's leading farmers and business men, has represented this district in the State Senate and has held other public offices with a good record for service, and at present he is Federall farm loan appraiser in connection with his private farming interests.

Mr. Lattimore is well known over the county and state and his entrance into the county political dope adds much of interest.

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