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Judge Webb Puts Crimp In Future Of Drunken Drivers

Store Thief Gets 18 Months and Grind Continues on Other Interesting Criminal Cases.

Judge James L. Webb, presiding over Superior court here, has what court spectators and barristers believe to be an effective method of dealing with drunken auto drivers, who endanger the lives of other motorists and pedestrians.

Instead of administering a fine, or giving the drivers a term on the road enabling them in a month or so to start driving again, the jurist rules in almost every case that in addition to a fine easily remembers that they shall not drive a car under any circumstances for a period of 12 months. Should they fail to observe his ruling he leaves over them a suspended sentence that assures a goodly time of idle driving on the roads instead of car driving. Several defendants have faced the court this week on counts of reckless car driving and similar sentences have been meted out. Speculation about the court room speaks highly of the plan used.

Bumgardner Next Court.

Charlie Bumgardner, who was to have been given a hearing in this court in connection with the death of his wife, had his case continued until the next term through his attorney, Clyde R. Hoey. It will be remembered that Mrs. Bumgardner died last week after being shot. Before dying it is said she made a statement saying that the shooting was accidental. The Bumgardners lived at Kings Mountain at the time. The bond is \$2,000.

B. Hamrick, young negro, convicted of entering the Lowery store at Patterson Springs on several occasions was given 18 months of toil for his tendency of taking that which did not belong to him. He was caught in the store by a special detective and Mr. Fields Young on his third night's entrance. Asked by acting Solicitor Sam Ervin what he got on each trip the colored boy replied: "Money and shoes the first time; sardines and more money the second time, and more money the second time, and handcuffs the third time." When the handcuff portion of his confession "sank in" on the court crowd quite a laugh followed.

No. Jury Monday.

The grind of the court Monday was perhaps one of the speediest ever noted here. Numerous cases were disposed of, yet during the entire day a jury was not used.

Tuesday the jury was in constant use and the grind was slowed up somewhat. For the most part the cases were minor ones and disposing of the so-called "jail cases" to relieve the congestion in the county's home of correction.

One interesting case being taken up Tuesday was the charges against several of store breaking in upper Cleveland.

Start Cody Case.

Wednesday morning the court opened with the now famous Cody case, connected with the hold-up of a convict guard here and the freeing of a prisoner, Dillard Deane, who was serving a term on an assault charge. Attorney Jack Dillard, of Murphy, one of the state's most brilliant attorneys, represented the defendants the Deane, younger brother of the prisoner who was freed.

Padgett Case Next.

It was the understanding, it is said at the outset of the court that the criminal docket was to end Wednesday at noon. However, trial of several cases including that of the store-breaking and the Cody incident consumed more time than was estimated for and it is likely that the criminal docket will be continued long enough at least to dispose of the more important jail cases.

Barristers say that the Padgett auto case, dealing with the larceny of two Shelby cars, will follow the Cody trial. Padgett, the young man featuring in the case, presents a striking appearance in contrast to being well-dressed the defendant has a striking face and could be easily mistaken for a prosperous business man both in bearing and appearance.

A hitch, claimed by some to be one way and by other to be another way, has developed in the expected renewing of the Francis-Philbeck episode.

Whitesides Passes At Ellenboro Home

W. B. Whitesides, 65-year-old farmer, died Sunday morning at his home at Ellenboro. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bethel cemetery, near Ellenboro, by the Rev. I. D. Harrell, of Ellenboro.

Mr. Whitesides is survived by his wife and three children.

Shelby Man Owns Very Unique Relic

Mr. W. J. Howell, of West Shelby, is the possessor of an antique of unique history. It is a candlestick, made in 1550, when candles supplied more or less the light of the world.

Mr. Howell said he got the relic from the late Mrs. Dobbins, of McDowell county, and that Mrs. Dobbins got it in turn from her grandmother. The relic is made, apparently of pewter, and is well preserved notwithstanding its great age.

OVER \$5,000 UP IN C. OF C. CAMPAIGN

Progressive Citizens Respond Well in First Day of Chamber of Commerce Drive Here.

The first day of the drive for a chamber of commerce for Shelby resulted in a total subscription of \$5,284, according to an announcement made by citizens interested in the campaign and better interests of the town. The drive will be continued throughout Wednesday and Thursday with goal set at the estimate \$12,000 budget.

The committee making the drive Wednesday morning declared that they had around \$3,000 in sight for the most part large individual subscriptions. This will swell the total around \$8,000 to which will be added numerous smaller subscriptions.

So far in the drive it is reported that progressive citizens with the better interest of Shelby at heart have subscribed readily.

The committee staging the drive is composed of business men, who are naturally busy in their own professions and firms, and they urge that should some citizen not be in, or is not seen by them that he display similar loyalty to Shelby, giving up their time and loyalty call in and make his subscription.

Many think that the \$12,000 budget set is too small, but as yet it has not been subscribed and cheering results are expected from the second and third days of the campaign.

Loyal citizens wishing to see Shelby spread during the spring and summer months and attract its quota of outside visitors and investors are urged to fall in line with the chamber of commerce plan. There is only one real way to present the opportunities and advantages of a town to an outsider and that is through such an organization. Hundreds of local citizens have felt the need for such an organization and today and tomorrow they will be called upon to support their advocacy with material backing.

Have YOU subscribed?

BRIEF ITEMS OVER NORTH CAROLINA

Short News of Recent Interest gathered All Sections of State
Greensboro.—Estelle Price and Pauline Moore, well dressed young white women, were freed of charges of aiding and abetting in violations of the federal anti-narcotic law, when given a hearing by United States Commissioner W. S. Lyon. The evidence against them was too weak, the commissioner said.

Bound Over for Murder.
Albemarle.—Theodore Grey was placed in jail several days ago in connection with the murder of "Dad" Watkins, was given a preliminary hearing here today, and was bound over to Superior Court and allowed to give bail.

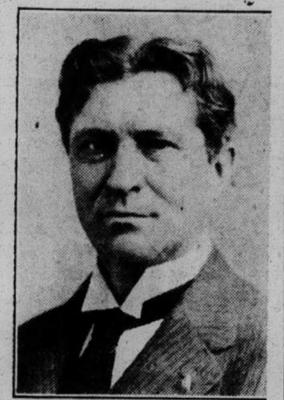
Theodore Grey is charged with having burned the arms and head of "Dad" Watkins in the furnace of Wiscasset school building, where he is janitor. This charge is preferred by John Grey who with Carl Sweat, is held without bail for the murder of Watkins. Theodore and John Grey are brothers.

Open Narcotic Drive
Winston-Salem.—The city of Winston-Salem is getting a genuine spring cleaning in more ways than one. During the past two weeks federal narcotic agents have been busy securing evidence against local alleged violators of the narcotic act and a number of arrests have been made, two having been added to the list tonight. It is estimated that the total value of the narcotics seized with the attendant paraphernalia used in connection with the drugs amounts at bootleg prices, to \$40,000.

NOTED LECTURER HERE THURSDAY

Speaks Before Kiwanis Club and General Invitation Extended. Orator Like Bryan.

Not only Kiwanians, but the public in general and especially business men and women, will have the privilege Thursday night of hearing Dr. Francis Burgette Short, of New York City, deliver a lecture of unusual power



DR. FRANCIS B. SHORT.

and ability before the Kiwanis club at Cleveland Springs hotel. Dr. Short is said to be an orator second only in power to the great Commoner, Mr. Bryan. He is a minister of the Gospel by profession but has travelled extensively and is a great student of business, so the subject on which he will speak here Thursday night is "Religion in Business." Mr. R. E. Carpenter has charge of the program on that night and it has been decided in order to let as many hear this orator as possible, that a general invitation is extended in this way. Kiwanians are invited to invite as many as they choose, merchants and business men are invited, whether a member of the club or not and the invitation is especially extended to store heads and employees. The only requirement is that you will pay the Cleveland Springs hotel for your dinner plate, seventy-five cents. A number of merchants who employ sales people, expect to take their entire organization in order that they might hear Dr. Short on the subject "Religion in Business."

Dr. Short possesses an unusual knowledge of human nature and frequently punctuates his address with keen humor which serves to intensify the effectiveness of his message. He speaks straight from the shoulder with commendable fearlessness and no little degree of brilliance. He possesses a dynamic personality and these things coupled with the fact that he was pastor of some of the largest churches in the west for 18 years, makes it possible for him speak interestingly before any audience.

Those interested in hearing Dr. Short may do so by notifying Rush Hamrick of their intended attendance and paying the usual dinner plate charge to the hotel.

D. H. Cline Purchases Local Auto Interests

Mr. D. H. Cline, who has taken over the local Hudson-Essex agency has leased the Doggett garage building, on West Warren street, where the Hudson-Essex cars will be on display. It is announced that Mr. Cline also bought all the Studebaker parts and accessories from the Doggetts.

Mr. John Doggett told The Star Wednesday that Doggett brothers have retained the filling station at the garage, the proprietorship of which they will continue.

And also they will retain the used Studebaker cars, which they will dispose of themselves. "But we will sell no more new cars," Mr. Doggett said.

Succeeds Noell

Raleigh.—F. A. Hutchison of Greensboro, will succeed Paul G. Noell, of Lexington, as state service officer April 1, according to announcement made here tonight by Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing.

Mr. Grist declared his wish to avoid any controversy and to that end he leaves the objection to his course to start something. There is all abundance of American legion politics bound up in the change of state service officers and it is well recalled here that Mr. Grist supported Colonel John Hall Manning in the Fayetteville contest. Whether this phase of controversy will develop is not known, but it may.

Samarcand Building Burned

Rockingham.—One of the buildings at Samarcan, state institution for wayward girls, located 30 miles north of Rockingham, burned to the ground Sunday night about 8 o'clock. It is understood the fire originated from a moving picture machine.

Must Be Some Town—This Place Shelby

Mr. John A. Beam has a hunch that Shelby has the goods. And he wants to bring his enthusiasm for his home town into popular notice. And here's his stunt:

He is offering five dollars in gold as a prize to any man who has lived in this burg three years, been away ten years, who has not the itch to come back and sit himself down in Court Square.

The offer, Mr. Beam announces, is open for thirty days. Mr. Beam believes that once a Shelbyite, in spirit you will always be a Shelby-ite. And he says if anyone can dig up a moss back who doesn't want to come back here and hear the sparrows sing in the elms, he can have five dollars from him.

87 GET CREDIT AT TRAINING SCHOOL

School Has Attendance of 150. And Large Number Prepare Assignments and Work

The third annual co-operative standard training school for Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday school workers in Cleveland County, held throughout last week at Central Methodist Church, closed Friday night with appropriate exercises. The school was voted a decided success.

Out of an attendance of 150, 97 attended six or more class periods and were thus officially enrolled, 87 of which number attended all twelve class periods, read their text-books, prepared their written assignments and entered into the discussions of their class group, thus entitling them to certificates of credit. 73 of these credit students are Methodist and 14 Presbyterians. These credit students are listed as follows: Central 32, Polkville 16, First Presbyterian 14, St. Paul 5, Beulah 5, LaFayette Street 4, Kadish 3, Palmtree 2, St. Peters 2, Elliott's 2, Mt. Harmony 1, Shelby circuit 1.

The courses instructors and names of credit students follows:

"Bible—New Testaments"—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Instructor; Rev. H. K. Boyer, W. J. Bridges, Chas. A. Bridges, George Bridges, Mary Sue Bridges, Boyd Canipe, V. P. Crowder, Miss Lottie Elliott, Plato Elliott, Sarah Bell Elliott, Geo. A. Hoyle, Mrs. Geo. A. Hoyle, Ralph Harrelson, Alvin Harrelson, Reid Harrelson, Yates Lee, F. H. Lee, Gladys Lee, Lawrence Lee, Rev. S. M. Needham, Rev. A. S. Raper, Rev. C. F. Sherill, Mrs. C. F. Sherill, Rev. D. P. Waters, Whisnant, R. T. Whisnant, Mrs. R. T. Whisnant, C. S. Whisnant, Mrs. Edne Willis, Robt. Wolfe, Blair Wolfe, W. L. Wolfe W. I. Wolfe, Mrs. Walter Ramsey, Mrs. Mary E. Yarborough.

"Principles of Teaching"—Prof. C. T. Carr, Instructor; Mrs. Clayton Peeler, Mrs. Talmadge Gardner, Mrs. Bessie Dellinger, J. R. Wickle, Miss Mamie Cavannis, C. B. McBrayer, Mrs. C. B. McBrayer.

"Story Telling"—Miss Carline Lander, Instructor; Mrs. W. A. Abernathy, Miss Nell Abernathy, Miss Ruth Beam, Miss Corne Blanton, Mrs. R. K. Boyer, Mrs. Walter Dixon, Mrs. Thad. C. Ford, Miss Mary Hardy, Miss Aloha Harmon, Miss Verta L. Hendricks, Mrs. J. H. Hull, Miss Mozelle Lee, Miss Lizzie Mae Lee, Mrs. Ozhurn Lutz, Mrs. John R. McClurd, Mrs. F. R. Sanders, Miss Lucy Short, Mrs. Z. R. Thompson, Miss Mary Sue Whisnant, Miss Lillian Wolfe, Mr. Julian Thompson, Miss Alda Willis, Miss Josephine Kaney, Mrs. Grover Beaz, Miss Oia Whisnant, Miss Olive Singleton, Miss Mary Grayey, Miss Ina Carpenter, Miss Madge McCoy, Miss Carobel Lever, Miss Mary Hull, Mrs. C. B. Alexander, Miss Elizabeth Alexander, Miss Ruth Arrowood, Miss Lois Hudson, Miss Melissa Kerr, Miss Verna Mae Tiddy, "Intermediate—Senior Lesson Materials and Teaching"—Miss E. Jane McDonald, Instructor;

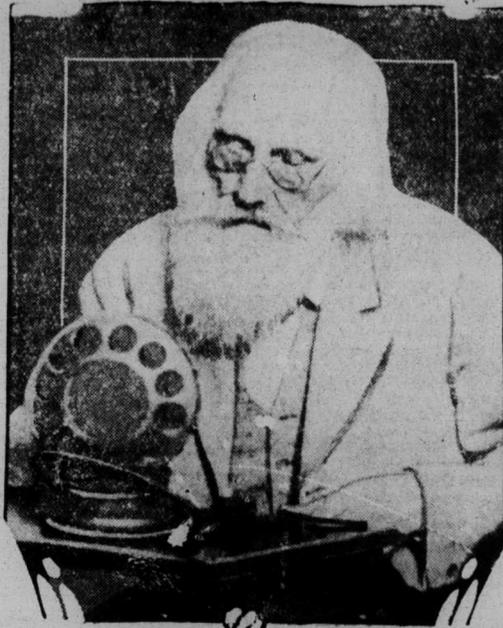
Mrs. W. T. Alexander, Mrs. Hugh R. Wooten, Miss Lucy Dixon, Mrs. Erma Johnston Drum, Miss Mary M. Keller, Mrs. R. M. McGregor.

Lawrence Officer of Kiwanis Club

According to news dispatches from Brevard Robert E. Lawrence was elected secretary and treasurer of the Kiwanis club organized there last week to add a get-together atmosphere in the active business of the Transylvania capital.

Mr. Lawrence, who was the energetic county agent here for several years, is engaged in the real estate business at Brevard.

His Oldest Broadcast



Ezra Meeker, 97, and the first white man to travel the Oregon trail and who since then has traveled the same trail by auto and airplane is shown here broadcasting an address over the radio. He is the oldest man who ever broadcast via radio.

Meat Thief Who Raided County Smoke Houses Gets 14 Months

Cleveland county hams are valuable. They are worth a lot of work—in this instance, 15 days of toil for each ham.

Ordinarily some say it takes about 15 days for an average farm family to dispose of a ham. It'll take Howard Lawing, young white man, 14 months to dispose of the sentence given him by the court for getting his hams, Lawing, by the way, had 34 hams, shoulders and middlings altogether, or a total of 510 days, meaning 15 days for each ham, shoulder and middling.

Several weeks ago "smoke houses" from Mooresboro east to Shelby were raided one night. Officers checking up on the raid

found 34 hams, shoulders and middlings missing.

Several days later word came from Salisbury that a young man was peddling country meat there. Local officers and some of the citizens from whom meat was stolen, made a journey to Salisbury. They brought Lawing back.

This week in Superior court Judge James Webb decided upon a 14 months sentence for the young fellow on the roads of No. 6 township. Lawing through his attorney O. Max Gardner asked that he be permitted to serve his time in the state prison. Whereup the jurist proved his patriotism to local highways and stood to the sentence.

Reporter Hears Why They Chew Excelsior Around Mail Emporium—Hard Luck Story

If, when you go to your Uncle Samuel's emporium, presided over by Mr. Quinn—meaning exactly the local postoffice—and see Carr Cline, Talmadge Gardner or Chess Dalton chewing excelsior, don't be amazed.

As they say about the eating of grape-nuts—there's a reason. The story runs like this:

Last week a package came through the mail, and when it reached this the tale end of its destination, the bottle, as they say around Blanton and Wright's hospitable stove, "was busted."

And the contents was spilled. But the bottle was wrapped with excelsior.

Do you get us? Ever since the little mishap, the aforementioned gently have been chewing excelsior. It may or may not be the same excelsior in which the bottle of Scotch was wrapped.

But they appear to like the hay pretty well. Meantime the package was not delivered here to the consignee, but was sent to the postoffice inspector. Which is a thrilling chapter of a hard luck story.

Local Men Building \$50,000 Laundry

Shelby men, George Moore and M. S. Leverette of the Moore and Leverette agency for the Security Life and Trust company, an insurance organization, are financially interested in a \$50,000 laundry to be built at Hendersonville. It is to be known as the Snowflake. A site has been secured near the Howell-Pless Lumber Co., and plans are made for a building with 12,000 square feet of floor space. It is understood that in addition to the regular laundry, there will be a dry cleaning plant. New machinery will be purchased. J. E. Leverette a kinsman of M. S. Leverette, has come from Texas and will have charge of the new enterprise.

Birthday Dinner

Everybody is cordially invited to a birthday dinner at the home of W. S. Huffstader, Kings Mountain, N. C. K. I. for him on Easter Sunday April 4th. Everybody come and bring well filled basket.

New Development on Market Next Week

Elizabeth terraces, a sub-division being opened on Highway No. 20 just beyond Cleveland Springs, will be out on the market next week by the owners, C. P. Wilkins, J. W. Cobble and associates of Brevard. This development comprises nearly 12 acres, beautifully situated on a knoll and will be sold with a guarantee of water, sewer, lights, etc., available to every lot within six months. Messrs. Wilkins and Cobble have been in Shelby for several days having the property cut into desirable home-sites by Engineer Dan Frazier. They have secured offices in the Lineberger building and announce that the lots will be sold privately and not at public auction. Citizens in other towns will be given an opportunity to buy on small cash payment and liberal terms for the remainder of the purchase price.

Miss May Bussey's eleventh grade English class from the Shelby High school made a visit to The Star office Tuesday where they studied the making of a newspaper. They were shown through the offices and told how news is gathered, then carried to the mechanical department where they inspected the large Duplex press which has a capacity of printing 2,500 eight page papers an hour, delivering them ready for the mails and carriers. The operation of the linotype machines was explained, also the making of cuts from mats. The class was in command of Coach "Casey" Morris, while Miss Bussey took another section of her students to the Shelby News office to inspect that plant.

Julian Miller Hands Bouquet to Shelby

(Charlotte News Editorial.) One of the fastest growing little cities in this part of the country is Shelby and it is delightful to have the many evidences of the new spirit of enterprise and development that has come over its people. Shelby is a neighbor of Charlotte and a mighty gogo one at that.

Will Take Youth To Wayward School

J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, will within a few days leave Shelby for Stonewall Jackson Training school at Concord taking with him Buster Bridgman, young South Shelby boy. Bridgman, it will be remembered, was connected with the temporary larceny of an automobile belonging to Mr. J. S. Willard and was mixed up in several other scrapes. Such was his record of waywardness that Judge Webb did not set any special sentence, making the boys sojourn there for an indefinite period of time.

1925 COTTON CROP CLEVELAND COUNTY

Total Production For Past Year Reaches 37,211 Bales, Report, Shows

According to the state ginning report issued last week Cleveland county's cotton crop for 1925, up to March 20 as recorded by ginning figures, was 37,211 bales.

This report places the total considerably above the most optimistic estimates made in the county by farm leaders.

It is noted that the crop for the year was only 4,760 bales short of the record crop of 41,981 bales in 1924. Prediction early in the 1925 season was that the crop of the past year would be around 10,000 bales short.

In view of the latest ginning report the county moves from fourth place in cotton production in the state to eleventh place, Northampton county barely supplanting this county for tenth place by less than 100 bales.

The eleven leading counties and their production in bales for 1925 follows:

Johnston	74,136
Robeson	69,914
Nash	59,768
Halifax	57,926
Wake	51,265
Harnett	47,990
Edgecombe	41,661
Sampson	41,063
Wayne	39,016
Northampton	37,245
Cleveland	37,221

Highs Have Busy Week on Diamond

Play at Hendersonville Thursday, Gaffney Here Friday and a Game Saturday.

Shelby baseball fans will have another early spring taste of the national pastime Friday afternoon when the Gaffney Highs meet "Casey" Morris' boys here.

In addition to this game the Highs on Thursday go to Hendersonville where they play the Blue Ridge school for boys. On Saturday they go to Morganton and play the Morganton Highs. Manager Whitelaw Kendall has arranged a heavy schedule with more than a dozen games yet before the state series. This falls in line with the idea of Coach Morris, who has a team of young and inexperienced players and believes that the best training for the state series can be gained in actual playing.

Playing Kings Mountain, Monday, Skates, the big twirler of Kings Mountain, again proved too much for the local lads and Shelby lost by a score of 4 to 2. However, the Highs revealed much improvement over their first contest and with a few more games are expected to develop into an aggregation with considerable punch. It is optimistically said that during the season they will face very few hurlers in the class with Skates and that against an ordinary high school moundman they will go exceedingly good.

High School Class Visits Star Office

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McNeely at Bedside In Charlotte Hospital

Mr. J. C. McNeely went to Charlotte Tuesday to be present at the Charlotte sanatorium at the operation upon his father, Mr. R. F. McNeely, of Greensboro. Mr. McNeely was joined at Gastonia, on the way to Charlotte, by his brother, Mr. Thomas B. McNeely. And at the bedside of the father was Mrs. Elmer McAdoo, a daughter, also of Greensboro.

Mr. McNeely said Wednesday that his father was doing as well as could be expected, as naturally an operation upon a man of his advanced age, would have severe effects.

Mr. Fred Fields, of Shelby, made the trip to Charlotte with Mr. McNeely.