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County Ex-Service Men Hear Bird And Gardner Addresses

Former State Commander Addresses World War Vets At Meeting Wednesday Night.

Approximately 200 ex-service men from all sections of Cleveland county gathered at the court house in Shelby Wednesday night for a get-together program arranged by the Warren Hoyle post of the American legion for those who saw service during the world war.

The evening was featured by two addresses, one by former state commander Tom Bird, of Asheville and the other by O. Max Gardner, Shelby attorney, and a banquet that followed the speaking.

Legion Posts Here.

Representatives from the legion posts at Kings Mountain and Grover were in attendance as were many ex-service men of the county who are not legion members.

Tells of Legion Work.

Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw, present state commander of the legion, was scheduled for the main address of the evening but was unable to attend. Tom Bird, now a national committee man, substituted and delivered a highly pleasing talk to the boys of '17.

Mr. Bird gave an interesting description of the origin and history of the legion, outlined its helpful policies, and touched upon some of the phases of the organizations present day activity and what it means to the ex-service man.

He stressed the importance of the right type of ideals in public life and explained to the Cleveland county veterans that the legion has a part in establishing such ideals.

Praised by Gardner.

Bird was followed by O. Max Gardner, who paid a glowing tribute to the ex-service men. In praising their conduct during the war he reiterated a famous address expression of that "the greatest thing is not dying for ones country, but living for it."

His urge was that the veterans live in a manner that will give greater glory and honor to their country. In concluding the former lieutenant governor spoke in glowing terms of the future of this state and of Cleveland county, and spurred the ex-service men on to their bit in making that future.

At the conclusion of the addresses the meeting adjourned to the legion club rooms where a general friendly get-together was held, sandwiches, ice cream, cold drinks and "smokes" served.

Blue Ridge Evens Count With Shelby

Playing here Thursday afternoon "Shorty" Lawrence's Blue Ridge baseball outfit evened things up with Shelby in a 6 to 5 victory. Shelby having defeated the prep school outfit at Hendersonville last week.

The brilliance of infield play by the visitors and their general determination and consistency were largely responsible for the victory. However the two Shelby hurlers, Whisnant and Hoyle, deserved a clear-cut victory, fielding behind them at times being on the verge of bad baseball. Several mistakes by Gillespie, Shelby receiver, and bobbles by Lee at short proved costly to the Shelby defence. In the seventh and eighth frames the locals opened up a drive that placed them in the lead only to lose by a one-run margin in the ninth.

Considerable improvement can be seen in the work of Morris' youngsters since their first game and fans have the belief that they will make a good showing in the state race once a batting attack is developed.

The Blue Ridge team and coach remained in Shelby overnight, leaving Friday morning for a game with Wingo college.

65 Members Added During Past Year

Sixty five new members have been added to the Presbyterian church during the past church year which is just closing. This growth surpasses anything in the history of this local church. Since the new pastor Rev. H. N. McDiarmid has come, there has been a healthy increase in membership and a spirit of devoted work on the part of the old and new members. A special service was held Wednesday night to welcome into the fellowship of the church the new members that had recently joined. Talks were made by John S. McKnight, president officer, H. N. McDiarmid, A. C. Miller and I. C. Griffin. A number of beautiful musical selections were rendered after which cake and cream were served to the crowd that filled the Sunday school auditorium.

Guard Captain



This man has more money to take care of than Rockefeller has. He is William C. Fischer, newly appointed captain of the guard of the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C., where most of the paper money is manufactured.

Special Services At First Baptist

Rev. Zeno Wall, D. D. who has been engaged in a revival meeting at Brown Memorial church at Winston-Salem has returned and will preach special sermon on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour to the Knights Templars who will march to the church in a body, wearing their Prince Albert coats and plumed hats. At the evening service a beautiful Easter cantata will be sung by a choir of 25 voices. These have been under training for some time and a real spiritual treat is promised at this Easter-tide service.

W. S. JORDON TAKES CHEVROLET AGENCY

Charlotte Man Will Operate in Hoey Building On S. Washington Street—Will Move Here.

Mr. W. E. Jordon of Charlotte has taken the Chevrolet agency here and will operate in the Chas. A. Hoey building where the Hudson-Essex headquarters were formerly maintained. Mr. Jordon is an experienced automobile dealer, having been office manager of the Charlotte branch of the Ford Motor Company, dealer in Ford in Eastern Carolina and in York, S. C. At present he owns a brake lining factory in Charlotte which he will continue in connection with the local Chevrolet agency.

Mr. Jordon will move his family to Shelby as soon as a suitable home can be secured and be a permanent citizen. He has secured the services of Tom Osborne, as sales manager and Frank Kendall as head of the parts department, two hustling young men who will be quite an asset to the business because of their popularity with the public and their skill with automobiles.

J. S. Cline Enters Recorder's Race

The latest announcement affecting the local political world is that of Mr. J. S. Cline, Fallston attorney, for judge of recorders' court subject to the Democratic primary in June. Judge John P. Mull is the present recorder.

BATTERY SALE MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS

The Easter sale at the Battery is reported to be meeting with great success, by Mr. Schwartzman, sales conductor, of Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Schwartzman said Friday that at the opening hour and throughout the morning the store was crowded with customers, making Easter purchases.

The store has been so well arranged and merchandise displayed so effectively that the crowds found buying greatly facilitated. The sale will continue eight days from the opening.

Tom Dixon, Noted Son Of Cleveland, Coming On April 15

Tom Dixon, author and playwright, who is now devoting his attention to the development of Wildacres near Little Switzerland, has been booked for a visit and speech in Shelby on Thursday night April 15th. Mr. Dixon has just returned from New York where he has closed up a number of business matters, with a view of coming to Western North Carolina to spend the remainder of his life. He will build a handsome home in Wildacres, according to Mr. N. C. Hines his salesmanager who was here a few days ago.

It is planned to have Dr. Dixon deliver a short after-dinner speech Springs Thursday night April 15th, after which he will come to the court house and deliver his new lecture on "The Rising of the South." The court house is selected in order to give as many as possible an opportunity of hearing this gifted son of Cleveland. There will be no charge for admission. This address is being delivered by Dr. Dixon in ten other towns in North Carolina and Shelby considers itself fortunate in having an opportunity of hearing him. Many people will no doubt come from the county to hear Dr. Tom who is so enthused over Carolina's progress that he has decided to make it his future home.

AGED BRICK MASON PNEUMONIA VICTIM

J. H. Smith Who Laid the Brick for Many of the Older Buildings Buried Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Smith, aged brick mason, died Wednesday at his home three miles above New Prospect church in No. 5 township, a victim of influenza and pneumonia from which he had been sick only a week. Mr. Smith was in Shelby the first of last week and appeared in his usual good health. He took his bed last Wednesday night and died Wednesday afternoon of this week, 78 years old last October. Mr. Smith was a brick mason by trade, following his work until about 10 years ago when his advanced years forced him to give it up. He built many of the brick buildings in Shelby and Cleveland county, doing work for the Cheeks at Lawndale, John Linberger at Shelby, Elzie Beam and others. He built the county home and the old county jail and other work well done on chimney flues to large buildings stand as a monument to his work. Mr. Smith was a good worker, a conscientious citizen, highly respected by all who knew him. He joined the Baptist faith when a boy at Old Capernium near Waco, moving his membership from Waco to New Prospect a few years ago.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Margaret Moss who survives with six children, J. B. Smith county welfare officer, A. J. Smith of Gastonia; W. M. Smith of Portsmouth, Va.; Lawrence Smith of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. A. P. Warlick, of Kings Mountain. One brother Furman Smith, also survives. The funeral was conducted on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. G. Camp, his pastor assisted by Rev. Mr. Adair of Kings Mountain and the interment was at New Prospect Baptist church. A large crowd attended.

Boxing Program On For This Evening

Tonight, Friday, will be a red letter evening for the local fight fans. Two star bouts, and some preliminaries of no inconsiderable spirit will be staged by local enterprise. The event will be held at the new Army, in the Royster building.

In the stellar bout Charles Cordell is slated to meet Kid Elliott of Kansas. Cordell is known hereabouts as a young Shelby giant with a punch, and Elliott is said to have gone fourteen straight bouts without a reverse.

The bout will be an eight round affair.

The second number on the bill is a six round go between Bonnie Mack, described as very fast, and "Speedy" Tate, of Kings Mountain.

In addition to these two ventures, there will be a negro battle royal, which is some stunt to watch, and some preliminaries.

The going is advertised to sound at 8 o'clock.

Still Writing Of Ross Case

Shelby Story Has Spread World Over and Letters Now Are Flooding In

While added developments are awaited in the Charley Ross story—and it is hoped some definite announcement of the termination of the investigation soon will be made—interest centers in the vast discussion aroused by the development of the narrative throughout the country.

Letters have reached the Star office and have come to Mr. J. Frank Gaffney, of this city, from many sections of the United States. These came as a result of the broadcasting of the story over the Associated Press. A fact to be especially noted is the seemingly deathless note in this tragedy. Although happening back in '74, when people now well advanced into years, were themselves children, so deep a hold did the story of disappearance of this child have upon the imagination that it is seemingly almost as much alive today as ever.

Another fact in connection with the case worthy of mention, is the number of photographs and amount of data available about the lost child. Letters have been received in the Star office as far away as the middle west, inclosing clippings, photographs, and bits of information concerning the unfortunate lad.

A woman, Mrs. E. E. Bates, of Speed, North Carolina, sent a copy of the Ladies' Home Journal containing a detailed description by a well known Philadelphia clergyman of the circumstances of the disappearance of Charley Ross.

As was remarked in a former story in these columns, one correspondent sent an old Charley Ross poster—one of the original posters—offering a reward of twenty thousand dollars for the capture of the child's abductors.

Mr. Quinn, postmaster at Shelby, stated Thursday that he had a communication from a woman living in Virginia who claimed that her mother was a cousin of Charley Ross.

A letter came to Mr. Gaffney from Columbus, Ohio, in the registered mail and bearing a special delivery stamp announcing that the writer had some data about the Ross child which would be made available if desired. Enclosed in the letter was a clipping from a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper, bearing the Shelby date line.

One explanation of the story of Charley Ross is kept alive is contained in a letter from Orlando, Florida. The writer, Mrs. E. E. Hardwick, says:

"I just read in an Orlando paper where they have discovered a man whom they think is Charlie Ross. I have a book with the full account of his kidnapping in the east. My mother used to read this to me and my brother and when I was some last year I read it to my little boy who is six years old. If the piece in this book would be of any assistance to you I would be glad to copy it on a typewriter and send it to you."

A fact to be remarked concerning the volume of mail received concerning the story, is that in almost every case the writers were women. It is believed this is due to the fact that the story of the lost boy took more hold of the imagination of women than of men, the former taking the case home to themselves, and feeling the deep sympathy of motherhood.

Of the vast number of clippings received concerning the case, one without date, but brown with age, bears the imprint of the Atlanta (Georgia) Constitution. The tale two columns long is headed:

"Who Stole Charley Ross?"

The clipping was sent to Mr. Gaffney by Alexander M. McLean, of Gastonia.

At this writing there are no new developments in the case, but a line of investigation is being prosecuted which it is hoped ultimately will reveal whether or not Julius Dellinger, of Denver, has a reasonable grounds for the belief that he is the lost Charley Ross.

Champ Game Today; Lattimore Defeated By Boiling Springs

The Kings Mountain Highs; apparently the best looking outfit in the county, and Lattimore meet here today, Friday, in the county championship series for the Mull baseball cup. With Skates on the mound Kings Mountain is given the edge, but Lattimore expects to furnish lively opposition.

Last week Boiling Springs Highs defeated Lattimore 3 to 0 in a well played contest. Weaver, Lattimore twirler, in defeat was the star of the game, striking out nine. The three runs, it is said, came through one hit and two errors. Baker and Haynes were stars in the victory.

Shelby Folks, Some of 'em, Interested In Discussed Return of Foaming Beer

It is on the cards that the good and patient and long suffering thirsty souls of Shelby may sit back, as the balm of springtime comes into the air, and imbibe three and seventy five per cent beer. Mobbie!

Which it maybe said in passing is and has been the dream of many since America became the land of the camel. Some will not admit it.

The new drink, according to news sources, will be put on the market as "medicinal beer" or "tonic beer," but the thirsty ones point out that a rose bearing most any old name smells pretty sweet.

Right out of a clear sky the government suddenly announced that a "medicinal beer" would be permitted to be sold, with an alcoholic content of 3.75. The beverage is, it is intended—at least it is parading—as a tonic, for those suffering that tired feeling as Gentle Annie's springtime comes along.

Wet leaders throughout the country see in the government act, the first step toward the breakdown of the desert amendment. Right off the bat, the assistant attorney general of North Carolina, Frank Nash, announced that the new federal ruling was in conflict with a state law, and that no matter what happened in parts adjacent, North Carolina would put up the bars against the new dope.

But the honorable gentleman, according to a statement emanating from Raleigh, scrutinized the statute more closely, and is later quoted as saying that the new goods may be sold in the state.

Armed with that bit of information, The Star canvassed the Shelby druggist to find out how many of them would dispense the new beverage.

The proprietor of one wholesale house here, announced that he would handle the 3.75 if he could get his hands on it. And he quickened his pace, stepping up the boulevard, with added pep as he talked.

"You say for me," he said "but we will handle the goods if the government says we can. That's business."

One of the Shelby drug stores came out equally emphatically. "We will handle the stuff if it comes on the market," the proprietor announced, without qualification.

Another of the druggists stated that he would sell the new beverage, if it came on the market, if it could be dispensed in case lots. "I wouldn't care to retail it over the counter," he announced.

A third sat on the fence and surveyed the prospect, saying it was his belief the government would hedge the sale around in such a way as to make it prohibitory, or unsatisfactory. A fourth came out flat footed with a statement that he was off the goods, and wouldn't sell it under any conditions.

According to information now available, the new beverage will be put on the market for six months as an experiment. Government authorities state that the formula contains such an amount of malt solid that it will not be practical to drink enough of it to get what used to be known as drunk.

Further more Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews, in charge of prohibition, has announced that if an attempt is made to gobble up the new tonic for the sake of the kick it will at once be removed from the market.

Judge Yates Webb Hears Case Unique In Record Of America

The first case of the kind ever tried, according to several attorneys and federal court officials, went on its way to the United States court of appeals Tuesday in Charlotte when Judge Yates Webb ruled against the plaintiff in the suit of Pearly Torrence King, negro, against the United States government in his suit to win \$10,000 war insurance on the life of her late husband, who died in an Asheville hospital after serving with the A. E. F. in France, according to the Charlotte Observer.

Normally, the woman would have come into possession of \$10,000 government insurance when her soldier husband died of disease contracted in army service in France. When the case first came up in federal court last fall the court ruled against the plaintiff on

the ground that she had been guilty of immorality within the meaning of the statute that debar women of immorality from obtaining government war insurance.

The plaintiff contends she was not guilty of immorality within the meaning of the statute but that she was seduced twice by Leroy Holt under promises of marriage. She admits percentage of three children born to her and Holt out of formal wedlock but offers evidence that the situation constitutes not immorality but seduction on promise of marriage and that therefore the U. S. statute does not properly debar her.

Joe Ervin and Guy Carswell attorneys for the plaintiff, intend to carry the case to the court of appeals, they say.

Buyers At Auction Of Allen Property

Buyers of the 30 lots at the auction sale of the Jim Allen property Thursday were: J. L. Putnam, J. A. Dycus, G. L. Bridges, E. G. Clark, J. W. Bewers, W. E. Crowder, Will Blanton, J. L. Thomasson, Mike Borders, M. J. Hamrick, J. D. Wood and others. All lots sold were confirmed.

The sale was handled by the Cyclone Auction company with the Shelby Real Estate company as selling agents. A large crowd was in attendance.

Eleven people in the crowd guessed the same on the total price of the first and last lots and it was necessary that the car be given the one guessing nearest to be divided. The car was sold and the money split between the 11 winners who were: J. W. Cowart, J. S. Mull, A. M. Hamrick, G. M. Allen, P. C. Lavender, J. L. Putnam, Paul Bridges, Max Wilson, E. N. Ledford, D. R. S. Frazier and Mrs. D. Loveace.

Former Shelby Man In Tarrant Affair

J. O. Hughes, one of the three Charlotte police officers, charged with assault with intent to kill A. A. Tarrant, confessed runner, is a native of Shelby, it is learned. Mr. Hughes worked as a loom fixer at the Ella and Dover mills up until a short time ago when he went to Charlotte and secured a position as police officer.

Tarrant was shot one night recently near Charlotte, the officers claiming that he ran and opened fire first on them. Tarrant, however, denies that he did any shooting and avers that he did not even have a gun along.

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HAMRICK HAS NEW GROW PLAN FOR CITY

T. W. Hamrick, back from Florida—land of the big idea—has a vision for his home burg. Leaning over the counter of his store, discussing his visit to the South with The Star, said he sees a Shelby of the near future—say ten years away—built up solidly from depot to depot as a business district.

"That is the way it seems to me towns and cities are building," Mr. Hamrick said. "The tendency is for business construction to run toward the depots. It is so in many places I have visited; I believe it will be so here. And I do not believe the development will be long in coming to Shelby."

Mr. Hamrick visited Lake City and Jacksonville in the Land of Flowers. He said climatically speaking, he found Florida rainy and cold. Asked what he observed of the boom, he said the high spots are fading out; that the time of the option bird and the fly-by-night investor is out. But that solid business enterprises are going right ahead.

"I gathered from what I saw," said the merchant, "that Florida is economically on a sound basis."

Mrs. Hamrick who had been visiting in Florida for some time, returned with Mr. Hamrick.

Nolan Auction Tomorrow.

The second land auction of the current week is advertised to be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, when the J. B. Nolan company, through the Carolina Land company, will sell the McEntire tract in South Shelby.

This McEntire property is located opposite the Lilly Mill. There are about 40 acres in the subdivision, which will be cut into homesites and small acreage tracts. The auction should be a lively one.

Invite McLean To Fair Here

Governor May Make Opening Address at Big County Fair Here This Fall.

Governor Angus W. McLean may open the big Cleveland county fair this fall, according to an announcement made here today.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair secretary, says that Governor McLean has been invited to attend the local fair, the state's largest, and that he is considering the matter.

Should the governor be able to leave the press of official duties it is planned that he will open the five day farm exposition with an address.

The presence of the governor should add greatly to the crowds in the estimation of fair officials and as the governor has visited this section little since taking office it is hoped that he may be persuaded to accept the invitation.

On Same Date.

Announcement is also made by Secretary Dorton that the fair this fall will be held on the same dates as the last fair—September 28, 29, 30 and October 1 and 2.

Numerous attractions and features have already been booked for the occasion, but no definite announcement of attractions will be given out this far ahead of the fair season.

Miss Henkel Sings Here Tuesday Night

Well-Known Soprano of Statesville to Appear in Costume Songs in Local Program.

Music lovers of Shelby are promised a treat Tuesday night when Miss Christine Henkel, well-known Statesville singer, will appear in costume numbers.

The appearance will be under the auspices of the Music and Arts department of the Woman's club and they expect a large crowd for the program. According to early announcements the program will be held in the Central school auditorium and the public is invited to enjoy the numbers brought here by the club.

Miss Henkel is a graduate of Salem and the Eastman conservatory of Rochester and also has had post-graduate instruction under Prof. Karel Bondom, prominent instructor of Holland.

Her appearances everywhere have met with many compliments and her costume numbers have proven big attractions with music lovers. The complete program of the costume numbers will be announced in Monday's Star.

Miss Henkel will bring her accompanist with her.

Building Famous In Ross Case Is Swept by Flames

New York.—Fire has burned the roof from the tower of a Brooklyn building which more than 50 years ago figured prominently in the famous Charlie Ross kidnapping case which has never yet been solved.

The fire started from defective wiring in the tower of the country home of the Crescent Athletic Club on the shore road overlooking the sound. The building was formerly the home of Judge Van Brunt and was the scene of the fatal shooting of Bill Mosher and Joe Douglas, alleged kidnapers of Charlie Ross, son of Christian K. Ross, wealthy Philadelphia merchant, in 1874.

The men were attempting to rob the Van Brunt home when they were discovered by the judge's brother and son who shot them down. As Douglas lay dying he told them to "ask Mosher" where the Ross boy was but the latter died before he could be questioned.

Takes Position With Realty Company Here

Mr. Louis Stovall, of Lumberton, has arrived in Shelby and will have charge of the headquarters office here of the Gardner Land company, it is announced. Mr. Stovall is a prominent young business man and is a welcome addition to the business life of the city.

Laying Walks.

The streets in Cleveland heights, Gardner Land company development, are being put down by the Wagner Construction company, composed of Messrs. L. J. and F. L. Wagner, of Shelby.

Miss Kate Lowe who has been the charming house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoey for the past month leaves for her home in Thompson, Ga., tomorrow. Mrs. Lowe has been the recipient of much social attention during her stay here.