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## ACCIDENT VICTIMS BURIED YESTERDAY

**Services Held at Elizabeth Church. R. H. Sparrow Dies After Crash In Hospital.**

The two victims of the auto-train crash seven miles out of Charlotte Monday were buried Tuesday afternoon at Elizabeth church, just east of Shelby. The victims were J. Vernon Sparrow, who lived on Buffalo in the Oak Grove section of the county, and his father R. H. Sparrow, of the Victory mill settlement at Gastonia.

J. V. Sparrow was killed instantly when the touring car which he was driving was struck by Train No. 46 at a highway grade crossing, and his father died about two hours later after being removed to a Charlotte hospital. The car in which they were riding was smashed to pieces.

The bodies of father and son arrived in Shelby over the Southern Tuesday morning and were taken to the home of the son on the Mike L. Borders farm on Buffalo.

Funeral services were held at 3 in the afternoon at Elizabeth church, where the younger Sparrow attended church. Services were in charge of Rev. H. E. Waldrop and a large crowd was in attendance.

The younger man, who was 42 years of age, had lived on the Borders farm for about five years and in that section for many years. He was considered a hardworking and conscientious farmer. He is survived by his wife and six children, two boys and four girls, the oldest boy being about 19 years of age. His father was around 70 years of age and had been living in Gastonia for sometime. The wife of the elder Sparrow is not living but he is survived by two children it is said.

O. C. Farrel, of Kings Mountain, was the conductor in charge of the train that struck the car, and Mr. Farrell says the first he knew of the accident was when the train stopped.

O. L. Head, the engineer, in reporting the accident, said that he saw the Ford touring car first when it was about 60 feet from the tracks and that he expected it would stop for the crossing. Instead, he reported, the automobile, was driven as if in an attempt to beat the train to the crossing was the aim of the driver, who is said to have been J. V. Sparrow. Reports from the scene of the accident say that some whiskey was found in a half-gallon fruit jar in the wreckage.

The pilot of the engine struck the car and lifted it upon the cowcatcher, in which manner wreckages was carried for a distance of 100 yards which the train required to stop in. The train was said to have been traveling at about 35 miles an hour. It was on schedule.

When members of the train crew reached the front of the engine, J. V. Sparrow was found dead with his skull smashed and his brains scattered, while R. H Sparrow, although living was found badly mangled about the head and body.

The body of the dead man and the living man were placed in the baggage car and taken to Charlotte.

An ambulance conveyed the injured man to the Presbyterian hospital, where he died shortly afterwards there without regaining consciousness.

Passengers on the train gathered around the scene of accident after it was brought to a stop. The wreck delayed the train about a half hour. There are no known eye-witnesses to the tragedy except Engineer Head and Bruce Trexler, the fireman of the train crew.

## Information About Late Joseph Dixon Asked For History

**Historical Commission of Congress Looking for Data on Famous Man of Revolutionary Days.**

Are there any descendants of Joseph Dixon, famous Revolutionary leader, in Cleveland county?

Such is the call that comes to Postmaster J. H. Quinn from Washington by a committee that is writing a history of the Sixth American Congress. Dixon was a member of that body.

According to information accompanying the request Joseph Dixon moved to this state and section in the early pioneer days from Pennsylvania. From that time on until his death he was actively connected with public movements of young America. It seems that he was born about 1780 and was in the early legislature and senate of this state and was later a congressman from this state, being the famous Sixth congress.

He was undoubtedly one of the outstanding chaacter of the section in the early days and it is hoped to get some of his life's history for the commission.

Older citizens remembering anything of the particular family, or related to descendants of Dixon are urged to communicate with Postmaster Quinn or this paper.

## The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce

## J. Clint Newton Accepts Offer As Commerce Secretary Here

**Head Of County School System Will Serve As Director Of Shelby's New Chamber Of Commerce.**

Of much interest is the announcement made yesterday by directors of the newly organized Shelby Chamber of Commerce that J. Clint Newton has accepted the position of secretary to the organization.

Mr. Newton is one of the best known men in the city and county and his acceptance speaks well for the future of the organization to advance the interests of Shelby and Cleveland county.

**Is Fine Speaker.**

Mr. Newton for several years has been superintendent of the county school system and in that capacity has established quite a record as a business executive and a constructive builder with a vision. Much through his foresight the consolidated school plan was accepted in the county and had greatly advanced the educational ranking of Cleveland. In addition to his official position Mr. Newton has served in various civic capacities. He is a past president of the Shelby Kiwanis club and has taken a leading part in many movements for civic betterment. While president of the Kiwanis club he became known as a fluent and entertaining speaker and has been called on for numerous addresses in various sections of the state.

The acceptance was tendered the directors yesterday, but it is not as yet definitely known just when Mr. Newton will be able to actively take charge of the new organization. It is necessary, he says, for him to carry out his duty to the county and straight en up his work in the county superintendents office, which will take 15 days or more.

**Grigg is Talked.**

Among business men here and prominent farm and educational leaders J. Horace Grigg, principal of the Shelby High school, is being discussed as Newton's successor in the county schools office. Mr. Grigg is a native of the Lawndale section and has made a marked success in his educational work at the Shelby High, where he is held in regard by the superintendent and school board. Whether or not he would be interested in the county position is not known, but entire discussion seems to center about him, bespeaking his popularity in all sections of the county. Mr Newton was only recently re-elected county superintendent and his successor would have almost an entire term ahead.

**In Realty Office.**

Advance indications are that the offices of the chamber of commerce will be located on the second floor of the Judge Webb building on Warren street opposite the court square. At a meeting this week of the board of directors the location committee composed of Dr. E. B. Lattimore, C. L. Eskridge and Carl Thompson this location was recommended. The office would be in the fitted offices prepared for the Henderson Mountain Lakes company, which will not be used for the present by the realty company as sales will not be conducted for another year. Officials of that company have deferred sale of the well-known mountain property until next year awaiting the completion of paving projects on Highway 20 and in that immediate section. Since the offices are already equipped it is thought that a saving can be made in using them. A ground floor office was the hope of the committee, but since it seems more economical to use this office for the present it was so recommended. There would be no other headquarters in the office except the chamber of commerce.

Numerous projects to be handled by the new organization are already on foot. One is that of arranging a plan for placing benches on the side walks of the business section for the accommodation of visitors and others.

## PIEDMONT SCHOOL TO CLOSE THIS WEEK

**Hon. Stonewall Durham to Deliver Literary Address. Dr. H. K. Boyer Preaches Sermon.**

(Special to The Star.)

Miss Etnel Elmore, teacher of music, entertained the seniors and several members of the faculty at her lovely home on the evening of April 24. A game of progressive hearts-dice was enjoyed, the prize being awarded to Miss Mamie Miller for making the highest score.

Ice cream, cake and nuts were served. The decorations were purple lilacs and iris.

Miss Alma Burgess spent the week end in Asheville.

Closing exercises begin on Friday night, April 30. Following is the program.

Friday, 7:30 p. m. April 30, exercises by part of the grammar grades.

Sunday May 2, at 3 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Hugh K. Boyer, of Central Methodist church Shelby.

Monday 2:30 p. m.—Reading contest.

Monday 7:45 p. m.—Exercises by the primary and part of the grammar grades.

Tuesday 10:30 a. m.—Declamation contest.

Tuesday 2:30 p. m.—Class day.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Annual debate.

Wednesday, 11 a. m.—Literary address by Hon. Stonewall J. Durham, of Gastonia.

Wednesday, 3 p. m.—Graduating exercises.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Operetta, "The Belle of Barcelona."

The usual amount, 50c and 25c will be charged for admission to the operetta. Also a small charge, 10 cents, will be charged for admission to the program on Monday night, the proceeds to be used to buy a Victrola for the school.

## SHELBY WINS OVER CHERRYVILLE TEAM

**Nerve-Wracking Pitching Battle Goes to Local Hurler in One of Best High Games Seen Here**

Shades of Grier Friday, Cherryville's greatest baseball hope, and of "Big" Beam, Cline Lee and Wilbur Wall, Shelby's best, returned to the city ball park here Tuesday in Shelby's hectic 3 to 2 victory over Cherryville in the second game of the championship series.

Both towns have had better high school teams in days gone by, but never a greater ball game. In the days of Grier Friday when the sidelines chanted in unison "Cherryville Will Shine Tonight,' Cherryville marched on to Chapel Hill with the best high school team the state had ever known. Two years ago Shelby broke the charm with wonder outfit. Beam, Wall, the Lees, Conner, Wilson and others. It's doubtful if Cherryville and Shelby will ever forget those tearts, but, remember, neither town will forget soon that game Tuesday, played by less brilliant teams, but played in a manner that kept several hundred hearts pounding nervously until the final frame. And two pitchers, the lanky southpaw, Smith, of Cherryville, and Peeler, of Shelby, will be classed back with the best teams the two towns boast of.

The game throughout was a hurling duet between Peeler and Smith. Added proof that it was a pitching battle unexcelled in high school records is found in the fact that although the two teams made a total of 14 errors only five runs were made. When high school twirlers can pitch themselves out of all the holes made by 14 bobbles and hold a score down like that, their work will not be forgotten soon.

Peeler, fighting when fight looked useless, had the better of the duel—by a margin. The difference between them was the two extra men Peeler struck out and his scorening hit in the final frame that kept Shelby in the championship race. Smith stopped six Shelby batters in succession and whiffed 10 in all, but Peeler ran up a total of one dozen and sent five hitters back to the bench with the bases clogged and no one out.

**How Things Happened.**

On brutal facts there was only one earned run in the game—Shelby's final score which Peeler drove in.

Starting early in the game Cherryville scored when Grigg bobbled. Then shortly after chased over another tally when the remainder of the Shelby infield blew up and carried with it about half of the outfield in a "Gaston-Alphonse" stunt. Whereupon Morris made several shifts and later on a couple of Cherryville errors and bad throws Shelby pushed one run over. Then Smith, the big left-hander, began to send the local hitsmiths back to their bench hitless. The shift it seemed had been made to late and Shelby could never tie the score. Then came a rally and one hit and a Cherryville error mixed with fast base running gave the locals the tieing score. Cherryville took the bat in the eighth with the sidelines keyed up to

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## William Moorhead Buried In Gaffney

Shelby people will be interested in the following dispatch appearing in Monday's issue of the Gaffney (S. C.) Ledger:

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the home at Musgrove mills for William Miller Moorehead, 77, who died Saturday following an illness of two months. The Rev. L. W. Shealy, pastor of the Limestone Street Methodist church, officiated.

Mr. Moorehead came to Gaffney from Shelby, nearly a quarter of a century ago. He formerly lived in Greenville also.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: H. M., C. P., T. G., and Seth Moorehead, of Shelby; J. I. Moorehead, Earl; J. C. Hendersonville; Mrs. Vernon Fitzgerald, Mrs. Zero Stovall and D. H. Moorehead, Gaffney; and Mrs. Ossie Phillips, Simpsonville.

One brother, W. L. Moorehead of Avondale, and two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Avondale, and Mrs. Ellen Plummer of Kings Mountain, also survive.

## Old Soldiers Coming Here On May Tenth

Mrs. Zeb Mauney, chairman of the Daughters of the Confederacy says the annual old soldiers dinner will be served at Cleveland Springs on May 10th. Not only are the old soldiers but their wives and widows are cordially invited to attend this annual event. They are asked to meet in front of the monument at 10 o'clock whence they will be carried to Cleveland Springs by automobiles. A program has been prepared for the day and this will be announced later.

## Merchants Approve Sidewalk Benches

The suggestion in the last issue of The Star, that benches be provided for extra sidewalk space on the Shelby business streets seems to be meeting with the approval of local merchants. The idea, as derived from St. Petersburg, Florida, was that benches be placed along the business section in front of each store and business house for the accommodation of visitors, tourists and others during the summer months. The plan would save the court square lawn and would add much to the comfort and convenience of crowds on the streets.

A group of merchants and business men discussing the plan since have suggested that the chamber of commerce purchase all the benches needed in a wholesale lot and sell them to the individual merchants at cost, the benches to carry a small boosting slogan for the city. The suggestion has been tendered chamber of commerce officials and will likely meet with their approval from present indications.

## Two Cars And Truck Wrecked At One Time

Two cars and a truck were wrecked in a single accident and a young man by the name of William Jones was badly cut on the leg late Monday afternoon on S. LaFayette street. A man named Grigg drove out of the street leading up from the Shelby mill into S. LaFayette street, struck the Ora mill truck on the side, knocked it across the street where a Ford was parked, wrecking the Oakland driven by Mr. Grigg, bending the chassis of the Ora mill truck and smashing two wheels of the innocent by-standing Ford. It is said the Mr. Jones who was hurt, came from South Carolina and went to work for the Ora mill the day before he was injured.

## REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY SATURDAY

**Books Open May 1, And Close May 22. Candidates May File Notices Up To May 22.**

According to Bynum E. Weathers, chairman of the county board of elections, the registration books for the approaching primary in June open at 9 a. m. on the fifth Saturday before the election, or May 1st, and remain open for the registration of voters until sunset on the second Saturday before the election hich will be May 22nd.

On Saturday, May 29th, one week prior to the primary, "Challenge Day" occurs. Notices of appointment were this week served on the registrars and everything will be in readiness for registration next Saturday.

The chairman desires to impress upon the candidates the importance of filing notices of their candidacy on or before May 22nd, as the law requires these notices together with the proper filing fees to be in the hands of the board of elections at least two weeks before the county election is held. Blanks for this purpose will arrive from State headquarters at Raleigh this week and application should be made to the chairman.

Owing to the unusually large list of candidates it is thought that there will be a heavy vote polled in the primary, and it is hoped that every one will be on the alert to see that no one eligible to exercise this most important privilege fails to meet the necessary requirements in connection with the proper registration for the primary.

## Fanning Changes For Beauty Shop

The job of re-arranging the Fanning store, looking to the establishment of new departments, notably the Shelby Beauty shop, is now under way. The office will be removed down stairs to make room for the Beauty shop on the mezzanine floor, and in turn the ready-to-wear and millinery will be removed to the second floor.

It is expected the work will be completed this week. The change will give added completeness to the store, and give added scope to the Fanning service. It is said Mrs. Hamrick, proprietor of the Beauty shop, will remove to the new quarters the first of the week.

**WASN'T PRESENT**

"And now sir," thundered the counsel, "tell the court what you were doing in the interin."

"I never went there," retorted the witness indignantly. "I stayed in the drawing room all the evening."

## Contract Awarded For Modern Water And Pump Station Here

**Tucker and Laxton Receive General Contract While Shelby Electric and Zeb Mauney Are In.**

By reducing the size of the proposed new pipe line that will lead to Shelby from the new water plant, Mayor Weathers and the board of aldermen will cut $23,000 of the expense of the new plant and not offer another bond issue. The contracts for the new water station were let at a called meeting Tuesday night, Tucker and Laxton of Charlotte being the low bidder on the general contract at approximately $138,000. The Shelby Electric Co., received the contract for the inside wiring while Zeb Mauney, of Shelby will do the grading for about $7,000. Boyd and Goforth, of Charlotte, were the next lowest general contractors, being only $200 higher than Tucker and Laxton.

Since receiving bids last Thursday night when $160,000 was low for the general contract, the city officials decided to reduce the size of one new water main from 16 to 12 inch, affecting a saving of about $23,000. The 10-inch main now feeding the town from the old station will be diverted to the new station, thus giving two mains to town, ample to care for Shelby's needs for 20 years, according to the city engineers. These mains will empty into present street mains on the northern and western borders of the own, eliminating some of the "dead" end where the pressure is now low.

Some of the material in the present water plant will be used in the new, eliminating another outlay. The chlorinating machine and pump will be moved to the new station, efecting a saving, while the town's light department will erect the poles and wires for outside power lines.

The city fathers decided not to issue $50,000 more bonds as was first thought of last Thursday night when the bids were more than the money available. While the city has $118,000 left from the sale of water improvement bonds, this will not be sufficient for the improvements, therefore $25,000 of the $125,000 proposed for street and sidewalk improvement will be diverted to water improvement, doing away with the necessity of another bond issue.

Tucker and Laxton have 220 days in which to complete their contract. This firm is a reputable concern with wide experience in building water plants in North Carolina towns. It is understood the work will begin immediately and pushed along as rapidly as possible.

SONG LEADER

Henry Thomas, prominent song leader, who will have charge of the music at the meeting which opens Sunday at the Shelby Presbyterian church with Dr. Thacker preaching.

## MUCH INTEREST IN THACKER MEETING

There is a deep and general interest in the coming of Dr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Thacker and Harry Thomas to begin an evangelistic meeting at the local Presbyterian church Sunday. These workers are among the most choice talent in the field of evangelism. This being Mrs. Thacker's native city brings special local interest into the services and will insure the hearty support of all the churches of the community. Every denomination is invited and urged to give its full cooperation to this special effort to arouse the spiritual forces of the city. Nothing of denominational bias will be allowed to hinder the wide influence of the meeting, and it is the desire of those who have the services in charge to make them a blessing to every church in the community.

The meeting is being advertised throughout the city and county. Window cards are seen in most of the business houses and automobile stickers are calling attention to the services in all sections of the county. These methods, with others that are being used, will have the evangelists on a splendid wave of enthusiasm when they arrive Saturday.

The first service of the meeting will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon Dr. Thacker will preach to a mass meeting of all the young people of the city and county, his subject being "Making Modern Men." The young people of all churches are urged to attend this special service in their interest. Dr. Thacker will preach his third sermon of the day at 7:45 p. m. Sunday. On the afternoon of Sunday May 9, Mrs. May Dixon Thacker will address a mass meeting of women at the First Baptist church, her subject being "The Human Touch" Additional announcements will be made later of special services during the meeting.

## Baseball Grounds To Go in Auction

Another auction is on the cards for Saturday afternoon, the latest to be put on by Anthony and Anthony. The propery to be sold is that known as the old baseball grounds, in West Shelby. Twenty-four lots will go on the block, with Mike Austell as the auctioneer.

Austell has made a reputation for himself standing on the block, and is essaying his hand at the current enterprise of selling land. This property is owned by a group of Shelby business men, who have employed Anthony and Anthony to put the sale over. It is advertised for 2:30 o'clock.

## South Shelby News Of Personal Interest

(Special to The Star.)

Mrs. Ralph Kizer is ill at this writing, we are sorry to note.

Mrs. G. C. Smart is very sick at this writing. It will be remembered that she underwent an operation two years ago and has been in declining health since.

Mr. Wilbur Shytles has gone to Bost bakery to work. He was working for the Tate grocery firm. Mr. Shytle is a prominent young man and Shelby wish him great success in life. his friends, especially those in South Shelby.

## NO. 6 BOARD NOT FOR RE-ELECTION

**Highway Commissioners for Township Will Not Seek Re-election They Announce in Notice.**

The board of Highway commissioners for No. 6 township will not seek re-election, according to a notice filed with this paper Tuesday.

The notice says that they have decided not to be candidates for re-election, and takes occasion to thank the public for its co-operation in their work and pledge their support to their successors.

Other than the formal announcement, no statement is made by the members of the board.

The commission is made up of Messrs. Joe E. Blanton, L. A. Gettys and Frank Cornwell. Their announcement to the voters of No. 6 township follows:

"We, the board of Highway Commissioners of No. 6 township, wish to state that we will not be candidates for re-election to another term as highway commissioners.

"We wish to thank the public for the hearty co-operation given us and pledge our best support to our successors.

"Joe E. Blanton,
"L. A. Gettys,
"Frank Cornwell."

So far, up until Tuesday, only one candidate had announced himself for the board, this being Mr. Mike L. Borders, prominent farmer, who lives east of Shelby.

**PIEDMONT BOY SCOUTS PRESENTED WAR CANOE**

Gastonia, April 23.—The Gastonia Rotary club at its meeting Thursday voted funds for the purchase of a large Indian war canoe fo rthe Piedmont Boy Scout camp at Lake Lanier. This large craft will be supplied by the Old Town Canoe company and will be known as the "Gastonia Rotarian." The war canoe is 25 feet in length and some four feet in width making the craft safe for the use of groups of boys.