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Grigg Tendered Offer As Head Of County Schools

Newton Resigns for Commerce Position. Four School Elections Planned for County.

The outstanding transaction at the monthly meeting of the county board of education held this week was the appointment of J. Horace Grigg as county superintendent of education to succeed J. Clint Newton, who resigned at the meeting in order to accept the position of secretary of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

Not Accepted Yet. The offer has been tendered Mr. Grigg naming a salary of \$3,000 per year. Mr. Grigg has not as yet announced what he will do about the offer and it is thought he will not likely give a reply to the board until May 17, when the board holds a special meeting to transact other business.

Mr. Newton in his resignation presented to the board named June 1, as the date when he will take up his duties with the chamber of commerce. In the ensuing weeks he will straighten up unfinished work and leave the position in fine working order for his successor, whoever it may be.

Budget for Coming Year. The educational board will meet May 17 for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the coming year to the county commissioners.

Order School Elections. Four petitions for local school elections were presented and granted. The first was from Elizabeth with the view of a modern school building and consolidation with the W. J. Roberts school.

The second was from Earl with the view of the consolidation with McBrayer, Broad River and Cedar Grove. The third was from Sharon asking for consolidation with Shanghai and Beaver Dam with the view of the erection of a new and modern building.

The fourth was for a special tax election in the Union district for the purpose of erecting a new building.

To Sell Buildings. The county superintendent was ordered to advertise the sale of the old school buildings at Belwood, the sale to be held on the first Monday in June at the court house door here.

Shelby Highs Likely To Play Again On Friday Of Week

Game Will be Set at Meeting Tonight Attended by Coach Morris. Gastonia Likely Opponent.

The Shelby Highs, champs of group 4 in the state series, will likely play their next championship game either Thursday or Friday. And advance indication is that Gastonia will furnish the opposition.

Coach Morris is in Salisbury for a meeting tonight at which time a schedule will be arranged for the four teams remaining in the west.

Gastonia and Shelby are two of the four remaining teams while the two others will come from Ashboro, Mebane, Winston-Salem and Yadkinville, these teams meeting early this week for their respective group championships.

Keeping his young outfit in trim during the lay-over Coach Morris took his squad to Gaffney Tuesday for a game with the Gaffney High. Regular practice is being held each afternoon and will continue during the week.

Two More Liquor Plants Captured

Eventually, perhaps, all the moon shine in the Kings Mountain battleground section near the South Carolina border may be destroyed.

Activities of officers of recent weeks suggests such although it seems that for every still captured there remains another one to get.

Last Wednesday Officers Bob Kendrick, Charlie Sheppard and Greel Ware were with South Carolina officers when a 40-gallon plant and 200 to 500 gallons of beer was destroyed near the border line of the two states.

On Friday the same officers captured another plant near the same site. This plant was of about 60 gallon capacity around 500 gallons of beer was destroyed, it is said.

No liquor was found at either plant and they were not in operation. Officers hid about one of the plants for some time waiting for the operators to show up, but none came.

TO PREACH AT ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

Rev. W. R. Ware, of Forest City will preach at Elizabeth Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

One of Tiniest



Betty Huggins, one of the smallest babies known to live, weighed two pounds three ounces when born in Netherland, N. C. Now she is two and weighs 19 pounds.

GREAT CROWDS AT S. BAPTIST REVIVAL

Great crowds are attending revival at the Second Baptist church, at which Rev. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church is assisting the pastor Rev. Rush Padgett. Every available seat was taken both Sunday and Monday nights and interest grows as the meeting continues. It began Sunday night a week ago, expecting to run only a week, but the attendance and interest justify its continuance until Friday night of this week. Dr. Wall is doing some great preaching and while there is no breaking away, the abounding good that is being wrought is manifest on every hand. Dr. Wall is doing some of the best preaching of his life. He enjoys evangelistic work and his sermons are strong appeals for more righteous living. Christians are re-energizing themselves and the fine effect of the meeting is being felt throughout the community.

There is preaching each evening at 7:45 o'clock. The song services which precede each sermon are greatly enjoyed and participated in by the congregation.

Slave Woman Mother Of 2 Preachers, Dies

She Was Mother of 17 Children and 49 Descendants. Wife of Old Colored Preacher.

Sophia Roberts, aged colored woman who was a slave in the sixties, died April 30th in No. 5 township, age about 90 years. Aunt Sophia was a remarkable woman in many respects. Her husband, Rev. Ben Roberts was a preacher, two of her children are ministers and two preachers married into the family. Aunt Sophia was a member of the Baptist church for 70 years and the head of one of the oldest and most respected colored families in Cleveland county. Whites as well as colored held her in highest esteem. In slavery she belonged to Mr. John Dameron and served as a house girl. She was the mother of 17 children, 13 of whom are living. Of the descendants there are 191 in all.

REALTY SALES BY A. M. HAMRICK AND CO.

A. M. Hamrick and company report the following sales of recent date: Lot on Cleveland Springs road, belonging to W. G. and W. H. Arey and R. Z. Riviere, sold to J. G. Dudley Jr. for \$975. This property is located in the Mike Borders development.

A second sale was a piece of mountain property, 16 acres, near Columbus this state, sold to H. L. Hunt, of Shelby and Wright Guy of Marion. Consideration \$3,300.

PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY AT KADESH CHURCH MAY 9

10:00 a. m. to 11:00 Sunday school, 11:05 to 11:15 singing by choir, 11:15 to 11:45 preaching by pastor Rev. John Green, 11:45 to 12:00. Decoration of graves, 12:00 to 12:30. Dinner on grounds, every body spread dinner on table, 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. general hand shaking, 2:30 to 3:00, singing also quartets, 3:00 to 3:30 lecture by Rev. W. B. West, subject "Our Sunday Schools in Methodism."

SHELBY MEN HAVE DREAM OF OIL MONEY

Wray-Hudson and Eskridge Have Florida Property Adjoining New Oil Fields.

Oil has been discovered in Bradenton, Florida. Shelby men who have property holdings there, have dreams of becoming millionaires. Oil is there, to be sure, just a few feet from property owned by Wray-Hudson and Eskridge, Shelby business men who invested there before oil was dreamed of. If the liquid comes forth in such quantities as is expected, their Bradenton property, purchased for homesites will be too valuable to live on, for underneath there is a fortune for them or their purchasers.

Mr. Hill Hudson and Mr. Charles L. Eskridge returned to Shelby a few days ago from Florida points where they went on business. The discovery of oil did not take them down. Prospecting for oil was going on while they were there. A well was being drilled on the property adjoining their holdings. The first pint was sold to J. R. Curry of Manatee for \$100 and he proudly exhibited it as a forerunner of thousands of dollars that will flow from the well if the production is high.

Capt. B. F. Alley, geologist in charge of the work, says they are now drilling at 1,052 feet. This depth has been reached since March 15 this year when drilling began. Oil, mixed with fresh and salt water, has flowed steadily from the hole since drilling started, estimated to total about ten gallons a day. A company to exploit the well was organized with 400 stockholders, headed by the mayor of Bradenton.

The Shelby holders of adjoining property to that on which the oil has been found, are not trying to sell their property. They are waiting on developments of the oil well. It may be they have a gold mine under the ground and of course it would be folly to sell the top for home sites. Now each day the Bradenton paper comes to the Shelby store, the boys open and read it first to find out what progress the oil well is making and perhaps before this is printed, streamer headlines will tell them of a "gusher."

Shelby Race Horse Owner Suspended By Racing Board

According to news dispatches of Wednesday a Shelby race horse owner and one of his star steeds have been suspended by the national racing board. Three suspensions were given by the board of review of the National Trotting association, all involving trotting horses out of their respective classes in races held last year.

The ban it is said will be in force until the winnings from the races in question are returned.

The first suspended was Frank E. Wickersham, former Ohio race horse owner, who now makes headquarters at the Cleveland county fair grounds where during the winter he has been training his stable. The trotter in question is a black gelding, Billy Landis, the horse being entered out of his class, it is said at Logan, Ohio, where a purse of \$75 was won.

Two other North Carolina racers were suspended, Thomas Brothers, of Greensboro, who, the board says, raced Rhoda D. Brothers out of class at Marion, Va.

First City School Closing on Friday

The first closing exercises of any of the city schools will be held Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock on the lawn at the Marion street school building, when the children of that school will present their closing program, said to be one of the most unique programs ever offered in Shelby by young school children.

The exercise will include costumed child plays, Mother Goose stories, library dialogues, pantomimes, marches and songs. The program in detail is not made public as the faculty of the school wish to surprise parents and others with the exercises prepared.

Miss Jane Moseley is principal of the school, which runs from the first through the seventh grade.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ROSS GROVE ON MAY 9.

Memorial services will be held at Ross Grove on Sunday May 9th. Special songs at 10:30 a. m. At 11 o'clock Hon. Spurgeon Spurlin, of Lenoir, a native of Cleveland county, will deliver the address of the day, which will be followed by the decoration of graves and dinner. Afternoon sermon by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Waldrop. Public cordially invited.

Head of Camp



Mrs. Lyman Delano of New York City is acting chairman of the World Camp for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides which will be opened early in May about 39 miles from New York.

EVANGELISM IS THACKER'S THEME

Crowds Grow Larger as Thacker Meeting Moves Along. Holds Jesus up as Example.

Crowds are increasing in size at the Thacker meeting under way at the Presbyterian church here. The church was filled last night, many present representing the other churches of the city. The singing is a splendid feature, Mr. Thomas directing. At each service he renders a beautiful solo.

Dr. Thacker's theme was the "Most Needed Thing in the World," which he declared to be evangelism in which he pointed out that the world's greatest Teacher said: "One Thing is needful." It is a comfort and an inspiration to us amid the multiplied cares and complex duties of life to hear Jesus say—and Jesus knows—"There is only one absolute necessity." We think our business is a necessity, our home cares and burdens are important above all things else, but Jesus says the most necessary thing in the world is to take Christ to a lost world and to bring a lost world to Christ, which is evangelism.

In speaking of evangelism he divided his subject into several heads: (1) Evangelism and method in which he pointed out that evangelism is the fundamental duty of the church and the most sublime privilege and responsibility of every Christian. (2) Evangelism as it pertains to the individual Christian, placing upon him the responsibility of becoming a personal worker like Jesus who placed a hundred fold more stress upon the winning of one soul, when he bids us leave the ninety and nine, if necessary, and seek the lost until we find it. He pointed out the personal work of Jesus in soul winning and the joy that is in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, and the example of personal efforts of the disciples in finding other workers.

In the third place Dr. Thacker talked of evangelism and the spirit. If we are to understand the Bible it will not be our intellectual ability to comprehend, but the spirit which leads us into all truth. Evangelism without the Holy Spirit is like an engine without steam—it is worse than useless.

"Evangelism and the Word" was the fourth point in Dr. Thacker's eloquent appeal for personal work. The word of God is the instrument of the Spirit. Through it salvation is wrought. It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. By it we are enabled to withstand temptation and be freed from evil habits. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." It is God's sanctifying power for the Christians. Evangelism comes through prayer. Power to be sure is "prayed down" from heaven but human interest in anything is "worked up." God does not give his power to the unbelieving and inactive, but to those who earnestly pray without ceasing. The purpose of evangelism is three-fold, it seeks the greater consecration of God's people, the reclaiming of the backslider and the salvation of the lost. Thus evangelism helps every case in the entire church—increasing the liberality, the activity and the interest of all Christians. In closing he made an appeal for—a passion for souls, pointing to Paul the evangelist whose one great, overwhelming, consuming, controlling passion was for the salvation of the lost.

Clover Hill Memorial.

Memorial services will be held at Clover Hill church Sunday May 9th. Preaching in the morning and decoration of graves. In the afternoon a lady missionary will speak. All day services with dinner on the ground.

Probably More of Them

The diner was furious at the poor fare he had received. "Never," he shouted, "never shall I tell a friend of mine to come here." "Then, perhaps," suggested the head waiter, "you will tell your enemies."

Legion To Get Building Site

County Commissioners Agree To Let Service Men Have Plot At Jail Intersection

An American Legion club house building is likely to be the next building project for Shelby if plans of the local Legion post work out.

At the meeting of the county commissioners held Monday Dr. J. S. Dorton and Mr. J. C. Eskridge, representatives of the Legion post, were assured by the commissioners that the ex-servicemen could have the triangle plot of ground just in front of the new county jail where East Warren street and Jones place intersect.

Members of the Legion post have been seeking this site for some time it is understood, with the view of building a club house and service home there. Some time back they asked the commissioners about purchasing it, but a reply was deferred at the time.

No price was set on the plot Monday and terms were not made, but according to those attending the meeting the commissioners informed the Legion representatives that they could have the lot and that "satisfactory arrangements" would be made.

Members of the Legion post are ready as yet to discuss their future plans in detail but from what can be learned it seems as if they plan to build a handsome club house on the site. Such a building would greatly improve the appearance of the street intersection, where travel is heavy, as the triangle corner open into a deep fill that is none too inviting in appearance. In addition to this it would add to the general appearance in the jail vicinity and enhance property thereabouts.

Pay County Bills

Bills ordered paid by the commissioners while in session follow: Rosa Matcher, supplies, \$4; J. A. Buff, bridge lumber, \$22.50; C. C. Warlick, bridge work, \$1.40; J. C. Hamrick, bridge work, \$24.82; R. G. Adams, bridge work, \$68.85; L. A. Cabanis, salary and expenses county home \$158; Oscar Wilson, \$15; A. E. Cline, com., \$91.30; Laurel Hoyle, bridge lumber, \$67.95; D. J. Lockridge, office supplies, \$10; Paul Poston, supplies county home, \$23.15; The Commercial Prantry, supplies, \$14.50; South Shelby Pharmacy, supplies county home, \$21.75; Cleveland Hdw. Co., supplies court house, \$37.59; C. H. Shull, supplies county home \$5.30; Farmers and Planters Hdw. Co., supplies county home, \$12.41; Piedmont Grocery Co., \$26.99; Ideal Plumbing Co., supplies court house, \$10.19; H. A. Logan, jail expenses and incidentals, \$215.50; M. H. Austell, capturing still, \$20; Paul Webb, supplies, \$57.17; T. W. Hamrick, office supplies, \$1.75; Oscar O. Palmer, supplies court house, \$2.70; Cleveland Drug Co., supplies \$8.15; Z. B. Weathers and Sons, supplies, \$9.39; Cleveland News, printing, \$16.10; W. H. Blanton, blacksmith work, \$4.55; Wray-Hudson Co., supplies county home, \$19.69; Snowflake Laundry, \$14.10; The Observer Printing House, Record Book, \$32.98; Jno. Hord, capturing still, \$20; Washburn Oil Co., county home, \$35.25; T. W. Ebelstoff, office supplies, \$3.58; Shelby Electric Co., county home, \$88.97; Sylvanus Gardner, \$4; Shelby Office & Supply Co., office supplies, \$7.75; Thompson Co., lumber, \$7.25; Paragon Furniture Co., county home, \$3.50; The Herald Pub. Co., printing, \$5; C. H. Sheppard, capturing still, \$20; Atlanta Products Co., \$9.50; H. G. Ware, capturing stills, \$60; Robert Eskridge, court work square, \$7; J. R. Hord, deputy sheriff services, \$3; J. C. Weathers, bridge paving, \$200; Town of Shelby, street paving, \$291.31; Z. B. Weathers & Sons, concrete work sidewalk court square, \$1723.90; H. A. Logan, reward for Dean, \$25; O. E. Ford & Co., fertilizer county home, \$935.85; D. A. Costner, burial expenses M. A. Costner, pensioner, \$20; Andy Newton, potatoes county home, \$10; Southern Stamp & Stationery Co., office supplies, \$11.51; G. T. Putnam, \$2; Edwards and Braughton, supplies tax auditor, \$72.86; Mitchell Printing Co., tax abstract, \$104.

Perfect Mark



Miss Pauline Powell, 18, of Waynesboro, Pa., is to graduate in June. She leaves behind her a perfect scholastic record. Twelve years ago she started in the public schools and during that period never missed a day or a class and was never tardy.

RAILROAD SPINKS TO HOLD REVIVAL HERE

Dramatic Preacher to Conduct Tent Revival on South LaFayette St. Four Co-Workers.

"Railroad" Spinks, a dramatic preacher said to measure up in many ways to Billy Sunday and his methods will open a tent revival meeting on S. LaFayette street, beginning May 23rd, and running for three weeks. "Railroad" Spinks blew into town Wednesday with two co-workers to arrange for the location of the tent on the L. I. Kendrick property on S. LaFayette street and quarters for his party at the Central Hotel. He wore his western sombrero, a hat that gives him a touch on individuality like the hat common to "Cyclone" McLendon and from the way the Gaffney Ledger speaks of his meeting which is going on there, it will have a cyclonic effect in Shelby. Sunday afternoon in Gaffney he preached to 2,000 at a "men-only" service and at night 500 were unable to get seats in his large tent. Railroad Spinks was a railroad man when he took up preaching 14 years ago. Most of his work has been in western states, but he recently came East with splendid recommendations and endorsements in his pockets. He comes to Shelby to start a revival upon the invitation of Dr. Zeno Wall and Rev. Rush Padgett, pastors of the First and Second Baptist churches.

His party is composed of "Sunshine" Joe Bryant, business manager and choir leader, "Happy" Harold Mustaine, pianist, "Gleeful" Glenn Williams, personal worker and cornetist, John Tillery, personal worker. Railroad Spinks declared yesterday when he completed arrangements for the Shelby meeting that he had graduated and sworn off from doing the advance work any more. He will leave that to his manager or private secretary for he has one and expects to keep him.

His Sunday night subject at Gaffney was "The Hell Bound Train" in which he picture vivid consequences of taking the wrong train.

Local Men Attend Anti-Evolution Meet

Six local men, all interested on the fundamentalist side of the momentous question that stirs North Carolina just now, attended a fundamentalist meeting in Charlotte Tuesday: Revs. G. P. Abernethy, Rush Padgett, H. E. Waldrop, C. J. Woodson, Squire J. Z. Falls and Dr. G. M. Gold. The session was a stormy one and hot words were passed between the evolutionists and fundamentalists, but neither Shelby man engaged in the argument. The meeting resulted in an organization, the purpose of which will be to organize every county in North Carolina in the hope of having some legislation passed similar to the Poole bill which was voted down in the last legislature, to prohibit the teaching of the theory of evolution in the public schools, or any theory that will cause disrespect or distrust in the Bible.

One Thing Sure.

One thing the State Democratic convention decided—and that is, that Max Gardner will be the next governor of North Carolina.

Dellinger May Be Ross Says New Affidavit

J. Frank Gaffney, Aged Shelby Man, Makes Affidavit Saying That in His Opinion Dellinger is Ross.

The much sought affidavit in the Julius Dellinger-Charlie Ross affair was made here Tuesday by J. Frank Gaffney, aged Shelby man, who knew Dellinger as a boy and believes him to be the boy stolen a half century ago in Philadelphia.

Tuesday morning Mr. Gaffney appeared before Lee B. Weathers, editor of The Star and a notary public, and signed an affidavit stating that to the best of his knowledge and in his opinion that Dellinger is Ross.

The affidavit is made upon a double connection chain, linking boyhood with an aging man.

Many years ago Mr. Gaffney knew a small boy in Gaffney, S. C., and thought at the time—rather was convinced—that he was Charlie Ross. Mr. Gaffney makes an affidavit to this effect. He, then, goes further, and states that Julius Dellinger, Denver carpenter, was that boy. Which is to say that as far as Mr. Gaffney is concerned there is no more mystery about the matter—the hard-working Lincoln county carpenter is the boy who was kidnaped from his wealthy parents and about whom the world's kidnaping mystery arose.

Stating his beliefs that the McHale boy was the kidnaped Charlie Ross, Mr. Gaffney makes possible the identification of Dellinger as the McHale boy by stating that while at Gaffney the young boy was cut on an old gin brush which left a scar.

A copy of the affidavit which has been forwarded to Dellinger is as follows:

This is to certify that I, J. F. Gaffney, knew J. H. McHale from the time he and a woman came to Gaffney, S. C., and brought a little boy called Coley McHale. The child had curly hair, and dark eyes. He came to Gaffney, S. C., some time in 1873 or 1874, and answered to the description of Charlie Ross that was advertised in the New York World, and was abducted some time before he was brought to Gaffney, S. C.

The conduct of McHale and the woman appeared suspicious on the part of my father, Dr. J. G. Gaffney and myself. McHale found this out and spirited the child away after night by a negro named Abe Smith. About three or four days after that McHale and this woman left Gaffney, after night, and about three or four days the negro came back but would not tell anything about McHale or where he had gone. Myself and my father believed all the time the child was Charlie Ross and I am of the same opinion today that he is Charlie Ross.

The child got his foot or hand cut with an old gin brush and probably made a scar from it.

McHale was mean to the child. This the 3rd day of May A. D., 1926.

To Feed Veterans At Cleveland On Monday

Confederate veterans, their wives and widows will be given a sumptuous dinner at Cleveland Springs on Monday, May 10th, usual memorial occasion in these parts. Mrs. Zeb Mauney, chairman of the Daughters of the Confederacy which makes it a practice to remember the veterans on this May day, extends a cordial invitation to the valiant ones of the sixties. The line is growing thinner, but the valor of the men and women is by no means minimized and it is hoped that all who are physically able to attend, will be present. Meet at the Confederate monument at 10 o'clock Monday morning and cars will be furnished to take you to the hotel at Cleveland where dinner will be served and an appropriate program rendered.

Another Honor Comes To McKnight of Shelby

John McKnight Jr., a student of Davidson college and son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight of Shelby has merited another distinction. At a meeting of the Spanish club at Davidson college he was one of nine men initiated into membership. He was chosen because of his ability as a Spanish student and for the marked progress he has made in his class work, according to the Davidsonian. It is the purpose of the club to have, sometime in the future, a motion picture presented in the gymnasium, either a travalgue of some Spanish-American country, or a one or two reel picture of Spanish life dramatized. This is intended to promote more interest in this romance language and will be made free to the student body.