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Prepare Details For Meeting Of Business Men On Friday

Cotton Ball Postponed For Several Reasons Until July 8. Clarence Kuester And Col. Harris Coming.

The mammoth Cotton Ball planned for next Friday night, has been postponed until July 8th, when the affair will be staged by the Women's club of this city. This change was necessitated by the fact that the luncheon club gathering will probably run into the late hours of the evening, thus rendering impractical the full program planned for the occasion. It was also found that the girls and ladies planning to enter the contest for the choosing of a "Princess Cotton" would be unable to finish their costumes by the date set for the ball, and that a group of the leading cotton manufacturers of the state were having a meeting in Charlotte the same night. Plans, however, are going forward to make the affair of the later date one of the biggest of its kind ever held in the section, and under the efficient management of the Woman's club, it is assured success.

Despite the postponement of the ball, the luncheon club gathering still promises to draw a large crowd of business men from the cities surrounding Shelby, and the complete program promises to be exceptionally entertaining. At least 400 are expected to be in attendance, while the dance afterward, replacing the cotton ball will doubtless be well attended by both the older and younger set in the various neighboring cities. Alfred Marshall, owner and manager of Cleveland Springs estates and the hotel, has made the "hop" possible through his courtesy in arranging for the use of the hall, and for the presence of the Shelby Synopators. No admission will be charged.

Athletic Events Scheduled.
Prizes of a nature befitting the various events have been obtained, and those proficient in the various activities will be awarded symbols of their skill entirely worthy of the energy expended. The golf tournaments should prove to be highly interesting to the visitors. The first of these will be a free-for-all affair, with entries from all the towns sending a delegation to the gathering, while the second, to be held later in the afternoon, is an exhibition between teams representing Gastonia and Shelby.

The horse-shoe tournament, coinciding with the first of the golf tournaments will give some of the old-timers a chance to show how much more they know about the gentle art of ringing the posts than does the younger generation.

Other features will be a tennis tournament that offers to show much of the sort of talent that made Bill Tilden famous, a swimming and diving contest and exhibition under the direction of Dick Gurley, and selection by the Synopators in the hotel lobby.

After the athletic and other diversions of the evening comes the "dutch" supper to be served in the hotel dining room at 7:30. Charges on this for all in attendance will be \$1.00 a plate, and visiting delegates are promised a feast of Cleveland cooking that will bring them back for more. The Synopators will also play while the "eats" are in progress.

Kuester and Harris Coming.
Features of the evening will likely be the talks scheduled to be given by the two most prominent Charlotte boosters; Col. Wade Harris and Clarence Kuester. No better after-dinner speakers for the occasion can be found, and hearers are promised a rare treat in the addresses of these two men. Information has it that the subject of the talks will be the general advantages to be found in this section of the state, in other words, their messages will be a kind of fulcrum of the opinions expressed by the Floridians who visited Western North Carolina last week. Other interesting talks will be given by various representatives of the luncheon clubs attending the meeting, as well as by a speaker from Shelby. After the dismissal from the dining tables comes the dance mentioned above, of course, at which a large crowd is expected to be present.

Secretary of the chamber of commerce, J. C. Newton is very enthusiastic over the possibilities presented in the affair of gaining a closer operation and good fellow-ship among the neighboring towns of the section. Furthermore, the half day holiday should be highly beneficial to tired business men in a recreational and educational way. As the slogan has it, "Watch Piedmont Carolina 'pep up' after a half-day vacation!"

Printing Second Primary Ballots

Ballots for the second primary in Cleveland county are now being printed and will soon be properly distributed by the county board of elections.

AFFIDAVITS SHOW CHAPPELL ILLMENT

Minister Asks That Public Be Patient And Sympathetic. Statements Turned Over to Dr. Boyer.

Asheville, June 18.—Upon two affidavits, one by Dr. M. C. Millender and the other by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, former head of the North Carolina Medical society, friends of Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of the Central Methodist church, are basing their hope of being able to clear him, before a church court sitting at Statesville July 20, of charges of gross immorality.

In the affidavits, it is understood, the physicians set forth that Dr. Chappell is suffering from inguinal hernia and that should his truss slip it would cause intense pain and that the explanation he gave to account for his presence in a Memphis house of ill fame is entirely plausible and reasonable from a medical point of view.

These documents, which will be placed in the hands of Rev. H. R. Boyer, who represents the minister in the hearing, are now in possession of Wallace C. Davis, president of the Central Bank and Trust company and influential member of the Central Methodist church.

Dr. Chappell when approached today by a representative of the Associated Press declined to go into details regarding the incident in Memphis which led to the matter being taken up by the church.

"What happened," declared Dr. Chappell, "was very unfortunate and embarrassing both to my friends and myself. I can only say at this time that I am not guilty of any immoral conduct and had no wrongdoing in view. I was the victim of an unhappy set of circumstances as were ever imposed upon an innocent man. My position is that when the truth about the entire circumstances is set forth in detail and considered in the light of the physical misfortune that I suffered, my innocence will be entirely established."

"I do not wish, in view of the hearing that will be held in July, to discuss the details of the matter. My motives at all times were the purest and my embarrassment was caused by a cruel physical infirmity which I must unconsciously and unwittingly into a position which has been misinterpreted, and when the full facts have been made known I am sure that the public will thoroughly understand my innocence. Until the time the hearing is held I prefer not to discuss the details and ask that my friends here and everywhere bear with me patiently and sympathetically."

Alexander Heads Auto Agency Here
Mr. J. L. Alexander, for three years with the Charles E. Lambeth Motor company, of Charlotte, has been appointed to take charge of the Shelby agency of that concern.

Mr. Alexander came to Shelby Friday, and was introduced to a number of local people by Mr. George A. Stone, of the Lambeth company. Mr. Stone has been Shelby head of Lambeths, but is returning to Charlotte, it is announced.

MRS. BEAM PASSES AT HOSPITAL HERE

One of Town's Most Beloved Women Victim of Blood Poison. Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Jennie Shull Beam, aged 65 years, one of Shelby's best known and respected mothers, died about 10 o'clock Sunday night at the Shelby hospital of blood poison.

Her death followed an illness of about 10 days in which the most expert of medical skill was brought into use with no avail.

The funeral services will be held in Central Methodist church, where the deceased was a devoted member, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services will be conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. K. Boyer, D. D., and interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Beam was surrounded by all of her children when she came. They are: Mrs. Hugh Bettis, of Shelby; Mrs. Chess McGinnis, of Charlotte; Mr. Joe D. Beam, of Hamlet; Mrs. Edward E. Post, of Shelby; Mrs. Eldridge Griswold, of Charlotte, and Mr. C. S. Beam, of Shelby.

The deceased, the wife of the late Bert C. Beam, had made her home in Shelby for the past 25 years and was widely known and loved because of her pleasant disposition and of her faithful service in her home and community. She was born in Lincoln county on October 15, 1860, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Shull.

The following brothers and sisters survive her: Mr. Chas. H. Shull, of Shelby; Mrs. Lula Whisnant, Shelby; Mrs. D. A. Seagle, Lincolnton; Mr. R. A. Houser, Lincolnton; Mr. B. C. Houser, Shelby; Mr. L. S. Houser, Charlotte; Mr. Alexander Houser, Newton; Mrs. J. J. Ramsaur, Wilington.

Mrs. Beam was married to the late Bert C. Beam on May 25 1888. Her husband died about two years ago.

Leaving behind a large and highly devoted family the passing of Mrs. Beam is deeply mourned and the sympathy of the people in the city is with bereaved survivors. Long a member of Central church here the deceased was faithful in her attendance and in her loyal, unobtrusive service and work for her Master.

MRS. COSTNER DEAD AFTER AN ILLNESS

Mrs. Mary Costner, one of the best-loved and most respected ladies of No. 10 township, died Thursday of the past week. Mrs. Costner was 72 years old, and had been in failing health for some time, so that her death was more or less expected.

She is survived by three children, all of whom live in the county Mr. J. H. Costner, with whom she was making her home, Mrs. John Falls, and Mrs. Plato Ledford. Her husband has been dead for nearly 25 years.

Mrs. Costner was a faithful member of the St. Peter Methodist church, of that section consequently her funeral, which took place Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, was at that church, Rev. Mr. Green, assisted by Rev. John Cline, both ministers of the Methodist church, conducted the services, at which a large gathering was assembled.

Officers Capture Big Bootleg Plant
Officers Greel Ware and Bob Kendrick still Thursday capture of a 60-gallon still Thursday capture in the woods near Kings Mountain battleground. 900 gallons of bootleg beer were also taken and destroyed.

No arrests were made at the time of the capture, but officers are working on clues that may lead to the discovery of the operators. This makes several stills that have been captured in the region immediately surrounding the mountain, and it is a general opinion that a ring of bootleggers are at work there.

Wins Prize



—M.E.A. Los Angeles Bureau. Herbert Wenig is a Hollywood, Calif. boy, but the silent drama is not his line. He is the winner in the national oratorical contest in which three million high school children participated. He recently was presented a loving cup by Vice President Dawes at Washington.

Sue R. R. For Sparrow Death

\$50,000 Suit Filed Against Railroad For Death of J. V. Sparrow, Farmer of Oak Grove.

The estate of J. Vernon Sparrow, farmer of the Oak Grove section of this county, who was killed in a grade crossing collision on April 26, Saturday filed a \$50,000 damage complaint against the Southern railroad in Superior court, according to reports received here from Charlotte.

Mr. Sparrow met death at Dowd road crossing out of Charlotte, the crossing being the same at which Edgar Love, Lincolnton textile leader, was killed years ago.

The complaint was filed, it is said, by Mike L. Borders, of Shelby, administrator of the estate, through Charlotte attorneys. Sparrow was a tenant farmer on the Borders plantation.

It is alleged that the train was running on the wrong track at a reckless and unlawful rate of speed when it crashed into Sparrow's machine.

The complaint charges the North Carolina stop law was observed by the car.

R. H. Sparrow, of Gaston, father of J. V. Sparrow, who died shortly after the fatal crash, was killed instantly in the accident and another suit of similar amount is likely, according to information.

View of the crossing is obstructed by trees and houses, and the complaint alleges that the driver of the Sparrow car was unable to see the approaching train.

Mr. Sparrow was a man about 40 years of age and is survived by his widow and six small children, the complaint says. He was earning a salary of \$2,500 a year.

Methodist Women To Pay For Parsonage At Meeting Today

The Woman's circle of Central Methodist church, which supported the movement promoted by Rev. A. L. Stanford for a new parsonage here two and one-half years ago, will at a meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Smith erase completely the debt incurred in erecting the hand some home.

At the time of construction it was thought that it would take around six years to pay for the parsonage, but with the meeting this afternoon the payment will have been made in less than one-half the time allotted through the faithful work of the circle members.

An interesting feature of the meeting in addition to the payment of the parsonage construction will be the presence of Rev. A. L. Stanford, now occupying a Charlotte pulpit. Rev. Mr. Stanford worked hard while at Central church for a new parsonage and it was through his efforts and the assistance of the ladies of the church that the building became a reality. So, the meeting this afternoon will be in the nature of a celebration.

Rev. Mr. Stanford will spend the night in Shelby, it is said, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hoey.

Style Stifles South, States Max Gardner To Textile Men

Says Women Of Cotton and Textile Regions Depend On Cotton Goods Sale For Silken Things—Yet Wear Silk.

The style of silken things is stifling the industry of the Southland, according to information cited by O. Max Gardner in an address before the Rotary club of Gastonia meeting at Cleveland Springs last Friday night.

Advancing the "wear more cotton" idea in North Carolina Mr. Gardner used actual commercial facts in showing that home styles, not outside competition, are damaging to the price of cotton goods, and consequently cotton.

Extracts from Mr. Gardner's address, which was entitled "The Cotton Boycott," follows:

It is an economic crime how we, in this textile territory, have contributed to the boycotting of cotton in the home of its benefactors. I have not had sufficient opportunity to observe the apparel of the women present to night, but I venture to say that if we were to weigh and measure all the cotton, warp and filling, you women have on, it would not exceed, in value, the proverbial "thirty cents," and yet every woman here must rely upon cotton in some form, for the means with which to buy the frequently shabby, but shimmering, silks.

We spend much time complaining

about the dearth of business in all branches of textiles, and we profess ignorance of the cause, yet I venture to say that the average secretary and treasurer of the average cotton mill in North Carolina, with his mouth full of misery, sits back with his shoes full of weary feet decorated with brilliant silk socks. Every farm girl is wearing silk stockings; every school girl; every cotton mill girl; every white girl and every black girl. Five years ago they thought they looked highly attractive, and did, in cotton hose, but "them days are gone."

From cotton, the inexorable law of style went to wool and everybody was wearing wool hose. Then it abandoned wool and adopted silk. Our women have not only quit calico and chambray, but gingham is in the discard. A woman wearing a cotton dress today is almost as rare as a woman of twenty-five years ago, with her rustling, starched petticoats.

We are in unconscious conspiracy to kill our greatest industry in North Carolina, and until our people begin to wear more cotton goods, we are entitled to no sympathy, and should

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Alleged Hero Branded As Murderer And Also Thief

Raleigh—Was B. B. Baker, operator of the Baker lodging house at Hamlet, and which was destroyed by fire about 3:30 o'clock on the morning of June 4, 1925, a hero at the fire in losing his life to save others, or was he "a fire bug, caught in his own trap?"

Hailed two weeks ago as the "Hamlet hero" Baker was branded yesterday by Capt. W. A. Scott, deputy inspector of the State Insurance department, as a fire bug, in a voluminous report made to commissioner Stacey W. Wade. The report alleges that Baker burnt the house to collect insurance on property he had in the house, and attempting to make his escape from the burning structure, he lost his own life, along with Louis O. Engleka, a mail clerk; Bernice Joyce, a truck driver, and R. C. Kelly.

Mrs. Mary Clark, estranged wife of Mack Clark, who resided in Cheraw, S. C., and who was in the house the night of the fire, was the only inmate of the structure to escape with her life.

Capt. Scott also declares in his report that he has built up a chain of evidence that will ultimately prove that Baker was the slayer of Engleka, and that he set fire to the wooden lodging house to hide evidence of his crime. Engleka, according to Capt. Scott, was said to have carried quite a sum of money with him, and it is thought that Baker was actuated in his deed by a desire to get this money.

It is also alleged that Baker insured his property heavily shortly before the fire, that he desired to rob Engleka, and that he warned Tom Petropoulos, who had a pile of lumber adjacent to the lodging house, to insure his property. He is also alleged to have been a man who had started previous fires and who eventually collected heavily from the fire insurance companies.

Petropoulos told Capt. Scott that Baker went to him and asked him if he had any insurance on the lumber. He was informed by Petropoulos that he did not. Baker is quoted as having said: "You are a fool, that would be the first thing I would think about. You have your lumber piled right next to that firetrap I am living in, and if it should burn it would burn up your lumber."

Baker, it is said, went back a few days later and asked Petropoulos if he had taken out the insurance he had talked to him about. He was informed that he had. Baker remarked, "That is all right, you are protected now."

Capt. Scott, along with Mayor D. F. Rice, of Hamlet, and the chief of police, went to Cheraw, S. C., shortly after the fire in an effort to see if they could learn anything about Baker's past history. They also sought to learn about Mack Clark, of Cheraw, S. C., whose life was the only person to escape from the burning building, and who is alleged to have been in Hamlet the night of the fire.

The Cheraw chief of police, when asked by Capt. Scott for information about Baker, is quoted as saying, "He got caught in his own trap, didn't he?" He also told the deputy that Baker had a dwelling to burn in Cheraw.

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MYSTERY MAN MAY LIVE IN SHELBY

Man Thought to be Charlie Ross is Likely to Make His Home Here. No. \$25,000.

The mystery man of North Carolina whose identity as Charlie Ross has been pretty definitely established, who is now in New York living at the Vanderbilt hotel as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre C. Starr, the latter being a cousin of Charlie Ross, may come to Shelby to live.

The Star has information from a reliable source indicating this eventuality may come to pass. The idea is, the long lost wanderer likes Shelby, likes the people here, appreciates what has been done for him in this city, and feels the friendly call to make the place his home.

He is expected to return from New York to his Denver, North Carolina home this week, and may pay Shelby a visit at that time. It is expected that he will do this.

A story has been published in Charlotte, which is reproduced here, to the effect that Ross has been offered \$25,000 by the New York World for the story of his life. But insofar as The Star's information goes at this time there is no foundation for this rumor.

Charlie Ross writing intimately to a friend here, indicating his future plans, makes no mention of this wild fall.

It may be said the strange man would be welcomed to Shelby, the people here being willing to furnish him asylum and to extend to him a friendly and helping hand. That sentiment may be clearly predicted.

Following is the Charlotte story, embodying the information as to the World's \$25,000 offer:

The former Julius C. Dellinger of Denver, who has been creating much publicity in New York and Philadelphia recently as the probable long missing Charley Ross, of Philadelphia has received an offer of \$25,000 from the New York World for exclusive use of his story, it was learned yesterday from reliable sources.

He has also been in conference with an attorney for the Ross family in Philadelphia, which has taken up with out prejudice, a careful examination of the claims presented by Mrs. Pierre C. Starr, of New York, and Dellinger that he is actually Charley Ross.

Dellinger will probably return home for a visit to his family at the end of this week, or the first of next. It is expected by his neighbors in Denver that he will be there either Saturday or Sunday, but that he will remain only a day or two and will then return to Philadelphia.

These new developments of the "Charley Ross case" as it has now come to be called, indicate a strengthening of the theory that the former Julius C. Dellinger, of Denver, and the former William C. McHale, of Florida, is Charley Ross who was stolen from his home in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, July 1, 1876.

The information written by Dellinger to his family in Denver related that he had been in conference in New York for a long while with the attorney of the Ross family and quoted the attorney as saying "it would be hard to controvert the evidence that points to his being Charley Ross."

Dellinger is expected home from Philadelphia Wednesday for a visit to his family.

He had been expected to arrive either Saturday or Sunday, but sent word that it would be Wednesday when he arrives.

He is expected to come by way of Charlotte and to be met by relatives and driven by automobile to Denver.

It is not known how long he will remain at Denver, but the impression there is that he is making the visit to Denver to be with his family, for awhile and return to Philadelphia later.

Memorial To Church Honoring Mrs. Hull

Presentation to the Presbyterian church of the church bulletin in memory of Mrs. L. M. Hull took place Sunday morning on the lawn in front of the church edifice. In a very impressive ceremony, the memorial board was unveiled by Mr. A. C. Miller and Mr. J. B. Jones, and formally presented to the church by Rev. Mr. McDiarmid, in the name of the Hull family. The actual unveiling was preceded by a choir selection, a few words by the pastor, and a short prayer. After the revealing of the memorial, the benediction was pronounced.

The bulletin itself is a large glass enclosed board with a changeable alphabet, on which can be shown the schedule of various activities of the church. It is an eminently practical memorial, and one that should prove to be of as much utility as beauty.

Others Appreciate Shelby Booklets

Continued Praise Comes In For Booklet Telling of Shelby's Advantages and Opportunities

The First National bank here continues to receive letters of praise for the Shelby booklets recently published by the Chamber of Commerce, a number of which were mailed out by bank officials.

A letter from Samuel H. Miller, vice-president of the Chase National Bank of New York, says: "Thank you for the folder which I have received containing information and views of Shelby. I have looked it over with much interest. It indicates that you have an enterprising and beautiful city, with its fine homes, churches, public buildings and manufacturing plants. Shelby is bound to grow in population and wealth which should make for a prosperous and happy people."

Harry J. Hass, vice-president of the First National bank of Philadelphia, says: "I have just had the pleasure of looking over the folder regarding Shelby. I have not had the pleasure of visiting Shelby since 1911, and I can see from the folder that there have been many changes."

Livingston E. Jones, president of the same big institution, says: "I have been very glad to look over the interesting folder of Shelby. The attractive illustrations make me want to see the town in reality."

CONTRACT FOR NORTH SHELBY SCHOOL LET

Webb And Lutz Get Job. New Building Will Be Erected On North LaFayette Street.

Contract was given Saturday morning to Webb and Lutz for the construction of another link in the Shelby system of public schools. The new building will serve the north end of town, and will be built on the property recently bought from E. A. Wellmon about 250 yards from the end of the hard-surface on North LaFayette. It will be an eight-room building, presumably of brick construction, and will have besides an auditorium large enough for the comfortable accommodation of all students attending there.

Reliable sources of information have it that the actual construction work will be done for a consideration of \$20,750, while contracts for the heating and plumbing will be let some time in the near future. Work will begin at once on the new school, and J. S. McKnight, secretary of the city school board, states that the building will be ready for occupancy about the 15th of September.