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INJURY IN WRECK FATAL TO WOMAN

Mrs. Johnson Hurt When Car in Funeral Procession Overtakes Dies At Shelby Hospital.

Tragedy stalking a funeral procession claimed another victim this morning at the Shelby hospital when Mrs. Alvin Johnson, of Henderson, seriously hurt Saturday, died with a punctured lung.

Mrs. Johnson was injured early Saturday morning when the car in which she was riding turned over about 12 miles west of Shelby. The car made up a part of a funeral procession carrying the remains of a small son of the woman's brother-in-law, W. T. Johnson, of Union, S. C.

As was reported in Monday's Star, the wrecked car left the road when the husband of the woman it is said, nodded at the wheel due to the loss of sleep in the waiting vigil with the child. The car plunged over a culvert, and overturned. Although there were 10 people in the car, including two grandmothers of the deceased child, Mrs. Johnson was the only one seriously hurt.

She was immediately brought to the hospital here and underwent an operation for the punctured lung Sunday. The injury however proving too deadly for relief.

Details of funeral arrangements are not known here, as it is presumed that the remains will be taken to Henderson, home of the deceased. The funeral cortege of Saturday was en route to Durham from Saluda, where the young child was under treatment in a hospital before his death.

New Thread Agency Opens Office Here

Chickasaw Thread Company With a Large Force of Salesmen Makes Headquarters in Shelby.

A new business firm, one of considerable importance, opened up in Shelby this week when Messrs. Fred Dean and his partner, Mr. Turner, moved the headquarters office of the Chickasaw Thread company from Memphis, Tenn., to Shelby.

The new firm is located in one of the business rooms of the Weathers apartment building on South La. Payette and will deal in textile mill threads and twine.

The business of the new firm should increase the outside knowledge of the world in that salesmen of the firm will be located over practically all sections of America. The firm, dealing in threads and twine, will be agents for numerous big textile plants in the South and New England and with headquarters here all orders will be handled through the local office. For several days now Mr. Dean has been locating his salesmen out of Shelby. Assisting him in the preliminary work here is Mr. Yates, one of his associates.

The office of the Chickasaw enterprise has been located in Memphis, but since the firm handles some of Shelby's textile products, and since Shelby is near the textile center of the South the office was moved here so that orders could be handled with more rapidity.

Hamrick Getting On To His Office

Democratic Nominee Serving As Deputy For George Webb While Latter Attends Meeting.

A. M. Hamrick, Democratic nominee in the second primary for Clerk of court, bids fair to be acquainted with the duties of the office when his term begins.

Clerk of Court George P. Webb with his family left Tuesday morning for Wrightsville, where Mr. Webb will attend the state convention of clerks of courts, and before leaving Mr. Webb swore in Mr. Hamrick as deputy clerk and the latter is in charge of the office. During Mr. Webb's absence Mr. Hamrick will be assisted in the duties of the office by a former veteran clerk, Frank L. Hoyle.

Mr. Webb and his family expect to return to Shelby about Friday, it is said.

North Brook Deputy Now Under Arrest

Lincolnton, July 5.—U. S. Narcotic agent, E. A. Williams and L. C. Rocchiccioli, Sunday arrested W. D. Baxter, former deputy sheriff in North Brook, on the charge of having in his possession 40 grains of morphine, in violation of the Harrison narcotic act. He was placed under a \$1,000 bond for preliminary hearing Tuesday before United States Commissioner Morris at Gastonia.

"Leaf Hopper" Makes Serious Inroads On Piedmont Cotton

New Pest Doing Far More Damage In This Section Than Boll Weevil Ever Did, Says Metcalf. He Came Here at Request of Farm Demonstrator Alvin Hardin.

That the "leaf hopper," described as an insect that is a small edition of a locust, has made more inroads in the cotton fields of the Piedmont than the boll weevil ever did, was the sum of a statement made to The Star on Wednesday by P. Z. Metcalf, entomologist of State college, Raleigh.

Mr. Metcalf came to Shelby at the request of Alvin Hardin, county agent to investigate the work of this latest pest to the farmers, and to suggest means of fighting the invader.

Mr. Metcalf, in an interview at the Central hotel, told The Star that the hopper has made a very serious attack upon cotton in various sections of North Carolina, notably in the eastern section of the state.

"The insect," Mr. Metcalf said, "has been known for a hundred years, but in the past has fed chiefly on the apple and on weeds, attacking more lately the potato and the garden bean. 'Now it appears,' the scientist

went on, "that we are face to face with the fact that the pest is changing its food habits, and is adapting itself to the cotton plant. Just how serious this threat will prove to be I do not know. But it has done more damage so far to cotton in the Piedmont than the weevil ever did.

"And it is proving very destructive to the potato. I visited a potato field in Cleveland county this morning which I conservatively estimate was knocked back 75 per cent. by the work of the hopper.

"I hear reports from other sections of the South that a flea hopper is attacking cotton. But I have not the slightest doubt it is this same insect." Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Hardin sprayed a cotton patch with a poison gas which was found to be highly effective in killing the hopper. But the point is it may burn the plant, in which case of course this particular treatment will have to be abandoned.

"Wolf" Of Section May Be Lost German Police Dog

Claimed in Charlotte That Dog Advertised in Star is Reported Wolf of Mountain Section.

The "lone wolf," which according to reports has been terrifying natives of rural communities to the westward of Shelby, may be nothing else than a German police dog advertised as lost some weeks ago in The Star. Several weeks ago this paper carried an advertisement by J. M. Jones, of Charlotte, seeking his police dog lost some time back when he was working in this vicinity.

Then a week or so ago reports came from Rutherford county telling of a lone wolf wandering through the night shadows of the section. There were those who remembered the lost dog and connected the two as by the lore of police dogs they return to their natural wildness once they have wandered without a master for a month or so.

A news item in the Charlotte Observer of this week supports that theory. The Observer says:

Out in the wide-open countryside that forms the triangle between Rutherford, Shelby and Gaffney, S. C., whispered warnings of a glant timber wolf have sent the children shivering and whimpering behind closed doors of home.

And that's not all. Occasionally the hardy farmers of the section have been driven to the corners where tuck the trusty shootin' irons by the gaunt visage of a gray beast peering into the windows at night time.

Ever and anon the lone ranger has been the object of pot shots by the farmers as he loopes along the hillsides, his tongue hanging from his mouth, until the wily beast has now, it is said, learned to expose himself only after dark, when the fear-stricken populace has retired.

Mr. Jones Objects.
But J. M. Jones, of 500 South Brevard street, hearing the reports of the terrorized citizens, objects.

That wolf, he says, he bought not so long ago in Minnesota. And not only that, he contends, but that beast is no hungry wolf of Hans Christian Anderson extraction—that beast is a full-blooded and valuable German police dog.

Mr. Jones, with memorandums and specific data on hand, declares that he, an electrician, was, on June 13, working in the vicinity of the dam near Shelby. The dog, he says, was playing nonchalantly about the woods of the district.

"Wolf."
Mr. Jones says that the complication originated when a group of children, unfamiliar with German police dogs as a breed or as individuals, saw the canine and immediately raised the cry of "wolf," punctuating their accusations with showers of stones.

Thereupon, Mr. Jones says, the dog discreetly retreated and has failed to make its reappearance at its Brevard street home since.

Mr. Jones is thoroughly convinced that the lone wolf of Rutherford is his dog. Among other things, he submits as evidence the fact that the animal is reported to have appeared time after time at the windows, placing its forehead against the window panes and whining.

The bereaved dog owner submits that his dog was long wont to do just such things—seeking admittance at the window pane of its own home and often gaining just that by leaping through.

Three Stores Agree To Close Thursday

Voluntarily to Close for the Half Holiday Thursday Afternoon for July and August.

These are the Piggly-Wiggly, Penders and the A. and P.

The heads of these stores got together for a conference Wednesday and decided to close up for the half holiday.

Speaking for the three, Stillwell of the Piggly-Wiggly said: "We think it is desirable to have the half holiday and are adopting this measure independently, and hope our customers will approve our stand. We will close at noon."

CITY TO LET 9050 YARDS SIDEWALKS

Bids Are Being Asked For July 20th—List of Streets Where Sidewalks Will Be Laid

Another sidewalk paving program is being inaugurated by the city, according to Mayor A. P. Weathers and bids are being asked on 9050 square yards of concrete sidewalks, 1260 cubic yards of earth excavation. All the bids will be opened in the city hall July 20th at which time they will be made public. This sidewalk paving program comes about by reason of the street paving program now under way and includes a number of streets where the property owners have signed petitions for same, agreeing to pay their half of the cost which is on the same basis that other sidewalks have been put down in Shelby.

It is learned that the street paving program includes both sides of the new asphalt street in South Shelby to the corporate limits, both sides of Lineberger street from the point where it leaves highway No. 20 to the street (west side) in the new school under construction, N. Washington new Eastside school building now building, Sumter street from LaFayette to Suttle (both sides most of the way); DeKalk street (east side) from Graham to Marion streets. Possibly other sidewalks will be put down if the \$125,000 street improvement bonds issued for street and sidewalks improvements will permit.

Abernethy To Start Revivals Very Soon

Rev. G. P. Abernethy announces that a series of revival services will be started soon at his charges over the county.

The revival at Sandy Plains will open Sunday, July 18. Services will begin at Pleasant Grove, on Sunday, July 25, and at Fallston, Sunday August 1.

Mr. J. D. Barnett will have charge of the music at the Fallston services it is said, while all the preaching will be done by Rev. Mr. Abernethy, who looks for much interest to be shown in the several revivals. The hours of services at all churches will be at 10 o'clock in morning and at night.

his prized pup—at least until he is able to reclaim the animal and offer such protection as is its just due.

And the terrified denizens of the triangle between Rutherford, Shelby and Gaffney are hoping that he's right—but they're keeping that family musket loaded just the same.

ORGANIZATION FOR FIREMEN OF SHELBY

Herman Eskridge Is Chief Of Volunteer Body, Which Will Work With System In Fighting Blazes.

Shelby's newly organized volunteer fire department bids fair to be of considerable municipal benefit.

By the new arrangement Shelby will have a volunteer department with systematic order and properly drilled much in the manner of the state's two best known departments at Hickory and Statesville.

Herman Eskridge, named chief of the volunteer organization, together with 14 of the volunteers, were in Hickory Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the crack Hickory department and to watch the Hickory fire fighting teams drill. The Hickory teams rank high in state tournaments and are so trained that they work like machines at a fire. The information picked up there by the local firemen should prove valuable to the department. The Hickory teams are now training for the state tournament and following the return of the local firemen regular drills will be held here training the men how to combat fires along a systematic method.

The new system should eliminate much of the confusion and disorder that attends the usual fire in that every man will know his place and what to do and all members must attend the fires, assuring ample protection to homes of Shelby.

By the system every man belonging to the department must attend all alarms and carry out the task for which he has been trained. For this the city, as is done elsewhere, will give each fireman a certain small sum for every fire. The men making up the department are carefully picked and voted upon by five officials and endorsed by city officials in order to keep out those who would not show interest in the movement.

At the organization meeting recently J. R. (Lefty) Robinson was named assistant chief to assist with the volunteer department and quite a number of physically capable members were added to take part in the drills and training for fire fighting. Since the organization has been completed the city has received several congratulations from other towns where the method has proven to be the most successful way in which a small town may systematically cope with fires.

Insurance School Starts In Shelby

Tully D. Blair, Pilot Official, Here For Instruction of Insurance Agents, Is Expert Salesman.

T. D. Blair, associate agency manager of the Pilot Life Insurance company, of which Carl Webb is the high much-amuck in this balliwick, opened a life insurance school at the Cleveland Springs hotel Tuesday to run the remainder of the week.

About a dozen Shelby men entered for the course.

Mr. Blair is rated as an expert salesman, and is teaching the young life hereabout what salesmanship means—its fine points, and the difference in the new idea and the old.

A representative of The Star talked with him at length at the Springs prior to the opening of his lecture course, in an endeavor to find out and pass on to all those interested in salesmanship something of modern methods now being employed.

Mr. Blair declared that the old idea that a salesman is "bora" is the bunk. Any man, he says, who is willing to work, apply himself and tackle his job with earnestness can become an effective salesman. The job represents about 90 per cent work, as he sees it. And the remaining ten per cent, at a salesman's make-up may be intelligence, personality, or what not.

The lecturer divides selling into two broad and distinct classes. The first is the sale of necessities—goods which we must all buy. And the selling of such commodities differs from the selling of "specialties" under which head comes life insurance.

To sell "specialties" according to this expert, requires salesmanship—that is the quality of indifference in the "prospect" must be overcome. And to overcome that quality requires tact, skill, intelligence, and—work.

The approach, as Mr. Blair explains, is different these days from the days of old. Once upon a time a life insurance agent told a prospect he wanted to sell him a policy in the best company in the world, and that was about as far as his convincing argument extended. In those days life insurance agents got business on the strength of a bearing appeal and pure glib.

Nowadays the agent approaches the prospect with the end in view of the prospect's interest, selling him some thing which he needs, and it is his job to make the need apparent to the

Miss Muskrat



This Indian girl, from the Spawntown hills of Oklahoma, Ruth Muskrat, a junior at Mount Holyoke College, recently presented President Coolidge with an essay on "The Red Man in the United States."

County Helped By Candidates

County Treasury Enriched \$142 By Filing Fees Of Numerous Candidates. May Pay Bill.

Speaking in financial terms, the Cleveland county treasury is better off following the recent primaries than ever before.

The candidates were numerous, and because of their number were discussed pro and con, but nevertheless they all had to pay filing fees, and Tuesday morning Bynum Weathers, head of the county election board, turned over a check of \$142 to Mrs. Mary E. Yarborough, county treasurer, the sum representing the combined filing fees of all county candidates.

Most of the sum came from the 30 odd Democratic primary candidates, but not all of it.

Thirty-six dollars of the amount came from H. Clay Cox, head of Cleveland's Republican party, and was the necessary filing fees for the Republican candidates in the general election.

The remainder came from the Democratic nominees and also entitles the victorious candidates for entrance in the general election. \$5 was the filing fee for the more remunerative offices and \$1 for the smaller offices.

At that, though, the county didn't make any money through the political fever. However, the investment was better than ever before. Counting everything in, direct and indirect, voting bees are staged at a financial loss. It is estimated that the recent contest very near broke even. The registrars receive a certain amount for the registration, which will total a goodly sum considering the heavy vote, while printing expenses of the election board will take up the remainder of the filing fees.

Gets Six Months On Roads For Non-Support

In recorder's court this week Elijah Daves was given a six months term on a charge of non-support of his family.

Daves has a wife and four small children it is said, and for some time they have been under the care of the county welfare department. During his term the family will remain under the care of Welfare Officer J. B. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnett and little daughter have returned from a ten days visit in Asheville and Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Elliott and children of Forest City spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Grose.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stroup of Lincolnton were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stroup.

customers. Under those conditions the policy sells itself.

"We take the position," Mr. Blair explained, "that there must be profit for three parties to the contract, otherwise business could not be gotten. There should be profit to the company selling the insurance, profit to the agent selling the policy, and profit to the policy buyer. The modern life insurance agent is actuated by the motive to make the transaction profitable to the buyer; and that is the one main reason why the business these last few years has been so vastly extended."

Fallston Adds Features To Big Celebration On July 10

Negro Stirring Rucus Given Road Sentence

Gabriel Hilliard, a Georgia negro, will serve four months on the No. 6 roads as the result of stirring up a rucus among Highway 20 construction forces near Mooresboro. The sentence was passed by Recorder Mull last week.

Hilliard it is said objected to working advice given by some white employees on the force and after some words threatened two white men with a sledge hammer. Later, it was said, he broke in a shack and secured a gun. Sometime after getting the gun he encountered the men with whom he had been arguing and the affair continued. He threw his gun away and ran following the second encounter but was caught by officers and the men. Hilliard did not use the gun, reports say, but one of the other men shot to frighten him just before he ran.

According to the evidence the affair came near developing into something serious.

COLORED FOLKS TO GET OLD BUILDING

County Board Donates Old Ledford School For Colored Pupils of Two Townships.

The old Ledford school building was donated to the colored people of Nos. 10 and 11 townships at a meeting of the school board held this week. In view of a new consolidated school, the old building was offered at auction some time ago and the bid was refused. It was then decided by the board to turn it over to the colored people of that section for school purposes. The building is to be torn down and moved away from the present site, by a restriction of the board.

At the same meeting J. H. Grigg, county superintendent, was authorized by the board to purchase five or six new trucks for transportation of school children of the county during the coming year. Two of the trucks are to be purchased immediately, it is said. The decision was to purchase Ford trucks.

To Light Waco School.
The progressive Waco school is to be electrically lighted, it is noted by a move of the board, which makes an appropriation for wiring the school building for that purpose. Electric lights were turned on in Waco recently and with the building wired it is possible to give it modern lighting.

Auction Buildings.
The old school buildings of Mt. Zion and Ellis districts were offered at auction at noon Monday, but the bids were rejected by the county board of education. Likewise the bids received on the first Monday in June on the Ledford and Mull buildings were also refused. The bids of the St. Peters and Belwood buildings, auctioned in June, were accepted. The bid on St. Peters building has been raised several times since the first sale. The price for the Belwood building was \$600, and \$910 for the St. Peters school. These bids cover the old buildings and the sites with one exception.

The following is a list of the races and contests with prizes for each and those who wish to enter and compete in any of the contests should see either member of the following committee: H. A. Beam, chairman; Stough Beam, Dr. A. A. Lackey, Yates Williams.

1st prize is \$5 for the best decorated car entering the parade.

Second prize, beginning at noon, pie eating contest, \$2 to the one eating the pie the quickest.

3rd To the one eating the most soda crackers in five minutes without drinking anything, prize \$2.

4th. Beginning at 1:30 p. m. one mile race, prize \$5.

5th 1-2 mile race, under 14 years of age, prize a watch.

6th, fat man race, prize \$2.

Sack race on school grounds, prize \$1.00.

8th hopping race, prize \$1.00.

9th Tom Walker race, prize \$1.00.

10th, backward race, prize \$1.00.

11th, race on all four, prize \$3.00.

Hands and feet on ground.

12th bicycle race prize a watch.

13th greasy pole climbing prize \$2.

14th, greasy pig contest, prize, the pig.

Jurors Drawn For Coming Court Term

The following have been drawn as jurors for the next term of the Superior court which convenes here July 26th and over which Judge H. P. Lane will preside:

First week. No. 1 township—W. G. Hamrick.

No. 2.—A. B. Hamrick, R. R. Webb, J. B. Clary.

No. 3.—G. L. Anthony, S. L. Roberts, S. B. Hubbard.

No. 4.—M. R. Collins, W. J. Moss, B. O. Dixon, E. M. Lohor, T. D. Blacklock, Rastus Dixon.

No. 5.—W. L. Bell, J. F. Hendrick.

No. 6.—J. L. Lipscomb, V. O. Cline, R. N. Grayson, Willis McMurry, Allen Thrift, Paul Hawkins, S. M. Morrison.

No. 7.—D. C. Bridges, J. B. Blanton, L. G. Doty, J. A. Jenkins.

No. 8.—Plato J. Elliott, Joe M. Hasting, David Grigg, Ansey Peeler.

No. 9.—A. C. Turner, G. A. Lee, G. L. Cornwell, H. S. Cline.

No. 10.—J. S. Willis.

No. 11.—C. S. Botts.

Second week, No. 1.—C. T. McGinnis.

No. 2—John Hamrick.

No. 3.—J. T. Crawford.

No. 4.—J. B. Ellis and A. H. Cornwell.

No. 5.—A. H. Hord and A. H. Black.

No. 6.—W. C. Harris, H. F. Hasting, James Tiddy.

No. 7.—C. O. Ramsey, B. B. Bridges.

No. 8.—G. D. Hawkins, Boyd Lattimore.

No. 9.—A. B. Cornwell, W. C. Edwards.

No. 10.—A. G. Boyles.

No. 11.—W. L. Walker.

Five Thousand People Are Expected There on Saturday. Amusements Planned for Entire Day.

Fallston expects and is planning to have five thousands people there Saturday July 10th at the big Independence day celebration which was postponed from July 3rd because of a conflict with the second primary election. As the day draws nearer the various committees of men and women are working out other amusement features that will fill the day, affording entertainment all day long to the thousands who will gather from Cleveland and adjoining counties in the largest assemblage of people that Fallston has ever had.

To facilitate the parking of cars, a committee has been appointed to supervise the systematic arrangement of all vehicles on ground that will be reserved for the purpose. All cars leaving Shelby and points below Shelby are requested to be on time and join the parade one mile below Fallston which will begin moving promptly at 10 o'clock.

The speakers for the occasion are Clyde R. Hoey and O. Max Gardner of Shelby. These addresses will be short and interspersed with vocal music by the Fallston choir and band music by the Cliffside band which has been engaged to furnish music all day.

Sid Malloy, noted air pilot will be on hand with his machine and make flights all during the day. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a ball game between Fallston and Lincolnton's crack team. Both have been putting in good practice for this event day and a fast game is assured. No admission charge will be made to witness the game.

The parent-teachers association will have booths to sell ice cream, cold drinks and serve lunches and meats. Other booths will be in the cloak room of the school building and on the school grounds for that purpose.

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