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Big Gathering Enjoys Day At Fallston's Celebration

Oratory, Contests And Amusements Marked One Of County's Biggest Events. A "Tiny Tim" Comes In Victorious For Plaudits Of Thousands.

A crowd variously estimated at from three to six thousand gathered at the Independence day celebration, at Fallston Saturday, listening to two Cleveland orators in patriotic addresses and looked-on or took part in a day of contests and amusements without a mishap. The Star would estimate the crowd at 4,500. At its height the attendance perhaps reached 5,000—a record which was predicted and expected for they came from not only all parts of Cleveland but from five adjoining counties. It was the greatest celebration ever held outside of Shelby and Kings Mountain, but Fallston is ideally located to draw from four counties and in this day of automobiles and good roads they were there, braving a sweltering heat at a leisure season, for farmers, all hungry for an opportunity to observe the 150th anniversary of American independence in some concrete form. Bunting and flags were displayed at the business houses of thriving Fallston closed their doors, proving that patriotism and not commercialism inspired them to hold this great gathering.

A Tiny Tim Wins

Colus Williams a boy in his teens and crinled from infancy, hopped away with honors in the honing race. He threw his crutches aside and in competition with a dozen or so boys about his age, this happy youth won a contest and as he did, the cheers of thousands went up from the sidelines. There were many other contests, and forms of amusement but when the crowd saw Colus Williams, the one-legged boy, the Tiny Tim of Fallston, win a prize and honor, they rejoiced all the more. Colus had a bad start in life but for once a victory had come and it pleased the crowd. Colus fell from a chair when an infant, his foot was burned in a scorching fire and the burn never healed until a specialist amputated his leg. In spite of his adversity, Colus was a happy youth and it was his day when the "hopping contest" was held. He had gone through life hopping on one foot and therefore had a decided edge on his more fortunate fellows.

His crippled condition had fitted him for just such a contest and thousands who looked on the various contests, rejoiced more in his success than in any other, for it was Colus, the child of misfortune that had won.

Girl Introduced Orators. The thousands gathered early and the procession was formed for the parade down the Shelby road. In front rode the men on horse-back, then came the Cliffside renown band, leading the motor vehicles, many of which were beautifully decorated floats and cars. It was an inspiring sight to see the parade, fully a mile long, steadily moving to Fallston to the tune of martial music and amid the colors of the Stars and Stripes. Mrs. Robert Cline was awarded the prize for the best decorated automobile. When the procession disbanded, as many as could gathered in the beautiful new school building where two young ladies—girls in their teens, introduced two of North Carolina's most gifted orators—Clyde Hoey and Max Gardner. These speakers who have been introduced to hundreds of audiences throughout North Carolina, had never such an introduction before and they were swept from their feet as Thelma Hoyle and Elva Baker stood with perfect ease and grace and presented the speakers in such ingenious words.

Mr. Gardner, who spoke first, devoted his subject to the "Why the Fourth of July" recalling the religious and political freedom on which our government is founded, the dangers that confronted Jefferson and others who signed the Declaration, for their act was considered an act of treason by England, the weak colonies were bucking the strongest nation on earth and if Jefferson and his colleagues had failed to carry out their plan of freedom they would have met death and the new country would not have been brought into existence.

Mr. Hoey took up where Mr. Gardner had left off and devoted 20 minutes to a discussion of the growth of our nation, how favored it has been in the eye's of the King of Kings, its great wealth, vast resources and the heart and spirit of the people who have made it possible for America to become the richest and strongest of them all.

Interesting Contests. For the amusement and entertainment of the thousands who had gathered for the celebration, the good people of Fallston had planned a number of interesting contests. Charlie Briggles proved the fastest pie eater; Shu-

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Few City Auto Tags Selling To Motorists

Shelby officers may this week make life hard for the majority of Shelby motorists—to date only about 400 city auto license plates have been purchased by auto owners of the city, according to a report from the city offices.

The date of the old city tags has already expired and officers hint that plenty of time has been given for the purchase of the city tags.

The city tags bring in a bit of revenue to the city treasury, but fines from all those who have not purchased their tags would very near pave a street.

Two Voters Arrive Late

One of the recent candidates for solicitor is father of twins and naturally his finances are low at this time, hence he asks The Star to wait thirty days on him for the payment of his campaign advertising account. A paper that won't wait for an account where twins have come to the family, has no heart. Long live the twins if the bill waits longer than 30 days. The Star has never had twins. Trouble and worries come in doublets and triplets sometimes, hence it is possible to understand and sympathize with the other fellow in predicaments like the erstwhile candidate for solicitor is in right now. He writes "I do not know whether you have ever experienced a financial jam, but the disruption of my practice by moving to Fallston in the winter, together with the loss of time and expense incident to my campaign, the advent of twin boys—have you ever had twin boys? the general cussedness of the Coolidge prosperity and other things have drawn my attention sharply to the fact that I shall have to liquidate some of assets on an adverse market to satisfy my most insist obligation."

And he is the father of twin boys. Name one Woodrow and the other Wilson, run on the Democratic ticket for solicitor next time and the country will be behind the proud father. Such a man can't be kept down. He is bound to succeed. God bless the twins. Father may have been defeated but the eagles of victory have perched upon his banner which more than compensate for the defeat in the primary. Political preferment is nothing compared to the fatherhood of twins.

LONGER SCHOOL BY CHEWING GUM COIN

North Carolina's Chewing Gum Bill Would Operate Rural Schools for Two Extra Months

Chapel Hill.—The amount North Carolina spends for chewing gum during the year would run rural schools of the state for two months, according to an article in the current issue of the University News Letter, the amount being one-tenth as much as the state spends on teachers' salaries for all its public schools.

"In other words," continues the article, "if we should stop chewing gum and apply the money to public education we could have an eight months rural school term with almost no additional tax. But very likely we will keep on chewing gum and do without the eight-months-school for a few more years, being too poor to afford it."

"The factory value of chewing gum manufactured in the United States last year was nearly 48 million dollars. The retail value, or rather price, was considerably in excess of that amount. A conservative statement would be that the average person spent at least sixty cents per year for chewing gum. Assuming that North Carolina consumed her quota, she spent about a million, seven hundred thousand dollars for chewing gum."

Mr. and Mrs. Mack R. McConnell returned over the week-end from their honeymoon. The McConnells during the summer will make their home in the I. C. Griffin residence on South Washington street. Mrs. McConnell before her recent marriage was Miss Faye Ford, of Clover, S. C., and a member of the Charlotte high school faculty.

Whew! What Heat—Get The Blankets

A historic weather chart for Shelby over one week-end: Linen suits and palm leaf fans for Shelby's almost unbearable heat, and a scurry for blankets with the cool snap of Sunday night.

Saturday, Shelby and section experienced one of the hottest days of the year. The thermometer during the last hot spell might have registered more, but never before during the year was the heat so persistent. During the day Saturday many thermometers crept far beyond the 100 mark, while the conservative weather gauge at Eletoft's gave up a full 100. An idea as to the penetrating qualities of the heat was gained in the sheriff's office at the court house, said to be one of the coolest spots in town. There the mercury dallied around 90 in the shade.

Following several showers of Saturday night, dodging moth balls became the favorite pastime of Sunday evening as hundreds of Shelbyites ransacked closets and wardrobes for last winter's blankets.

NO "BOYISH BOBS" FOR "SCHOOL MARM'S"

Or so Seems the Sentiment of the Methodists of The Shelby District in Meet.

Shelby delegates to the recent conference of the Shelby Methodist district held at Cherryville brought back disconcerting news to the curbstone cowboys and others who annually look forward to the coming of the "new teachers."

There'll be a few faculty members with boyish bobs and mannish garb over the Shelby district in the years to come—that is if the Methodists of the district see to the carrying out of their sentiments.

The Methodists, mind you, did not say it just that way in their meeting, but it is so that the impression is received.

The view is taken from a resolution said to have been passed by the conference urging more cooperation between parents and school boards in securing "more mature" teachers. The resolution continued, it is said, in asking that more courtesy be shown the teachers in that they have so much to do with the molding of the young life and should be properly welcomed, invited out and otherwise made to feel at home wherever they may be teaching.

But in the line suggesting "more mature teachers" can be seen some what the sentiment of expressed by old-timers in not feeling any too friendly to "school marm's" with "boyish bobs."

In other words, the resolution may have as one of its aims the often attacked "flapper"—that unperturbed bit of humanity that makes America gasp with surprise, and even admiration, and goes on its way nonchalantly and unapparently caring little what other folks think.

The doctors say modern styles are more healthful. The men apparently are casting more admiring glances.

So, why should the sportily mite with the boyish bob, rolled nose and artistic coloring worry about what the rest of the world says?

Yet, even flappers grow up—that is grow older, though they may not admit it—and eventually they leave school to be "school marm's."

The resolution apparently upholds a moral right in asking more mature teachers, but the flappers, old and young, will ask why should they dress more mature. Being able to tell mother from daughter now, days is a task—and if they are mature, why should they look mature?

The day of the all-time school marm, who went the floors with her trailing dress, wore diamond spectacles and struck her pencil in the window knot of her hair, is gone forever, an informing flapper says. Modern school teachers are just as mature, but look different, if possible.

And on the other hand, there is a very commendable side to the suggestion. The real flapper would hardly make a perfect trainer for the youth of the Shelby district.

Local Negro Freed As Murder Suspect

"Doc" Finley, aged negro man well known on the streets of Shelby, was released from the county jail Friday night by local officers after Spartanburg, S. C., county officers failed to identify him as the negro wanted there for murder.

Finley was taken up Friday because he closely resembled the description of George Hunter, wanted in South Carolina for murder.

MYSTERY MAN MAY HAVE LIVED HERE

Wire Received Here From Asheville About Man There Who Does Not Remember His Past

Do you know W. H. Wilson? He's North Carolina's latest "mystery man" and some time in his past has visited Shelby, and links that come back to his memory have to do with Shelby and Kings Mountain.

Over the week-end Mayor A. P. Weathers received a letter from the Mission of the Good Samaritan at Asheville telling of a man there by that name who had lost his memory, but was supposed to have relatives or know someone in this section.

Investigation by officers here failed to reveal anyone related to the man, whose name is given as W. H. Wilson, and no one seems to remember ever seeing him here.

The letter stated that shortly after arriving at Asheville June 24, the man drew checks for \$400 on the First National bank of Shelby, and later checks for \$25 and \$10. The checks, the letter continued, were returned by the local bank stating that there were no funds to that account. Other information in the letter was to the effect that the mysterious man knew W. W. Ormand, who was said to live near here, and also that after he escaped from the state hospital that he stopped in Kings Mountain and Shelby.

So far, no one seems to remember the fellow on latest inquiry stated that his name was Carlisle Moorefield.

A dispatch from Asheville says: Asheville has a man of mystery. Intelligent, well dressed, and apparently normal in every way, he is unable to tell who he is, where he is from, or why he is here.

The young man first caught the attention of local physicians when he wandered into one of the hospitals here a few weeks ago and seated himself. When questioned he was unable to give his name or explain his presence. He was kept that night, and while efforts were being made the following day to identify him he wandered off as quietly as he had appeared. Nearly three weeks later he was found wandering on the streets by a man who conducted him to a local institution where an examination was made.

He gave his name as W. H. Wilson, but could not remember where his home had been. Finally he stated that he had a brother and sister living at Dunn, and declared they had placed him in the state hospital in Raleigh. Investigation showed that the hospital authorities had no record of such a case. He has told those interested that he is a member of the Calybiatt Springs Baptist church. He says that his wife is dead and that before her marriage she was Miss Mary Huff, of Newberry, S. C. He says that his little girl is with her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Mewhorn, of Raleigh, R. F. D. Subsequently he has given his name as William Johnson, son of the late J. P. Johnson, of Goldsboro, and that he has a brother, Wallace Johnson, at Wallace.

Telegrams sent to friends and acquaintances he has named by the authorities here have brought no reply nor have letters to the mayors of several North Carolina towns that he mentioned brought replies tending to clear up the mystery of his identity. The last name to which he has laid claim is Ceryle Moorefield, of South Boston, Va. Those who may know this man are requested to communicate with box 311, Asheville, the postoffice address of the organization that has taken his case in charge.

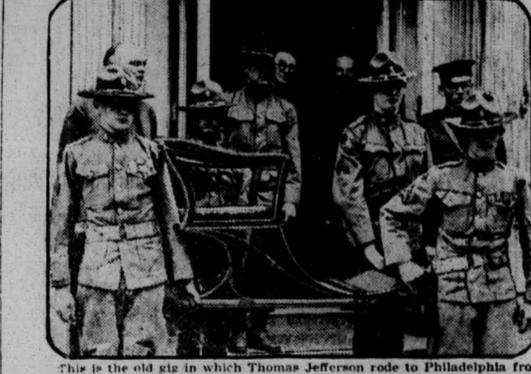
To Pave Streets Of South Shelby First

Grading Starts on \$125,000 Street Improvement Project in Shelby Work Will Move Fast.

Grading work started last week in South Shelby, the first to be done on the new \$125,000 paving project. The width of the street in South Shelby which has been under much discussion will be the same as S. LaFayette St.—32 feet—with which a connection is made. At present the grading is being done just south of Southern tracks. As soon as the South Shelby street is paved the Ely Construction company which has the contract for the asphalt street work, will move to West Graham street where several blocks of paving will be done. Z. B. Weathers and sons who have the contract for concrete alley ways, will not begin work just yet as it is thought that the city rock quarry will not be able to furnish sufficient stone for both construction companies to operate at the same time.

Mr. R. L. Wilson spent the week end in Catawba with his parents, Rev and Mrs. B. Wilson.

Thomas Jefferson's Old Gig



This is the old gig in which Thomas Jefferson rode to Philadelphia from his home in Monticello, Va., carrying the Declaration of Independence. It was taken to Washington where it was viewed by President Coolidge before being taken to the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia.

Shelby Hears Many Reports Of Events Never Recorded

Shelby Officer Sets New Record

Camp Glenn, Morehead City, July 10.—Two records were established on the rifle range yesterday morning that would have got themselves more extensive notice but for the overshadowing events which followed them. Captain C. H. Burnett of the Wilmington company was up for his credit as an expert rifleman. He had only 99 shots left and he needed exactly 99 points to qualify him. He scored 99 shots and made it.

Lieutenant H. C. Long, of the Shelby company was out for similar honors on the range. He went to the pits on the rapid fire tests and out of 250 shots he scored 238 bull's eyes. This performance is believed to have upset all existing camp records and provided marksmen something to talk about for some time to come. Otherwise the day was a normal day.

Mrs. Walker Buried At Sandy Plains Church

Wife of D. J. S. Walker Had Been Afflicted for a Quarter of a Century. Five Children.

Mrs. Fannie Walker, wife of D. J. S. Walker was buried Saturday at 3 p. m. at Sandy Plains Baptist church where she had been a member since girlhood. Mrs. Walker had been afflicted for 25 years, 20 years of which time she had been blind. About ten days before her death she sustained a fall and her condition was critical until the end came Friday afternoon at the age of 69 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy, her pastor, assisted by Rev. D. Bridges and Rev. Rush Padgett. During her long affliction the members of the family were most tender in their ministrations and the large crowd and beautiful floral tribute proved the esteem in which she was held.

Mrs. Walker is survived by her husband and five children, A. B. Walker, Mrs. Martin, C. C. Walker, Rev. F. Guy Walker pastor of the Baptist church at Lylesville, Mrs. Alvin Williams, together with 16 grand children.

Presbyterian Pastors At Cleveland July 16

A meeting has been arranged for all Presbyterian pastors and their wives to gather at Cleveland Springs Monday July 16th for relaxation, recreation and fellowship. Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, superintendent of home missions in this presbytery has arranged for the meeting in order that the pastors and their wives might become better acquainted with each other. There are a number of young ministers in the Presbytery and the meeting is held largely to introduce them to the other ministers. Quite a few elders have also been invited. The Kings Mountain Presbytery embraces the five counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford and a large gathering is expected. Mr. Gillespie says they will gather at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, bring picnic dinner and remain at the Springs until about 8 o'clock at night. No formal program will be held.

Miss Mary Fay Penninger of Sharon, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Penninger.

Hospital List From Car Toll

Three Patients at Shelby Hospital Suffering from Fractured Skulls. Young Eskridge Hurt.

Charles L. Eskridge, State college student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Eskridge, received a fracture of the skull Sunday evening when he fell from a car to the pavement on North LaFayette street—and young Eskridge's entrance in the Shelby hospital increased the fractured skull list to three.

According to information, Eskridge was riding on the rear end of a cur-down "skeeter" driven by James Gardner, son of O. Max Gardner. The car was stopped at the traffic sign between the Baptist church and the Barber home, and when it started the sudden lurch forward threw the youth from his seat, his head striking the pavement. Information from the hospital Monday morning was to the effect that he was doing nicely and that surgeons were encouraged by his condition. He was in a semi-conscious state for some time after the accident, it is said.

Other Fractures.

Palmer Paxton, of Shelby R-6, who has been in the hospital since July 5, with a fractured skull is getting along satisfactorily according to hospital officials. Paxton was struck on the head with a shovel while at work on the highway near Hoppers bridge. Officers since that time have been on the lookout for Mun Childers, who is alleged to have wielded the shovel.

Master Glenn Short, of the Shelby mill village, is the third patient suffering from a fractured skull. The young fellow fell from a high porch on July 3, fracturing his skull on the impact of striking the ground.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson, said to be of Charlotte, was taken to the hospital about noon Sunday, suffering from bruises as the result of an auto wreck south of Shelby in the vicinity of Zoar church. The car in which she was riding is said to have turned over but further details of the wreck could not be learned. She is not thought to be seriously hurt.

Bumgardner Hearing During Court Term

Criminal Docket of Court Term Has Few Important Cases. Will Be of Short Duration.

Charlie Bumgardner, young Kings Mountain man, formally charged with shooting his wife, will be given a hearing during the Superior court term which convenes here July 26, according to the preliminary docket. It will be remembered that Mrs. Bumgardner died of a gun-shot wound said to have been accidentally inflicted. However, the shooting and its details will be investigated by the court.

Otherwise the criminal docket of the coming term promises to be a tame affair and should last only about two or three days. George P. Webb, veteran court clerk, believes two days will clear up the criminal cases unless several more come up from Recorder Mull's court.

Judge Henry P. Lane, it is understood will preside over the term, which has but few cases of general public interest on the docket.

Former Service Men Back From Morehead

Sheriff Hugh Logan, Squire T. Cling Eskridge, Capt. J. Frank Roberts and Mr. Chas. Roberts returned Friday night from Camp Glenn, Morehead City, where they have been spending a week as the guests of Company K, Shelby military company in annual encampment at Camp Glenn.

Sheriff Logan and Capt. Roberts are former captains of the company while in years gone by Charlie Roberts was first lieutenant of the company and later a captain during the World War. The fifth living captain of the company, O. Max Gardner, was invited down but was unable to attend.

The party enjoyed some excellent fishing while there and also reported that Company K, under the direction of Capt. McSwain and Lieuts. Augtall and Long was making a fine showing.

Boyer Returns From Trip Of Investigation

Rev. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the First Methodist church of Shelby, arrived home Friday from Memphis, Tenn., where he spent several days making an investigation and taking affidavits in the interest of Rev. Ashley Chappell, of Asheville, whom he is to defend at the Statesville trial July 20th.