

LITTLE STARS

Birth—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hoyle Sunday, July 18th, at Shelby hospital, a dainty daughter.

Warlick Reunion—The annual Warlick reunion will be held at O. V. Warlick's on Saturday, August 7, it is announced to The Star. Everybody is invited to attend and take the customary reunion baskets.

Back On Duty—Mr. Rhoë Hamrick who has been in the Shelby hospital for an operation, has recovered sufficiently to be back at his work at the McKnight and Company, wholesale grocery house.

Casav Revival—Rev. Rush Padgett will assist Rev. W. M. Gold, pastor of the Casav Baptist church, in a revival which begins there July 23. Services each day at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

IN New Home—Ray Lutz, proprietor of the Piedmont Grocery, has completed a beautiful new brick home on the Cleveland Springs road and is moving in this week. This is one of the prettiest and most modern attractions in Shelby and an attraction to the passerby.

On Vacation—Members of The Star force are taking vacation, beginning this week. Each member of the force is given one week and during the vacation period Mr. H. B. Atkins, a cousin of the Atkins brothers who publish The Gastonia Gazette, is serving as relief linotype operator.

Many Bathers—The hot weather is driving many to the bathing pools. Kings Swimming Pool and the Cleveland Springs pool are having record crowds of the summer. Dick Gurley, in charge of recreation at Cleveland Springs says he had over 100 bathers on Tuesday which is the largest crowd of the summer.

Mr. Roberts Stops Over—Mr. Ben Roberts, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Rocky Mount, spent yesterday and today here with his mother, Mrs. Eliza Roberts. Mr. Roberts is a prominent young banker of the state and has just returned from a meeting of the educational department of the bankers association at Dallas, Texas.

Official Vote—The following official figures on the Ervin-Spurling race for solicitor in this district have been given out by the state board of elections:

In the sixteenth district, L. Spurling defeated Sam Ervin, Jr., by a majority of nearly 2,000—1,839. The vote stood: Spurling, 8,277; Ervin, 6,338.

Concrete Frying—No need to use frying pans for the daily "eggs and—" with the weather of this week. Hubert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilson, Wednesday morning fried an egg on the sidewalk in front of his home, trying the feat after a thermometer on the walk registered 103. Numerous other incidents telling of the mercury climbing out the tops of thermometers are being reported.

The Government's Alaskan seal herd yielded nearly three million dollars worth of skins last year, but Uncle Sam was skinned for a much larger amount during the same period.

Buy gas cheerfully. Think of the great philanthropies your money makes possible.—Huntington (III) Herald.

Why howl if aliens shoot up the natives? That's the way the first settlers got established.—Vincennes (Ind) Sun.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spangler have returned from a week's visit to Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. J. Lee Dover and son, Fred, and R. G. Holland left Saturday morning for Indianapolis, Ind., to visit Frank Wilkins who is in the standing army at that place. They will be gone a week or ten days. The trip being made by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lindsay and twin babies, Betty Fay and Frances May, of Gastonia, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dover last week.

Miss Margaret Wilson, of Blackburg, is spending the week with Miss Lallage Dover.

Mrs. J. T. Gardner and Miss Alice Noce, her sister, from Charlotte, left yesterday for Statesville to visit relatives.

Mr. Richard Tiddy who has been visiting his sister here, Miss Nancy Tiddy returned to Abbeville, S. C. this week.

Miss Thelma Moss who has been visiting relatives here left Tuesday for her home in Asheville. She was accompanied home by Miss Attie Mae Eskridge who will visit her for a week.

Misses Bernice Borders and Ruth Dixon are visiting Miss Hester Cline in Gastonia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Ralph Webb Gardner and Judge E. Y. Webb have returned from a visit to Morehead City.

Mrs. James L. Webb and Miss Elizabeth Webb spent Tuesday in Charlotte. Miss Elizabeth Webb also spent a few hours in Monroe with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Linberger spent Monday and Tuesday in High Point.

Mrs. Lawrence Lackey, W. D. Lackey, Mrs. Louise Forney and Misses Ione and Kathleen Nolan were Charlotte visitors on Monday.

PERSONALS

Folks you know on the go

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner have returned to Shelby after a recent trip. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cline spent Sunday in Lawndale.

Mr. Lee Wray spent Friday in Lawndale. Mrs. Fred Wagner has as her delightful guest Mrs. Floyd Wiles, of Atlanta.

Miss Katherine Hight, of Henderson, is the attractive guest of Miss Rosylin Nix. Mrs. B. B. Higgins motored to Rutherfordton Wednesday to spend the day with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Eskridge and family spent the week-end in Lawndale with Mr. and Mrs. Wesson.

Miss Ethelene Nichols, of Earl, spent Sunday here the guest of Mrs. Query Allen.

Mr. Gene Brookshire, of Montgomery, Ala., is visiting his brother Mr. Raymond Brookshire.

Miss Louise Ledford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ledford, is spending the week in Gastonia with her aunt, Mrs. A. L. Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Best spent Sunday at Camp Graystone, near Brevard with their daughter, Miss Sarah Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Durham and family are here from Atlanta visiting relatives. Mr. Durham returned to Atlanta the first of the week.

Misses Ethel and Maude Bookout have returned from a delightful trip to the mountains of N. C. While away they visited many points of interest.

Miss Viola Kendrick, of East Warren street, has as her guest this week Miss Edna Borders, of Kings Mountain.

B. B. Higgins went to Charlotte Wednesday to fetch home a consignment of Chrysler cars, for which Mr. Higgins is the local agent.

Mrs. Roy Shippett and two attractive children, of High Point, returned to their home Wednesday after visiting Mrs. Carlos Grigg.

Ab Harrill, jr., of Anderson, S. C., spent Sunday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ab Harrill, of Patterson Springs.

Misses Annie Carpenter, Lillian and Vera Yarborough and Mr. Paul Ledford spent last Sunday at Chimney Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spurlin and Mr. and Mrs. Holly Ledford are on a motor trip through Eastern Carolina this week. They will spend several days at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Boone, of Raleigh, spent Monday here with Miss Judith Bostic. They were accompanied by Wade Bostic, jr., who is spending a few days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Tompkins left today for Richmond, Va., where Mr. Tompkins goes on a business trip in the interest of the Shelby Electric company.

Mrs. Fred Costner and two children, Melline and Billy, of Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Shaw and two children, of Troy, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Weathers.

Misses Della and Jessie Pearl Wall will leave this week for Asheville to go on a camping trip. Miss Jessie Pearl Wall has just returned from a trip to Wrightsville and other points in Eastern Carolina.

The following people motored to Brevard Sunday and went to Camp Graystone to see Miss Montross Mull, who is in camp there: Misses Pat and Elizabeth Dudley, Mrs. J. G. Dudley, Messrs. James Grice and Nelson Callahan.

Miss Louise Honeycutt, who has been visiting Miss Vera Moore in Chattanooga, Tenn., returned home Monday. Mrs. T. B. Moore and two sons, Billy and Huber, accompanied her home to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mauney had as their guest for luncheon Sunday at Cleveland Springs Mr. Mauney's sister, Mrs. C. R. Minton, of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Minton before marriage was Miss Marie Mauney.

Mr. R. A. Stalling, manager of the Western Union in Shelby, has returned to his desk from a vacation jaunt in Washington, Virginia, and about the eastern part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Weathers and Mrs. H. Dixon Smith leave tonight for Hickory to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Press Association. Editor Weathers of The Star, is vice president of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and son of M. Gilead, this state, are guests at Cleveland Springs. Mr. Byrd is one of the wealthy men of Montgomery county. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Beason, of Shelby.

Mr. R. S. Matthews, Eugene Hoyle and Pressley Wilson are now in California. They made the trip in Mr. Matthew's car, going the southern route by Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas and Mexico. They reached San Diego, Cal. ten days from the time they left Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladson G. Eskridge, of New York City, are spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. A. W. Eskridge at the home of Mr. Charles Eskridge on West Marion street. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood, of New York, motored to Shelby with the Eskridges. Mr. Wood being a brother of Mr. Eskridge.

Mrs. Dale Laughinghouse and baby left Tuesday morning for their home in Greenville, after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Sarah Burton Jenkins and Mr. Brevard Hennessee. Mrs. Laughinghouse will entertain with a house party beginning next week.

Laying Basis For Cranford To Take Stand In His Behalf

Sixteen Character Witnesses Laud Convict Boss, Discredit Burial Story In Well

(Charlotte News Correspondence) Albemarle, July 20.—Formation was thrust further today into the section of the State as defense counsel marshaled one witness after another to lay the foundation for their idea to acquit Nevin C. Cranford, former chaingang boss, of the charges of cruelty and brutally whipping two negro prisoners to death.

Sixteen character witnesses were sent to the chair to raise their voice in praise of character of Cranford and his prison guards.

Defense lawyers are apparently laying the ground work for the appearance of Cranford, who is expected to begin his refutation of the horrible charges laid at his feet. The defendant still maintains his calm and is taking little part in the proceedings.

The presentation of Clyde Ragsdale, youth of near Palmerville's, was the day's first effort of the defense to discredit the story of John Quincy Leake's burial. He said the grave is an old well, and was present when investigators visited the alleged grave and told of finding all sorts of refuse dumped there.

Crowd Swelters Court opened at 9:30 o'clock and there was every indication that the day would be one of scorching proportions. But the almost unbearable heat seems not to have been a deterrent factor in attendance of spectators, who whetted by the prospect of hearing Cranford tell his own story on the stand today, have roared into the tiny courtroom in an apparently never ending stream.

The array of legal talent on two sides has "bust out" today in "keep cool" duels. Just before court opened Judge Finley gave the newspaper correspondents permission to remove their coats and the reporters with alacrity shed their outer coats.

Clyde Ragsdale was the first witness. He said he has lived at Palmerville for ten years. He gave a shovel to deputy sheriff Honeycutt and Carl Vester Leake when last Tuesday they visited the alleged grave of Quincy Leake, negro prisoner said to have died on Cranford's gang. He said the investigators found a jawbone, which appeared like a hog's. There were no teeth in the bone, which the witness said the visitors broke from the bone and put in their pocket.

Find Rubbish The teeth were exhibited and passed among the jurors. The witness who called the alleged grave, a well, told of finding all sorts of refuse including an old cushion, bottles, tin cans, and old shoes. He was cross-examined by Don Phillips, solicitor.

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CODY ON BUNCOMBE GANG, CLAIMS HE WAS BEATEN

had difficulty bringing Cody to the county jail, Captain Revis said, as the youth was still defiant and had threatened to kill both Revis and Luther. When he was brought to the county jail, he at first refused to let Dr. Morgan attend to his wound, according to Dr. Morgan, but finally submitted to treatment.

Cody on the other hand, charged that Captain Revis and Luther "had it in for me," and that Captain Revis said:

"I've been wanting to whip you for a long while," the youthful convict said that he tried to "reason with Captain Revis," but that it did no good.

Captain Revis said: "I sort of liked the boy when he was first brought down there, and I tried to help him. But he was always defiant, and one time he tried to get a gun away from one of the guards while they were on the road together."

Building In North Carolina

Charlotte Observer. June construction volume in North Carolina reached a total of \$5,029,100, according to F. W. Dodge corporation. This figure represented declines of 39 per cent from May, 1926, as well as 58 per cent from June of last year.

Included in last month's building record for North Carolina were: \$1,539,100, or 31 per cent of all construction, for residential buildings; \$1,118,000, or 22 per cent for educational buildings; \$792,000, of 16 per cent, for public works and utilities; \$750,000, or 15 per cent, for public building, and \$208,000, or 4 per cent, for religious and memorial buildings.

New building and engineering work started in the Stat during the first half of 1926 amounted to \$60,856,800, which exceeded the record for the corresponding six months of last year by 14 per cent.

More Important

An old philosopher by the name of Montaigne wrote essays back in the 16th century, which make as timely reading now as they did then. He is said to have been the first writer of moral essays. He was a philosopher in the truest sense of the word and his philosophy was of the kind that inspires to better living and more optimistic thinking. In one of his essays on life and death he remarks on how much better it is instead of saying "he is dead" to say "he hath lived." Throughout the essay the thought is that we should not worry about death for, as Montaigne remarks, nothing can be grievous that is but once. It is our concern to focus our attention on living day by day, to make every day count—they pass rapidly enough—for some good accomplished for more sunshine in the lives of those around us. It is far more important how we live than how and when we die.—Morganton News-Herald.

The Pathfinder suggests that the trouble with Europe is that she has "lost her cud." At any rate she appears to have bitten off more than she can chew.

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