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FINDS AVERAGE OF 8 BOLLS TO STALK

Will Padgett Makes a Survey of Thirty Acres Of Cotton To Determine Its Fruit

What has been said recently on the outlook of the cotton crop in Cleveland has caused no little discussion.

Will Padgett who lives out on highway No. 20 west, made a survey of his farm a few days ago, taking four rows in four different fields, embracing thirty acres planted in cotton.

Now Mr. Padgett did not carry out the survey with mathematical precision but thinks the results show a yield of about a half bale to the acre.

SPURLIN RAISES BID ON CHERRYVILLE MILL

Indebtedness On The Mill Amounts From Three to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars

Mr. George Spurlin, prominent farmer living just north of Shelby raised his own bid of \$31,500 on the Vivian Spinning mills at Cherryville.

It is understood that Mr. Spurlin some years or more ago sold a large quantity of cotton to the Vivian Spinning company and accepted notes in lieu of cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Hamrick and children, of Winston-Salem, are in Shelby for a few days visiting relatives and friends.

What's The News?

Was Bill McGraw ousted as chief of police at Forest City because he dealt with liquor and bad women? Or did McGraw resign of his own impulse? Read the former chief's side in today's Star.

Everybody should be reading "They Never Knew." Those who do not, never know what they're missing. It appears in every issue of The Star.

Colored boys are shy on picking a sweetheart these days in Shelby. There's a reason: One fellow's sweetie unloaded a gun into his body. Now, the swains are shy. It's in the local news of The Star today.

Farm readers will be more interested in another cotton story appearing today.

The watermelon market: 1926, 75 cents each—This year, 10 cents each. More melons than customers in Shelby says an item in today's paper.

Shelby and Cleveland county news from all sections of the town and county, together with state news and items from adjoining counties may be found in today's Star. Be sure you get all the news out of Cleveland county's newest paper.

Tells How Cleveland County Might Honor Her War Dead

Citizens Suggest That Enough Money Could Be Raised By Popular Subscription To Purchase Bronze Slab

Does Cleveland county think enough of her boys who died in the great World War to raise by popular subscription a sum with which to purchase a large bronze slab, bearing their names, to be placed in the Memorial Fountain on the court house square? That's the question that has been raised since the advocacy of a suitable memorial by The Cleveland Star.

The suggestion is actively advanced by Judge John P. Mull and endorsed by numerous leading citizens who think that The Star should conduct such a campaign and turn the funds over to a committee for the purpose of purchasing and erecting such a memorial.

The idea is advanced that the people of the county would voluntarily contribute enough to purchase the slab and have it suitably erected as some point about the court square. The plan is that the bronze tablet to be purchased should be of convenient size and should have carved upon it the names of every Cleveland county soldier giving their lives for their country during the world conflict.

On the wooden board at the court house, where the "Roll of Honor" is now inscribed, the weather elements are gradually erasing the names and ere long there will be no public remembrance of the boys who gave their all with the lone request that their torch be carried on. Many citizens will remember that at the time the board was erected it was the general sentiment of the town and county that the wooden board was only a temporary affair to be supplanted later by a more suitable memorial—and living in the age made historic by the phrase, "Lest We Forget," we are forgetting.

America over, and in other nations, monuments rear from thousands of spots holding forth to the public the regard of thousands of communities for their dead; for the boys who in time of war were heroes. Whose deeds were never to be taken lightly. Sleeping in their earthly shrouds under little white crosses in France and America, are a score or more of this country's native blood, all that remains of healthy manhood that marched to stirring martial tunes in '17.

A bronze slab as proposed will cost no great sum, supporters of the movement say, and it is the general opinion that a sufficient sum could be raised in a short time should some one take the initiative in the movement.

In the meantime The Star would appreciate hearing the sentiment of various citizens, and of fathers and mothers of the boys of the World War, together with the boys themselves who came back. Any communications regarding the proposed movement will be welcomed and a contribution to open the way would not be amiss while final details are planned.

Dusky Shieks Now Dubious of 'Wimmen'

The colored Valentinos of Shelby are using care and deliberation in picking their love-mates now since Euzelia Jones trained a shotgun on Walter Gaines and sent him to a grave dug by city workmen.

"Yo can't never tell 'bout these wimmen" seems to be the general sentiment of the colored males.

One afternoon during the week-end a dusky swain passed along Washington street near the postoffice walking between two of the fairer sex of his race—that is in name—and across from the fountain at the court square came a warning from a male friend: "Boy, yo better watch what yo is doing and git away from dem wimmen. Afore yo know it one o'dem will take a shotgun, blow off yo bean, and take yo seven bucks."

And Gaines, who is anything but a living example of the danger hidden in the female sex, rests in a grave over in Freedman while his killer occupies quarters in the county jail. Friday afternoon there came a wire from South Carolina to Chief B. O. Hamrick. It was from a brother of Gaines and read: "Received your wire. Haven't any money. Bury him there." Gaines was already buried, his coffin lowered without the presence of a relative or friend.

That's why the colored boys of Shelby and environs are picking carefully the material for their petting parties.

SMITH RELATES OF BRAZIL ROMANISM

Noted Presbyterian Minister Speaks In Shelby To Large Congregation Presbyterians

South America, a land of great opportunity, is struggling under handicaps almost unbelievable, according to a message brought Shelby Presbyterians Sunday night by Dr. Egbert W. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Smith, one of the most interesting speakers ever heard in a Shelby pulpit gave a first hand description of the religious and moral status of South America, covering briefly the facts learned by him while spending several months there.

Under the guiding hand of a corrupted priesthood, Romanism, tinted with Spanish influence and taste is swiftly transforming South America from a so-called Christian continent to a great mission field for Christian workers, he stated.

Charging the Catholic church with the present state of religious affairs in South America, Dr. Smith declared that the Catholic church in the United States and that in South America are really two separate churches and that he had no criticism of the American branch.

The United States branch of the church is from the English stem, while in South America, Spanish and Portuguese influence dominate the Catholic church. Dr. Smith quoted high Catholic authorities as lamenting the condition of Romanism in South America. Besides following a corrupt priesthood, the Catholic adherents are gradually being led to a very ungodly people.

The hope for the revival of Christianity in the continent is in Protestant missions, Dr. Smith said. The Presbyterian church is taking advantage of the newly created mission field, Dr. Smith said. More than 1,000 missionaries represent the southern Presbyterian church in the Spanish-American countries, he reported.

Conditions and situations touching on a horrible state were vividly pictured during the course of the talk and those who listened intently to the message were given their best insight into the work of the mission field. Considerable interest was also manifested in Dr. Smith's relation of the very valuable service and work being carried on by the Protestant missionaries and the eagerness with which their work is received by native South Americans.

Home Coming Planned For Palm Tree Church

Homecoming day will be observed at Palm Tree on Sunday, August 29, it is announced. Mr. Bart Smith will be in charge of the program in the morning at 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon, Mr. Ed. Crowder will have charge.

Everyone in the section is invited, including all former pastors and all ministers reared in Cleveland county. A great day is promised.

Mr. Clayton Norman, of Grady, Ala., and Mr. P. B. Stone, of Parkville, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norman, of Belwood.

Valentino, Movie Shiek Dead, Report

Rudolph Valentino, shiek of the movies and one of the most widely known stars of the screen, is dead according to a report received in Shelby this afternoon over the market wires of John F. Clark & Co., Shelby brokerage firm.

Other than the bare announcement "Valentino is dead" nothing more was received, it is said.

The famous movie star was operated upon only recently in a New York hospital, the operation being for appendicitis and gastric ulcer. Several relapses followed and dispatches of Monday morning stated that his condition was grave.

Auto Almost Leaps From Overhead Bridge

Colored Boys Have Close Call When Car Starts Over High Bridge Rail Over Railroad

Tobe, city employe and of the recently famed Red Row, and his companion Mose Allen had a near serious climax for an auto tour of Shelby Saturday afternoon when their car took a sudden desire to leap from the high overhead bridge on Sumter street near the city high school.

Mose and Tobe, sober as saints and traveling along peacefully in a Chevrolet touring car, narrowly missed death on the railroad tracks far below when the car hit the wooden rails of the bridge and would have plunged over had not the wheels become fastened on a large beam at the extreme edge of the bridge. Needless to say the car hung in a mid air swing while the occupants perspired freely and attempted to remember childhood prayers. The colored boys attribute mishap to a fault of the steering wheel and the damage was covered by a smashed front wheel, a hole in the radiator and a bent-in engine.

To put it mildly the occupants of the car were "a little scared," although it is said that Mose with his feet back on solid ground remarked: "Gosh! I almost had supper with the Devil tonight."

Humorous to an extent the accident came near resulting in a tragic end. Just how or why the wheels caught the edge of the beam and prevented the car and occupants from a long fall is not known. Had the beam not arrested the plunge of the auto the occupants would have been extremely lucky to have escaped with their lives.

Would Create Memorial At Hatcher Hughes Birthplace

Noted Cleveland Playwright Had Parents With Brains But No Money. Born at Polkville

Editor The Star:

As I have a well developed predilection to keep history straight, this communication shall deal with the distinguished Hatcher Hughes, noted scholar and author. It required sundry affidavits, the evidence of Hatcher Hughes himself, and sundry threats of violence with a club of Hercules dimensions to establish the vicinity of Polkville as the land of his birth; but it has been established beyond peradventure and a stake driven through the claim.

As a bar sinister on his escutcheon, in the opinion of snobocracy; is the fact that when very young he was my pupil at Elliott school house; but he escaped in time to save both his bacon and reputation.

The same chortlers who know all about it, claim that he got the material for "Hell bent fer Heaven" from the ignorant, uncouth and lawless citizenship of his environment.

As much native ability, as much genuine culture, as good farmers and farming, as much veneration for law and order and found in Township No. 8, is in other region of Cleveland county—rural or urban. As many young people attend high school and

college as are to be found in any other adjacent region.

Hatcher Hughes was marooned, among typical mountaineers, and there he secured his material for this prospect.

His father, A. J. Hughes, enlisted with Cleveland guards, and he distinguished himself as a brave defender of the Stars and Bars. He was desperately wounded in action and was at ways a maimed soldier. He was a man of remarkable intelligence for his opportunities and the soul of honor. He was devoted to cause of Sunday school and the Baptist church and was a fine Sunday school teacher. If a man is poor in goods of this world, the fact damns him while living and damns his memory when dead among the snobocracy.

The mother of Hatcher Hughes was a Gold, and they are a prominent and gifted family.

I think it is due this region, his parents and the illustrious author to let facts be submitted to a candid world. Real greatness often is devoured from poverty and obscurity, and this is a case in point.

The ruins of the humble dwelling in which he was born is crumbling in decay near Polkville, in Township No. 8. This should be a shrine and a beacon to aspiring youth of this region.

CORN CRACKER

This Sun Fish Weighs 1500 Pounds



Capt. W. E. Mattocks captured the sun fish pictured above, at Bogue Inlet, near Swansboro, N. C. It is being prepared for the state museum at Raleigh. The body was more than 7 feet long and weighed more than 1500 pounds. One fin weighed 35 pounds.

Melons Plentiful; Prices Very Low

The Southland is back to normal. Even the urchin on the street corner may enjoy the greatest repast of the summer—a watermelon feast.

A bumper melon crop in Cleveland county is responsible.

Last year a good-sized watermelon sold on the streets of Shelby for an average of 50 cents and a large melon in the neighborhood of 75 cents. But this year with melons galore farmers of the county are finding it none too easy to dispose of large melons at 10 cents.

The weather, the big bugaboo of the farmer, is responsible. Last year with a record drought melons were scarce; the favorite fruit of the South was for those with abundance of spending money. This year a delivery boy at one of the stores can make one trip and buy a melon for a big feed all to himself at the rear of the store.

It's hard on the farmers with melons to sell, but, really, it's an ill wind that doesn't wait a little good to someone—the city folks are taking no chances on another drought and are eating according to capacity.

MISSION MEETING OF BAPTIST WOMEN

Women's Missionary Union of Kings Mountain Association To Meet August 27-28

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary union of the Kings Mountain Baptist association of which Mrs. Wacaster is president, will meet at Bethlehem church August 26-27 when the following program will be carried out:

10:30—Devotional service, Mrs. Rollins, Organization. Address of welcome, Mrs. M. A. Jolley. Roll call of societies. Recognition of new organizations. Visitors and pastors. Report of officers. Song, Mrs. Keeter. Presentation of banners. Superintendent's address, others. First aid to your society. Boiling Springs. Announcements. Lunch: 1:30—Devotional service, Mrs. Herbert Long. Minutes. Address, Mrs. Edna L. Harris. Solo, Mrs. Keeter. Playlet, Tithing, Shelby 2d. Demonstration by Macedonia. Announcements. Night session: Devotional. Rev. W. N. Cooke. Sermon, Rev. C. J. Black.

Friday: 10:30—Devotional, Mrs. M. E. Herndon. Minutes. Young people's hour. Special music. A new W. M. U. family. Our Mission fields. Announcements. Lunch: 1:30—Devotional service, Mrs. R. L. House. Minutes. Reports, Mrs. W. L. Packard. Standard of excellence. Song. Mission study demonstration by Kings Mt. W. M. S. Report of committees. Closing service.

Shelby's Entrant Off To Speedway Sprints

Miss Betty Suttle, recently crowned "Princess Cotton" at the Cleveland Springs ball, and Shelby's entrant in the Speedway sponsor contest, is attending the races in Charlotte this afternoon. Miss Suttle ranked fifth at the close of the contest, her target vote coming from Atlanta, it is said.

There was a likelihood yesterday that the Shelby beauty might go by airplane to the Charlotte races, flying with Sid Malloy, young aviator who has been in the town for several days, but a previous engagement prevented the air journey. When tips are passed along as to "what contributed to my beauty" the Shelby girl might attribute some of her prize-winning complexion to riding high in the clouds—for she has taken several trips over the town and to adjacent landing fields in the Malloy plane.

Negro Woman Shot By Her Irate Hubby

Tables Are Turned In County's Latest Shooting. Took Place On Monday Morning

Shelby and Cleveland county's quota of one shooting per week among the negroes seems to be holding the pace of the fatal shooting last week.

The latest shooting, which occurred about 8:30 Monday morning near Patterson Springs, was somewhat reversed from the Gaines killing. This time the man handled the gun and it was the woman that received the loan from the shot gun. As a result a colored man by the name of Byers, whose first name is said to be Arthur, is "at large" and his wife has a face and breast marked by a load of shot from a single barrel shot gun.

Information that could be secured had it that Byers and his wife, who live on the old Shuford place in that section, had a dispute over the "carrying-on" of each other. Following an argument, it is reported, Byers departed for the house and secured his gun, meeting his wife a short time later. The shot was apparently fired at some distance as the shot from the discharge were scattered widely, which perhaps explains that the woman is living and will not likely suffer fatal results from the shot. A small colored boy standing nearby is said to have been hit by several of the shot.

Dr. E. A. Houser, who rendered medical attention to the woman shortly after the shooting, states that he removed some four or five shots from the left side of her face and around one dozen shot from her breast. One shot, the physician says, entered her face just above the left eye and as a result the eye and the surrounding portion of her face is badly swollen. The eye, it is added, may be lost from the injury although this cannot be decided.

The husband, it is said, vanished finitely ascertained under the present shortly after the affair, and according to information secured by Sheriff Hugh Logan, who visited the scene soon after the shooting, headed towards the South Carolina line.

In Coma Four Days Bostic Man Lives

Hope Held Out Saturday For Recovery of Weast Hurt In Auto Wreck

Charlotte, August 21.—Held at the point of death for more than 100 hours in a coma which he was unable to fight off for a moment, Rex Weast, 22, of Bostic, is now given a chance for life, in the minds of the physicians who have attended him since he was brought to Charlotte sanatorium early Monday morning.

Weast was a passenger in the car which Sunday night crashed into a truck parked for repairs on the Salisbury highway, killing Waco Digh, 20, and seriously injuring his brother, Durham Digh, 22, driver of the car.

Weast was brought to the hospital in a car hailed by the driver of the truck, who was working on it when the accident occurred.

On his arrival here, practically no hope for the young man's recovery was held out. At no time has he shown more signs of life than indicated by the beating of his heart, and the case has been looked upon as one of the most unusual which was ever handled here.

Greater regularity in the youth's pulse during the afternoon yesterday led to the feeling among hospital attendants that he might live.

Mrs. W. G. Boshamer, of Gastonia, is a guest at the home of Mr. W. Y. Weathers.

COURT PLENTIFUL DURING PAST WEEK

Gun Battle of No. 1 Related To Judge Mull. Get Lincoln Boys With Liquor

Heavy court dockets are the order of the day again in Cleveland county. Saturday two courts held sway for a goodly portion of the day in the county courthouse and it was the fourth day of the week that Recorder Mull's county court held forth until at least 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday morning while the county was grinding away upstairs, Squire Eskridge was hearing an interesting case in Clerk Webb's office below.

The feature of the Saturday docket before Judge Mull was a gun battle staged several weeks back in No. 1 township, the defendants having skipped into South Carolina and only recently were haled into court. George Bennett and Ezra Reynolds of No. 1 were the defendants and their shooting contest developed from an argument regarding some fruit. The dispute arose over some fruit belonging to their landlord, it is said, and after words had been passed the men knocked each other down with rocks, according to the evidence, and then repaired to their respective homes for their guns. They met later, one with a .22 calibre rifle and the other with a breech-loader. Each gun was discharged once, as in the days of older duels, however only one shot found its mark striking Bennett in the shoulder. Judge Mull decided that the rocking and shuffling together were worth \$25 and the costs to Reynolds.

Ledford Gets 3 Gallons Melton Weathers and Claude Jones, Lincoln county youths, were still repriming in the county jail here Saturday after being fined \$50 and the costs each by Judge Mull on a liquor charge. The Lincoln men were captured in No. 10 township Friday night by Deputy Plato Ledford. Three gallons of corn in their car proved to be their downfall. It was shown in court Saturday that the car belonged to the sister of one of the defendants and it was released according to the usual procedure.

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DORTON TO GET FAIR IDEAS AT CENTENNIAL

Dr. J. Sibley Dorton, secretary of the big Cleveland county fair, has definitely decided to visit Philadelphia within a week or so for the purpose of viewing the mammoth sesqui-centennial there for ideas concerning exhibit and exposition promotion.

The sesqui is the biggest "fair" the world has ever known and money with the geniuses of several countries have combined in assembling a wonderful showplace for America and other nations. The displays there run the gamut of human activity and life and are educational as well as historical. That Secretary Dorton will pick up numerous ideas of value to him in putting on the big fair here this fall is the general opinion of those acquainted with the sesqui-centennial.

Mrs. Beam Dies And Leaves Six Children

Mrs. Clemmie S. Beam died Friday evening at her home in South Shelby following a protracted illness from pellagra and cancer and leaves surviving her husband and six children, ranging in ages from two to fifteen years. Mrs. Beam was an Ezell, of Rutherford county before marriage, but had been living here for sometime, her husband working in the Janet Hosier mill. Only 36 years of age, her death is one of peculiar sorrow. She had taken treatment in a Spartanburg hospital for the dreadful malady with which she was afflicted, but her life could not be spared. The funeral services were conducted from the Second Baptist church Sunday by Rev. Russ Padgett and the interment was in the cemetery at Zoar.