

DISASTROUS STORM SWEEPS FLORIDA

Reports Say Cleveland People There Uninjured; Others Not Heard From

Late dispatches today from sections in Florida where telegraph wires were up confirmed the report that the devastating storm left 895 dead in Miami alone...

The Miami and Palm Beach sections of the Florida east coast are today attempting to get back on a living footing following a terrific hurricane which swept over the section from the sea Friday and Saturday...

The storm left 1,200 dead, hundreds injured and thousands homeless in its destructive wake around Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach...

So far as is known no Cleveland county people, many whom are living in that section, lost their lives in the storm. However, grave concern is entertained here about a few who have not been heard from as yet...

Dispatches this morning say the hurricane passed inland over the Gulf coast near Pensacola about 6 o'clock this morning and is apparently raging over eastern Mississippi and Alabama...

A preliminary review of the catastrophe follows: 804 dead at Miami, 140 dead at Moore Haven, 100 dead at Fort Lauderdale, Property damage over the section of nearly \$100,000,000, 38,000 people homeless.

Restaurants and business houses closed in Miami, undertaking shops unable to handle the dead, while relief trains are being rushed in the stricken territory from Jacksonville and other northern points.

With the storm continuing to rage to the westward it will be impossible to secure a definite idea of the toll for several days.

Children's Work Will Be Fine Attraction At Fair

Art of Baking, Sewing and Canning as Taught Young Folks Will Be Shown.

Exhibits by children enrolled in club work will be one of the outstanding features of the coming Cleveland county fair, September 28 to October 2.

The arts of sewing, baking and canning, as taught to children participating in club activities, will be demonstrated to visitors.

Not only will they exhibit in the household arts, but in outdoor events as well. As a result of instruction by club leaders, visitors will find that many boys excel in baking, sewing and canning, while many girls have become expert in raising livestock.

Here Are Winners Dressed Up



The three winners of beauty prizes in the beauty contest at Atlantic City, N. J., are shown here dressed up. They are (left to right): Norma Smallwood, 'Miss Tulsa,' awarded first prize and the title of Miss America for 1926; Ruth K. Peterson, 'Miss Greater New York,' winner of four division prizes; and Marjorie Joesting, 'Miss Washington,' who took second honors to 'Miss Tulsa.'

Cleveland County Schools Have Changed Much In 20 Years, Old Report Shows

Mississippi Times As Much Spent For Schools Last Year As Was Spent Twenty Years Ago.

Professor Knight, or any other prominent educator for that matter, could not say that Cleveland county schools haven't made wonderful progress in the last 20 years.

As an idea: The school board of Cleveland county during the past school year spent more than 15 times as much as did the school board of 1905-06. Furthermore the teachers of Cleveland county last year were paid more than ten times as much as the teachers in the county in 1905-6.

In addition to the exhibits at the Lattimore Community fair to be held at the Lattimore school building Friday September 24th, there will be entertainment features during the day according to Prof. V. C. Taylor of the agricultural department of the high school.

Over \$400 is offered in premiums for exhibits at the community fair to be held in the school building. This is said to be the only community fair to be held in the county this year and no doubt the exhibits will be large and varied.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock the Shelby high school and the Lattimore High school football teams will play a game on the gridiron.

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SHELBY AREA NOT AS WET AS OTHER COURT SECTIONS

Liquor Cases for Federal Court Not As Numerous Here As Other Places

The bootleg business apparently isn't so encouraging about Shelby nowadays.

At least that's what the following dispatch from Greensboro reveals:

The people in the Shelby area of the Western North Carolina district of United States court do less making and selling of liquor than those in other areas of the district, it is seen from the dockets for the fall terms of criminal court in various centers.

This is learned from the time allotted for court terms at Shelby, Charlotte, Statesville, Salisbury, Asheville, Wilkesboro, Greensboro and Winston-Salem. The fall term will start with a one-week term at Shelby on Monday, September 27.

At most of the other places it requires two weeks and then all the booze cases on the docket are not completed. At the June term of court here there was a total of 500 cases on the docket and less than half of them could be completed in the two weeks.

Whether the people in Shelby area are more interested in other things than in liquor, it is not stated, but the cases for that court term are much less in number than in other places but even when considering that the number of cases is smaller than would be the case in exact proportion.

After Shelby term, Judge E. Yates Webb, the district attorney and his assistants, the deputy marshals, the clerk and any other court attaches will go to Charlotte for a two-week term, then to Statesville, then to Salisbury, then to Asheville, then to Wilkesboro, then to Greensboro (first Monday in December) then to Winston-Salem.

Some of the defendants will spend the yuletide in the federal prison at Atlanta, if the past is any guide in predicting the future. These will be the men sentenced to serve not less than a year and a day. The others who receive shorter sentences will spend Christmas in the various county jails, where United States government boards its prisoners.

Masons to Hold Get-Together Meet

Members of Cleveland Lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. are planning one of the biggest get-together meetings of their members the lodge has ever had. The date is Friday night of this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Lattimore Defeats First Opponent

Playing the county's first grid game of the season last Friday afternoon the Lattimore High school team defeated the Chesnee, S. C., eleven by a score of 26 to 0, the game being played at Lattimore.

Ravages Of Army Worm On Cotton Is Damaging Acres Of County Cotton

Destructive Caterpillars Turns Fields Into Sheets of Lace and Will Cut 10,000 Bales Off County Crop.

Thousands of acres of cotton fields in Cleveland county look like sheets of lace as a result of the ravages of the army worm or caterpillar, millions of which have been eating up the leaves and puncturing the tender bolls during the last two weeks.

Prohibition Law Is Best on Book, Says C. R. Hoey

"Thousands of people still poke fun at our prohibition, but nevertheless more good has come to this county through our prohibition law than from any law ever written on our statute books," declared Hon. C. R. Hoey in the course of his regular Sunday lecture to his Bible class at Central Methodist church Sunday.

"Of course it is still violated," he continued, "but what law is not violated? Opponents cite the fact that the prohibition laws are violated more than any other. That's true. But had it occurred that the prohibition law goes against the craving and instinct of generations of people? Even with the continued violations the great results of prohibition can already be seen.

Thirty years ago with saloons all about Shelby a drunken man threw out his chest and walked about the streets among our women and children and apparently took pride in doing so. What of today? The man who gets drunk is ashamed of it and he parades the back alleys and tries to keep out of sight, for he knows that society as well as law looks with disrespect on his behavior.

"With Lady Nancy Astor I agree that liquor in all time has never helped any man from the material to the spiritual" and after all that's the great inspiration of our lives."

Prisoner Escapes From County Jail

Ab Jeffries, colored, who some time back proved himself efficient in entering the Shelby laundry, according to charges, this morning proved himself efficient in getting out as well as getting in. He escaped from the county jail.

It is said at the jail that Jeffries apparently hid himself in the corridors Sunday during the prisoners' daily turnout and this morning when the main door was opened to clean up escaped by that entrance. His disappearance was by way of Flat Rock and more than likely he will be back in his cell ere many hours.

Get Stolen Auto In Jacksonville

Officers on Trail of Man Who Took Dr. Ramseur's Car They Say. Found by Number.

Ross Grove Church To Revise Its Roll

It has been unanimously decided by the congregation of Ross Grove Baptist church to call a conference Thursday evening September 23rd at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of revising the church roll. Every member of the church is invited to be present at this conference.

Standard Oil Men Hold Meeting Here

About thirty men connected with the sales end of Standard Oil company products will hold a meeting tonight in the dining room of the Victor hotel. Mr. Bert Byars, of Shelby, who is general salesman in charge of sales in the Shelby district which embraces the territory between Lincolnton and Chimney Rock, says several high officials of the company will be present at the meeting which has to do with the promotion of sales in this territory. The meeting will, no doubt, prove an interesting one.

Tomorrow week we'll all be going to the fair!

So far as can be learned no Cleveland county people lost their lives in the big hurricane that swept Florida Friday and Saturday. Messages, however, have not been received from every county native there and concern is felt for some. The death toll is now estimated at around 1,000 people, according to dispatches in The Star today.

Pessimistic old maids say the young folks nowadays but into everything. Be that as it may they are going to take a big part in the county fair, a news item states.

Bootleggers, here's your chance. Federal court statistics say the Shelby area is the driest in the United States courts. One time, however, Star advertising should not pay.

Lattimore is planning some fair for the 24th, says a dispatch from that enterprising town.

Twenty years ago the schools of Cleveland county were as different from those of today, says a school article in The Star, as Miami now is changed from the Miami of last winter.

Shelby is to have a miniature Dempsey-Tunney battle Thursday night, reads a sport article, and the big fight will be broadcast at the local ringside.

Last month prospects were such that Cleveland county expected the biggest cotton crop ever. Now the army worm is making network of thousands of acres here. The Star today has a full account of the ravages by the pest. Read it.

Then you must not miss the article on an inside page telling what Gaston farmers thought of our farm section.

Clyde R. Hoey, The Star says today, believes the prohibition law has done more good than any other.

You'll find a newsy item on every page. AND, yes, a circus is coming on October 5. Red lemonade, painted ladies, street parade, 'everything.

Restraining Order For Young Couple Made Permanent

Girl Bride and Young Husband Cannot Live Together Until Court, Judge Webb Rules.

The temporary restraining order, issued last week, by which a young married couple of the county were restrained from living together was made binding until the next term of court at a hearing held before Judge James L. Webb here Saturday.

At the time Judge Webb, who signed the temporary order, heard arguments from Capt. Peyton McSwain, attorney for the girl-bride's mother, and Mr. O. M. Mull, appearing for the groom, who by law has been restrained from living with his bride.

No outside evidence was introduced in the case.

Readers will recall that the restraining order was granted in view of the annulment proceedings which will come in the grind of the October court term. The complaint for the order and basis for annulment was advanced by the girl's mother who says her daughter was not old enough to be married and that a law of this state was violated when the young couple entered South Carolina to be married.

House and Contents Destroyed by Fire

A dwelling house belonging to George Bridges and all its contents were destroyed by fire Friday night just over the Cleveland line in Rutherford county two miles west of Mount Olivet church. It is understood that Mr. Bridges and family were away from home at the time the fire started and that neighbors who went to the scene after they saw the flames were unable to get anything out because the entire house was burning. Mr. Bridges has a wife and ten children. It is understood and he had recently bought his farm and home.

Wood Heads Coal Office in Shelby

Gaffney—R. E. Johnson, prominent Gaffney business man, who handles coal in connection with his other interests, has established branches for his fuel business at Shelby, N. C., Blacksburg and Greer. The Shelby office is in charge of J. Draper Wood; Dr. Wyatt is representing Mr. Johnson at Blacksburg; and J. B. Mendenhall, jr., has charge of the business at Greer. Mr. Johnson said he expected his gross business to be largely increased as a result of these three branches.