

They don't hold their peace "forever hereafter." Five divorces have already been granted in Superior court here, says a news story.

Shelby race followers are planning to attend the Speedway sprints at Charlotte on Armistice day, and news dispatches have it that several records may be smashed. Locally a drive will be made on that day for contributions to the World War memorial here.

It would be odd if all Shelby's railroad dreams should come true about the same time. An article with that view is published in today's issue.

Not only has the female superiority complex in swimming the English channel but it also shows up in the Shelby school honor roll as listed in The Star today.

During the criminal term of court last week not a defendant was sent to the chain-gang. Something unusual that. Details of Judge Harwood's plan are carried today.

The school children of Cleveland county will make contributions on Thursday to a fund to create a memorial to the county's World War dead. Today's Star urges that parents also help swell the fund. Have you contributed?

Several Shelby people will attend the banquet at Charlotte tomorrow night honoring a Shelby citizen, according to a news item today.

What about cotton, and the price? The Star always keeps its readers posted on the cotton outlook. Look for the bureau report today.

The correct date for the opening of the newly paved Rutherford road is a part of today's news.

Deaths, collisions, social events school and community news—a part of The Star's usual news service.

GULF COMPLETES BIG PLANT HERE

Big Storage Tanks Have Capacity of 150,000 Gallons Gasoline. Eight-stall Garage.

The Gulf Refining company has completed its mammoth distributing plant on S. LaFayette street near the Belmont Cotton mill and the Royster Oil company which has the distribution of Gulf products from Gastonia to Rutherfordford, moved its offices to the new location last week. The Gulf plant here is modern in every particular and represents a large investment. Six large storage tanks have a capacity for the storage of 150,000 gallons of gasoline, while on the property is also a large brick ware house for oils and other petroleum products. A brick pump house with electrically driven pumps makes loading rapid and easy for the fleet of eight or more large trucks that operate over the territory for the distribution of Gulf products. An 8-stall garage has been erected to accommodate the trucks, while the driveways are concrete and a steel wire fence encloses the entire property. The office is conveniently situated and was occupied last week by the Royster Oil company which controls the distribution in this territory.

Yates Assistant Penney Manager

Dr. R. Yates, of Rapid City, S. Dakota, an old associate of the manager, E. E. Scott, of the J. C. Penney company, Monday morning stepped into the job of head man at this, the local store.

DIVORCES GIVEN IN LOCAL COURT

Prior to the adjourning of Superior court here Friday afternoon until Monday five divorces of the fifteen on docket were granted. At least 10 others will be taken up before court ends the civil calendar this week, it is said. Those granted divorces were: J. E. Peeler vs. Annie Shuford Peeler; Cynthia Adams vs. James Adams; Edward Wilson Hollis vs. Elizabeth Hollis; Nancy Kirkpatrick vs. Eli Kirkpatrick; Clare Gallman vs. Gordon Gallman.

Judge Harwood Shows New Way Of Correcting Youth

For First Time In Years Not a Single Defendant is Sent to Chain-Gang. Gives Boys a Chance

Judge John H. Harwood, presiding over the present term of superior court here, concluded the criminal docket last week and in doing so established what barristers here believe a record—at least for many years. Not a single defendant was sent to the chain-gang.

Just how many years it has been since the superior court grind did not increase the convict crew no one sees to remember. There are those who say it has never happened before.

However, Judge Harwood wasn't what law-breakers term an "easy judge." Instead of the chain-gang he introduced a novel method of handling those convicted. As has been noted by this paper before, the general run of prisoners before the court were mere boys. With a boy the chief aim of justice is reformation, stern, sure and leaving the example plain.

Report Each Month Judge Harwood's method with the young defendants was this: Upon conviction he sentenced them from one to two years on the chain gang. Then he smiling told the defendant: "You're so young I don't want to send you to the roads. I'll just let you send yourself." The sentence was suspended upon one or two years good behavior under good bond, the sentence to start once the defendant broke a law or a part of the sentence contract. Still the sentence was more binding and in its added detail had the new method. Costs in the case were totaled up together with what ever damage appeared in the complaint then the judge would order that the defendant on the "first Monday" of every month for an allotted period appear before the clerk of court and give him \$10 to \$50 each month, at the time exhibiting a written statement showing that he had continuously been engaged in a useful occupation and that the money was of his own earning.

Generally speaking local folks acquainted with court events consider it a praise-worthy method. Little good, especially for a boy, comes from sending a youthful defendant to the roads. On the other hand the youth with a sentence over his head will not be so likely to again become a law-breaker. Moreover a boy who works regularly seldom has time to break any laws. And Judge Harwood's method makes every effort to save the boy and at the same time reimburse the state for all expenses. One addition to such sentences was that after the monthly payments had eliminated the costs in the case the remainder of the payments should go to the school fund.

Those Sentenced Although no defendants were given road terms three were sent to the State prison. Euzelia Jones, colored, who killed Walter Gaines last August was given term in prison or not less than three years, no more than four years.

Odell Eskridge, young colored boy, faced the court on charges of breaking and entering, larceny, and receiving. He was given three concurrent sentences of eight months, six months, and two months in the State prison.

Horace Byers, colored, who snatched his wife with shot in a "row" near Patterson Springs some weeks back was given four months in the State prison on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

On Civil Docket The criminal docket of the court was completed Friday and some time given during the day to the civil calendar. There was no court Saturday and the session resumed today taking up further work on the civil docket.

ARMISTICE EVENT TO MARK GIVING TO WAR MEMORIAL

Citizens of County Are Urged that Day to Contribute Something to Fund.

With no formal program for a celebration on Armistice Day, Thursday, November 11, citizens of Cleveland county are urged to make contributions on that day to the proposed World War memorial here to Cleveland county's debt.

On that day every school in Cleveland county will receive contributions to the fund. Hundreds of school children have already made known their intention to give something to honor the memory of their "big brothers" who marched away never to return. Likewise each school district will also urge parents to make gifts in the name of their schools.

The fund to date is of considerable size and with the proper interest shown on Armistice day the memorial should soon become a reality. The Star in supervising the memorial fund plans when enough money is secured to get ideas of a tablet for the court square on which will be placed a bronze slab with the names of those who died in service.

No unusual interest has been shown in the fund so far but it is thought that the general interest created by the school children this week will help.

Remember how glad you were 8 years ago when the lives those boys gave made possible a new period of freedom. Do you not feel as if you could give something?

It's a matter of county pride as well as a personal debt to oncoming generations and the memory of the boys gone on.

Contributions may be left at The Star office, mailed in, or made through your school on Armistice Day.

Will you give something?

Mr. Holland Dies At Mount Holly

Father of Mr. L. P. Holland of Shelby, Passes Away Suddenly. Pioneer of Gaston.

The many friends of Mr. L. P. Holland of N. LaFayette street, sympathize with him in the death of his father, Capt. W. F. Holland, who passed away suddenly Friday morning at 5 o'clock at Mount Holly of heart trouble. Captain Holland was 75 years of age and a pioneer of Gaston county, prominent all over the county. Although a retired druggist at the time of his death he had been very active in his younger life, at all times an untiring and interested worker in religious and civic affairs.

Captain Holland was born near Dallas in 1851. He received his education at Catawba college, finishing in 1872. For awhile he lived in Charlotte with his brother-in-law William Pegrum, agent for the C. C. and A. railroad and then Captain Holland often served as conductor on trains.

Returning to Dallas he opened the first print shop in Gaston county and had the first photographer's studio there, turning out photos known as tin-types. He was captain of the Dallas Light Infantry for 12 years and later captain of Co. K 4th N. C. guardsmen. At one time he was elected colonel, but declined to accept. He was a lover of good music and organized a band which enjoyed state-wide fame. For a while he was postmaster at Dallas. He was a deacon of the Presbyterian church at Mt. Holly for more than 30 years and actively engaged in the drug business for many years until his advanced age forced his retirement.

Bureau Estimates 17,918,000 Bales

At 11 o'clock today the government census bureau estimated that the cotton yield this year will be 17,918,000 bales and reported that up to November 1st, there had been ginned 11,259,931. The estimated yield is about in line with what cotton men had expected and as a result that there was little change in the market. The price going a few points higher. If the gin report had not been so large, the price might have gone much higher for the estimate of yield for some had predicted from 18 to 20 million bales.

SHELBY SCHOOLS TELL OF SHELBY TO TEXAS FOLKS

School Pupils There Write For Information About Town. Student Answers

Students in modern schools have modern ways of studying. By the modern plan the geographies do not tell the children enough. The result is that some information is gained first hand.

Recently teachers of the sixth grades in Shelby schools received a letter from Texas school children of the same grade inquiring on Shelby industries. The letter from the Texas school and the answer made by a young Shelby student follow:

Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 4, 1926.

Geography Teacher of Sixth Grade Shelby, North Carolina.

Dear Teacher: We are studying about North Carolina in geography. We cannot get all the details of industries and things that are raised in the smaller towns and cities in our text books, so the teacher has asked that we write to some teacher and class in a town of North Carolina. We find it no easy manner to choose a place to write but have finally decided upon Shelby.

I am sure the pupils of your class would like to hear more about Texas and other western states than is given in the text books.

I will tell you a few things about our town of Lubbock.

Lubbock has a population of approximately seventeen thousand. They raise cotton, grain, a few fruits such as peaches, cherries, plums and apples. Lubbock has about seven cotton gins, a linseed oil mill and a college, the Texas Technological college. It has not been founded very long.

The pupils of the sixth grade of Lubbock would like very much to hear from some of your pupils so if you will please give them these addresses I would be very thankful to you:

Bowden Johnson, 2002 Broadway; Ellis J. Ringwald, 1716 Avenue 2; Burr King, Box 747, Lubbock, Texas.

Hoping to hear from some of you soon.

Your friend, B. R. KING.

Local Boy's Answer 600 W. Marion St. Shelby, N. C. October 22, 1926.

Dear Friend: We received your letter asking us to tell you something about North Carolina. We decided to let each one select a different subject about it. I am going to tell you something about Shelby, the city in which I live.

Shelby was named for General Isaac Shelby, who fought in the battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary war. Shelby is seventy-five miles from Asheville, fifty miles from Charlotte and about three-hundred miles from the coast. It is located on the Seaboard and Southern railroads and state highways Nos. 20 and 18. Shelby has nine churches, eight schools, three banks, four building and loan associations and seven textile plants making novelty and silk merchandise. Shelby has a public library, a standard hospital, an 18 hole golf course and a country club house. The Eagle Roller mill puts out five hundred barrels of flour daily. Forty buses and six passenger trains stop here daily. Over half the population are church members. The great Cleveland Springs hotel is an all year-round resort. Boating, bathing, tennis, horse back riding, horse racing, fox hunting, quail shooting and many other sports are enjoyed here.

In 1920 the population was 3,600 but now it is 8,854. Shelby increased 145.3 per cent in population in five years. Shelby is now paving

69 ATTAIN HONOR ROLL IN SCHOOL: GIRLS HAVE LEAD

Nearly Three Times as Many Girls On List as Boys. Ninth Grade Leads Others.

The female of the species, even in the young, seems to be brighter than the male.

From a report issued from the office of the city schools it is noted that almost three times as many girls attained the honor roll during the second month of school as did boys. The girls placed 52 on the list, while the boys were seemingly satisfied with 18.

By grades the ninth grade was the leader with 25 on the list; the eleventh grade was second with 22. The monthly honor roll by grades follows:

Grade 8, Sec. 1—Vivian Buice, Cullen Ray Gibbs, Kathleen King, Maggie McCowan, Mildred McKinney.

Grade 7, Sec. 2—Raymond Hord, Evelyn Dellinger, Mary Alice Falls, Lallage Sperling, Lillian Crow.

Grade 9, Sec. 1—Lula Agnes Arey, Mary Frances Carpenter, Burie Gettys, Dorothy King, Ruth Laughridge, Ada Laughridge, Minna LeGrande, Mae Ellen McBrayer, Madge Putnam, Mary Fay Peringer, Buna Rollins, Elizabeth Riviere, Alice Sanders, Bessie Sue Wilson, Robert Gidney, Alex Gee.

Grade 9, Sec. 2—Elizabeth Austell, Guy Bridges, Robert McDowell, M. B. Brannon, Lorca Behler, Ruth Roberts, Bernice Shytle, J. T. Dycus.

Grade 9, Sec. 3—Vernon Silver, Grade 10, Sec. 1—Lucile Bridges, Boneta Browning, Kate Bridges, Martha Eskridge, Minnie King, Sara Richbourg, Ethleen Webb, Viola Walker, Kathleen Young, Milan Bridges, Billy McKnight, William Webb.

Grade 10, Sec. 2—Melva Hamrick, Grade 11, Sec. 1—Margaret Blanton, Irene Bridges, Eva Goforth, Lucille Hamrick, Charlie Mae Laughridge, Alice James, Jennie Lee Packard, Maude Rollins, Mary Brandt Switzer, Donnie Sain, Novella White, Madge Sperling, Elvina Barnett, Milton Loy, George Richbourg, Lee Wray, Brady Laid.

RAYMOND SPAKE DIES IN WOODS

Twenty-two Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spake Victim of Heart Trouble.

Raymond Spake, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spake died suddenly Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock while hunting black-haws in the woods with a party of friends. While standing on the ground watching other members of his party and talking to them, he suddenly swooned and fell face-forward to the ground, life leaving him almost instantly. A physician and the coroner were called after death and declared the cause to be natural after a thorough examination of his body had been made.

In the woods with young Spake at the time of his death were Monroe Poston, Daniel Poston, Green Philbeck and George Davis. Young Spake had been in his usual health and had made no complaint of his physical condition whatever. In his youth he had a bad spell of typhoid fever and from the ill effects of that disease his physical condition has always been impaired, making it necessary for him to spend much of his time in hospitals and under the care of physicians.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment will be at Ross Grove church, with Rev. H. E. Waldop conducting the services.

New York man who had not taken a bath for twenty years died the other day. The average small boy will agree death would not be so bad after such luxury.

We often hear it said that good roads increase the value of the property they pass through. And we believe this is true, but we fail to see where the tax assessments show it.

Sidewalks and roads. Shelby has two publishing companies. They are the Cleveland Star and the Cleveland News. We would like to know something about Texas. Enclosed you will find a small folder which tells something about Shelby. There are a few pictures, also.

J. R. PRUETT, Sumpter School.



Much Skidding In Try-Out Races On Charlotte Track

Spectators Getting Ready For Thrills In Armistice Day Event There. Hartz Sees Records

Charlotte, Nov. 8.—Spectators at the thrilling Armistice day sprint championship on the Charlotte speedway are due to see the decisive battle between the conventional rear-drive automobiles and the new front-drive creations. This declaration was made today by Harry Hartz, the youthful speed king from Hollywood, who has clinched the A. A. C. championship since the war.

Hartz, circled the huge mile-and-a-quarter board bow at 134 miles an hour in practice, using the same rear drive motor that has won him a fortune this year on the "roaring road," then pulled up to the pits after battling on the turns in practice with all five of the entered front-drive motors.

"The front-drive cars of Duray, Bennie Hill, Earl Cooper, Pete Kreis and Dave Lewis are going to be plenty fast in the 25-mile sprints, asserted Hartz, telling of the sensational speed duels between Lewis and Cooper here at the August 23 sprint races. "But," he added, "they sure will have to move over in the 50-mile and the 100-mile dashes because there is going to be about ten of us with rear drive motors are going all the way through with the motor wide open."

Fred J. Wagner, noted sportsman and starter, talking in the group of racing pilots with Hartz as they stood with split-second stop watches timing the others in their tuning laps, cautioned the drivers against their terrific skidding on the steeply banked turns. Observers stationed at the curves saw one driver after another flash through with their tires smoking as the cars, impelled by the terrific momentum, reared and swung sideways.

Because the American championship for sprints will be decided here, the crowds of fans lined back of the safety fences watching the cars practicing have already seen a sore of impromptu races. Frank Lockhart, the youthful star who won the two long races here in August, has repeatedly tried his powerful car against the others in brushes on the hazardous curves and fast straight-aways.

Contract Let For More Street Work

Wagners Secure Contract to Widen West Warren Street or Highway No. 20.

F. L. and L. J. Wagner have been awarded the contract to widen highway No. 20 from the old city limits to a point just west of the home of Mr. Leander Hamrick and work commenced this morning. This stretch of Highway No. 20 has just been completed by the state, the road being 18 feet wide. Property owners petitioned the city to make this street 30 feet wide by adding six feet of concrete on each side and the Wagners were the low bidders on this work.

Mr. Leander Hamrick who owns considerable property along this road has agreed to loan the city the necessary amount of money at five per cent interest, the rate of interest the last street improvement bonds were sold for, until the city makes another bond issue of \$50,000 to finish paying for the water plant and this refund to the street department money borrowed from this fund to finish paying for the water plant.

The distance that is to be paved on West Warren street to a width of 30 feet is about 2,400 feet.

Two Cars Collide, Woman Is Injured

Miss Bettie Wilson of South Shelby has a broken nose and broken ribs, Cary Hoppes and Graham Dover have bruises and Miss Wilson's car is a complete wreck as a result of a collision near Cameron Putnam's in South Shelby about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. A car driven by Ralph Nanny of Charlotte struck the Wilson car head-on, in which she and Hoppes and Dover were riding.

The Nanny car was driven off but Nanny could not keep it in the road and it nosed into Will Putnam's barn. Nanny who is said to have been going to Cliffside was arrested and placed in jail, charged with drunkenness. Miss Wilson is painfully injured, but is said to be improving.

To Open Road On Wednesday 17th

The plan now is to open Highway No. 20 west on Wednesday November 17th, according to B. Graham, one of the state highway engineers. The road has been graded two weeks and had some time to season so on Wednesday traffic will not have to make detour by the new water station. Dover mill, but can proceed out Warren street to the Rutherford town and cities. The road from Shelby to the Rutherford county line was completed at a cost of \$44,000 and has been under construction this year and a part last year.

RAILROAD DREAMS MAY BECOME REAL ALL AT ONE TIME

Seaboard May Extend; Southern May Change Route, and P. & N. May Come This Way.

It's not likely to happen still there is a possibility that all of Shelby's railroad dreams may come true about the same time. This seems to be the central topic of recent rail rumors hereabouts.

For many years Shelby together with the section to the westward has dreamed of seeing the Seaboard stretch across the mountains to Hendersonville and Asheville. And for an equal number of years, perhaps, longer, Shelby has had the hope of getting on a larger Southern system line. Then of later years business leaders have been seeking the extension of the P. and N. on by Shelby to Spartanburg.

Oddly enough talk concerning all three has arisen about the same time. Not long since the Seaboard president made a visit to Shelby and toured the prospective route to the west. No one knows why he came, but since that time announcement of new bridges along the Seaboard route have been made and naturally there is supposition about the extension and visit. The came the rumor that the Southern might change the Spartanburg Asheville line by Shelby to replace the present Saluda route. So far as is known that is only rumor. Now comes the word that the Piedmont will be extended from Charlotte to Durham and from Gaston to Spartanburg. The route by Shelby from Gaston to Spartanburg—one of those talked and something definite in this talk is more easily discerned than in the others.

It could be that all may bloom into reality. Still it's not so likely. However, out of the three Shelby should gain one.

That's the general talk on the streets and as far as the man of the street is concerned he is pulling for something to be done locally to attract one of the three.

Cherryville Native Goes in Bankruptcy

John J. George, Once Wealthy Title Man, Desires To Start Over Again

Charlotte, Nov. 5.—Bankruptcy papers were filed in federal court here today for John J. George, prominent cotton mill man of Cherryville and a member of the board of trustees of Lenoir-Rhye college, at Hickory.

Mr. George's liabilities were listed at \$363,443.98 and assets at \$184,474. The petitioner was Susan Wylie, of Bessemer City, W. F. Johnson, of Bessemer City and the Cherryville National bank of Cherryville.

Samuel R. McClure, Charlotte attorney, filed the papers. The bankruptcy petition follows the receiver's sale of Mr. George's mill, the Vivian mill at Cherryville manufacturing automobile tire fabrics.

The mill was sold for \$35,000 and was valued at approximately \$300,000, Mr. McClure said. Lenoir-Rhye college was named in the bankruptcy petition as one of Mr. George's creditors. The amount was \$45,000, including interest, Mr. McClure said.

The indorsement of notes amounting to approximately \$150,000 was given as one of the causes of the bankruptcy petition by the attorney, Mr. McClure said. Mr. George will not fight the petition, but "wants to clean the slate and start again."

At one time Mr. George was one of the wealthiest men in Cherryville, it being estimated that he was worth \$500,000 at the height of his financial career. The bankruptcy hearing will leave Mr. George with \$1,000 for home and \$500 for personal property, it is said.