

ONE PERCENT TAX ADDS \$1,300 TO CHRISTMAS MONEY

Discount On County Taxes Allowed Gives Tidy Sum to Early Tax Payers

One percent as a matter of interest is considered very much, but one percent of the taxes paid annually in Cleveland county would total a sum considered a sizable little fortune by many.

In fact, a mere discount of one percent has left something over \$1,300 extra money to be spent in the county this year for Christmas gifts.

Quite a number of Shelby Kiwanians attended the meeting to celebrate the opening of a link in Highway 20.

Several hundred young people from three counties are expected here December 10 for the Epworth league meeting of the Methodist church.

Don't forget the "ads" and save money on your Christmas gift buying.

State Dry Forces Slated To Be Cut

Ten Prohibition Agents to Lose Jobs, Says New Administrator No Rum Drive.

Charlotte—The Charlotte Observer says that ten prohibition agents in North Carolina are slated to lose their jobs.

Town Insists On Early Payments To Meet Bonds Due

City Must Raise Over \$43,000 by February 1st, to Meet Bonds and Interest Due.

Street and sidewalk assessments are coming due on certain projects of work done several years ago and water works bonds issued a number of years ago will be falling due the first of January and February, so the city is urging all who owe to make immediate settlement in an advertisement in today's Star.

67,000 Ride To School In Buses

More than 800,000 rural school children, the largest number in the history of education, are using the highway each morning as a regular means of transportation to the school rooms, an official of the American Road Builders' association stated today.

Esbridge Gets Eye Full of Novelties

Mr. Charles Esbridge, head of the Shelby Ford establishment, arrived home Thursday from a ten days trip to New York.

Jewels, "Trash"

Rochester, N. Y.—Hiding her jewels in a waste paper basket the contents of which was dumped into an ash can has caused the loss to Mrs. George C. Cox of jewels valued at \$4,000 and the arrest of the ash collector on a charge of grand larceny.

ALL COTTON SHOULD BE PICKED IN OPINION OF AGRICULTURAL LEADERS

The Main Cost Of Production Has Already Been Incurred So It Is Waste Not To Pick.

Early this week County Agent Alvin Hardia stated that in his opinion some farmers of Cleveland county were making a bad mistake by not picking all their cotton just because the price is low.

"There is more unpicked cotton in the fields of Mecklenburg than ever before on December 1 and, according to Kope Elias, county farm agent, indications point toward a large number of bales being allowed to rot in the fields.

Similar reports come from other sections, some growers feeling that the price is too low to justify picking and ginning.

"The main cost of growing the cotton has already been incurred. It is waste not to pick it, gin it, and

either sell or warehouse it. Cotton is indestructible, and if what has been made is saved and there is proper reduction of acreage next year, it will bring a price that will insure profit. Even at the worst, the cotton will bring considerably more now than the cost of picking and ginning.

"In the early days, when the first cotton slump came, and policies were being considered, the suggestion of leaving part of the cotton unpicked was based upon that policy being generally adopted by Southern farmers. The thought was that if it was known that two or three million bales would not be picked, the price would go up. But that plan was not adopted and the only thing that farmers here and there could accomplish by not picking all their cotton would be to lose something of a crop already made.

"All the cotton should be picked. With reduced acreage it will bring a good price another year.

MAY MARK GRAVE OF FERGUSON AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

English Society Has Movement Started To Replace Little Stone There, Reported

Kings Mountain—After having been unmarked for nearly a century and a half by the country for which he fought, the grave of Major Patrick Ferguson, British commander in the battle of Kings Mountain, may at last be decorated by his fellow-countrymen, writes Charles H. Garrison in the Greenville Piedmont.

Information reaching here is that an English society contemplates the placing of a tasteful and appropriate marker to the grave in which Major Ferguson rests. When this is done the crude marker placed there by American hands will be removed and Patrick Ferguson long deserted by his friends and countrymen, will have received a measure of recognition from those he tried to serve.

How soon men are forgotten by their friends! How death does place all men on an equal footing, whether they are rear-rank privates or whether they commanded the army! King and peasant alike must wear their shroud about them and lie down in eternal sleep!

Major Ferguson stood high in the British army. Cornwallis, Tarleton and others indicated that this fiery officer commanded the respect of all his superiors. He had been fairly successful until the mountaineers became enraged and commencing over Kings Mountain killed him and captured his command. Yet in no place is it recorded that Ferguson did not behave gallantly. In his report of operations in the Southern states, Tarleton says that Ferguson led his men in the fight at Kings Mountain and fought bravely until several bullets brought him down.

Buried On Mountain Ferguson was buried on Kings Mountain, only about a hundred yards from where he fell. Tarleton in his report of the battle says that Ferguson's body was badly mutilated by the enraged patriots before it was buried. Perhaps so. Men who were fighting for home and freedom perhaps had no respect for those who sought to keep them in bondage. Maybe the mob spirit was evident as far back as 1780.

The battle of Kings Mountain was fought on October 7, 1780, a little more than year before Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. The battle of Kings Mountain was one of the first struggles the patriots won in the south and it was one which had a big effect on the outcome of the war for independence. When Cornwallis was forced to surrender on October 19, 1781, to the combined French and American forces Kings George or whoever was in charge of the British affairs grew tired and gave up the fight.

The British Quit "To much trouble to fool with that bunch of scappers over there," his majesty probably said. "I'll just pull up and quit."

Except for the little skirmish in 1812, the British appear to have quit this country for good. No attempt on the part of the nation as a whole to mark the grave of Ferguson has ever been made, so far as can be learned. Ferguson, great in life, honored and trusted, is deserted in death!

The first rumblings of a movement on the part of the British to mark the grave of the leader are heard from the other side of the Atlantic. Nothing may come of this rumbling from across the Atlantic but there is every indication that after nearly a century and a half of desertion, Ferguson is to be remembered by his own countrymen. Much interest centers in this report for it brings to Americans the memory of those of their own country who sleep beneath the poppies of Flanders Fields. Will it ever be said of America that a century and a half after one of her commanders died in service on foreign soil that the only marker to his memory was placed there by enemy hands?

BOY SCOUTS WILL GATHER HERE FOR EVENTS SATURDAY

Scout Troops of Five Counties to Participate. Begins in Afternoon at 2:30.

Boy Scouts coming from the five counties in the Piedmont Council will gather here Saturday afternoon for their annual field events and exercises. The meet will be held at the Shelby High athletic field and is expected to be attended by several score of scouts.

The Shelby Kiwanis club is sponsoring the event and the counties to be represented will be Lincoln, Rutherford, Gaston, Cleveland and Polk. A fine silver trophy cup will be awarded the scout troop showing the highest proficiency in the list of events.

Parents of the boys, the general public and all interested are invited to attend the exercises which start at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The order of the event is as follows: Event No. 1.—Inspection of troops. Troops will form in line. Event to be judged on percentage of attendance, proper uniform, and insignia, general appearance, including the proper flags, and discipline while the troop is being inspected.

Event No. 2.—Rope throwing relay. Troops to enter team of eight scouts who furnish lariat. One scout starting line, seven scouts on line 35 yards distant in file formation. On signal, scout one runs forward to line 16 feet in front of balance of team throwing lariat over head of first man drawing it tight about scout's neck (scout who is roped may hold arms sideward to prevent rope slipping down until drawn tight). Scout one pulls scout captured back to starting line, who in turn takes off lariat and follows procedure of scout number one, this in turn is done until entire team is brought over line.

Event No. 3.—Signaling. Each troop to enter team of four scouts, one who reads written message, sender, receiver and scout who writes message for receiver. Morse code to be used. Teams to furnish standard Morse signal flag. Team completing message first or who has most correct letters at end of two minutes, wins.

Event No. 4.—First aid. Each troop to enter team of eight scouts, three as patients and four as first aiders. Team furnish own equipment. First aiders form on starting line, patients on line 35 yards distant.

On signal, first two first aiders run to patient number one applying bandage to second finger on left hand as shown in Boy's Handbook, page 382, figure 21, and then apply head neckerchief bandage as shown on page 375, Boys Handbook. First aiders then make chair carry (page 405 Boys Handbook) and carry patient back to starting line at a walk.

Then, third first aiders run forward toward patient number two who is overcome by gas, it being impossible for rescuer to stand erect within 16 feet of patient. Patient to be rescued a carry back to line.

Then fourth and fifth first aiders rescue patient number three who is lying on his stomach on a live electric wire. Patient is rescued from wire by approved methods and carried back to line in shirt-staff stretcher as shown on page 402 Boys Handbook.

Patient must be handled as real cases and bandages must not be removed or touched until judges make inspection.

Demonstration in Archery—A short demonstration in archery will be staged. Plans for an annual archery meet will be announced at a later date.

Event No. 5.—Tent pitching. Troops to enter team of two scouts. Shelter tents will be supplied. Teams to furnish hand axes to drive pegs. When tent is pitched, team will salute judges. Tent must be properly pitched.

Event No. 6.—Fire-by-friction. Each troop to enter two scouts, each of whom furnish a fire-by-friction set made of local material. Cedar bark tinder will be supplied. First scout to get blaze wins. Troop may win only one place.

Event No. 7.—Flint and steel and water boiling. Each troop to enter team of three scouts, two wood cutters and one first marker. Team will supply hand axes and knife and flint and steel set with scorched punk. Cedar bark tinder, two half bricks, quart can of soapy water and piece of 2x4 three feet long, will be supplied.

On signal team will cut wood, make fire by flint and steel and boil water. First team to have water boiling out over side of pot wins. Spilling water disqualifies team.

Event No. 8.—Equipment race. One scout from each troop. Scout

Stars Coming to America



One hundred stars of the British stage and screen are coming to America to enter a contest for the honor of representing England in an American movie. Above are two of the British beauties, Miss Julie Zuehl and Dolores Conrad.

RUTHERFORD-CLEVELAND HAVE NOT HAD SQUARE DEAL IN ROADS, DECLARES GARDNER

"There has not been a just and fair distribution of the state road funds and if I am elected governor, one thing I will see to is that there is a fair and equitable distribution of the state road money," declared Max Gardner, one of the principal speakers at the joint Kiwanis banquet at Forest City last night when the clubs of Shelby, Forest City, and Rutherford met to celebrate the completion of the link in Highway No. 20 from Shelby to Forest City.

Mr. Gardner was not making a pre-campaign pledge but announcing a principle and in so doing, drew a round of applause, for Cleveland and Rutherford have drawn no road construction out of state funds except the one trunk line, No. 20 which traverses both counties.

The celebration was attended by 125 or more men from the two counties and the program was short and snappy with speeches, singing and fellowship. President Barber of the Forest City club delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by J. C. Newton on the part of the Shelby visitors, Mr. Newton making a most eloquent declaration that they had not received a square deal in the matter of road construction and that it would be his endeavor, if elected governor, to see that there is an equal distribution all over the state.

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Cleveland and Rutherford are closely related by ties of blood and marriage. Cleveland was carved from a part of Rutherford and for this reason the two counties enjoy a solidarity of purpose and aim that is not found elsewhere in North Carolina. The new road ties them up in closer contact and it was in celebration of the completion of his new highway that brought representative men together from the two counties to rejoice and fraternize in a closer fellowship.

While citing the co-operative spirit and the ties that bind the two counties together, Mr. Gardner declared that they had not received a square deal in the matter of road construction and that it would be his endeavor, if elected governor, to see that there is an equal distribution all over the state.

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North Carolina Pays Big Taxes To U. S. Government Thanks To Cigaret Smokers

Increase In Cigarette Smoking Among Women Aids Federal Taxes

(Baskerville in Charlotte News) Raleigh.—Already \$83,789,062 in Federal taxes has been collected in North Carolina during the first five months of the fiscal year—and most of it from the tax on cigarettes! During November alone, collections amounted to \$14,873,392, as compared with \$13,690,736 in November, 1925, a gain over the same month last year of \$1,820,656. And indications are that if collections keep up at the present rate, the total for the present fiscal year will be at least \$200,000,000, according to Gilliam Grissom, collector of Internal Revenue for North Carolina.

"Just let them keep on smoking cigarettes at the present rate, and the collection will run a million dollars a month more than they have," said Mr. Grissom. When asked if by "them" he meant women as well as men smokers, Mr. Grissom only smiled, but said a word. However, it is tacitly admitted by tobacco manufacturers and dealers that since women have taken smoking cigarettes millions more are being consumed than formerly. And the records of the collector of internal revenue tend to bear out this fact. Not only are women smoking more cigarettes each month, but by doing so, they also have encouraged men to smoke more than formerly, dealers say, since men who formerly refrained from smoking in the presence of women, now smoke freely in their presence or with them.

Attention is called to the fact by Mr. Grissom that while by no means are all these cigarettes consumed in North Carolina, all these cigarettes are consumed in the United States, since those cigarettes which are made for export to foreign countries do not bear the United States revenue stamps. He also mentioned that while all these taxes are paid in this State, because the cigarettes are manufactured here, the tax is really paid by the consumers in all sections of the country.

Bynum Weathers To Fla. Hospital

Attorney Bynum E. Weathers, member of the local bar and chairman of the county board of elections, left yesterday afternoon for Lake City, Fla., where he will undergo treatment for bronchial asthma at the veteran's hospital there. Mr. Weathers has been bothered with asthma for some time and it was thought that treatment in that climate for 30 days or more would bring relief.

During his absence his father, R. Lee Weathers, now register of deeds, will look after his work. The elder Mr. Weathers will remain in the register's office after Mr. A. F. Newton goes in to attend to his son's business during the period of one or two months by which time it is expected Attorney Weathers will be back to take up his regular legal duties.

Square Dance Is On For Tonight

The old-time square dance under the auspices of the local post of the American legion will be held tonight starting at 8 o'clock in the new Thompson building on Warren street.

Promoters of the dance are predicting one of the most entertaining events of the year.

SHELBY EXPECTS 800 YOUNG FOLKS FOR LEAGUE MEET

Big Attendance Looked For At District Epworth League Meeting On Next Friday

Shelby will be host to something like 800 young people from Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland counties next Friday night when the regular quarterly meeting of the district Epworth League Union of the Methodist church gathers in the Central Methodist church here.

C. L. Hager, prominently identified with Epworth work in the district, says that one of the best attendances in the history of the body is expected. C. H. Moser, of Gastonia, president of the district union, will be in charge of the meeting, which will open promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

The program has outlined now is as follows: Song—by the leaguers. Prayer—Dr. F. J. Prettyman, Gastonia. Song by the leaguers. Scripture lesson—Rev. T. B. Johnson, Lafayette church. Music—Shelby high school orchestra. Welcome—Dr. H. z. Boyer, Central church. Introduction of Speaker—Hon. D. Z. Newton. Address—"Young Peoples Place in the Church," by Mr. J. C. Newton. Music—by leaguers and orchestra.

The last meeting of the district group was held here and at that time it was voted to return here again for the meeting next week.

Belmont Romance Ends In Death Of Girl Who Eloped

Gastonia.—The final chapter in a sordid romance was written Sunday when Miss Shirley Elmore, formerly an attractive young lady of good family, of Belmont, died in a hospital in Los Angeles, Cal., following an operation for appendicitis.

About a year ago Miss Elmore, according to rumors current at that time and published in the newspapers, eloped from Belmont with a policeman named Drennan. It was stated at the time that she had in her possession several thousand dollars, money inherited from her mother's estate.

The couple were located in California but efforts to extradite them proved futile. The body is on the way home, it is stated, and is expected to arrive in Belmont Friday. Miss Elmore was the daughter of Mr. John H. Elmore, well-to-do citizen of Belmont.

Mrs. Jones Buried At Rehobeth Church

Mrs. Eliza Jones, wife of Creighton Jones, died in the Morgant hospital Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock where she had been under treatment for three weeks. Mr. Jones had been in bad health for some time and the best medical attention failed to restore her health. She was only 35 years of age and before marriage was Miss Eliza Parker. Surviving are her husband and one daughter, twelve years old.

The funeral took place Thursday and the interment was at Rehobeth Methodist church where she held her membership, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. M. Needham of the Polkville circuit.

COTTON MARKETS (By Jno. F. Clark and Co.)

Cotton was quoted on New York Exchange at noon Friday: January 11.83; March 12.07; May 12.28; July 12.50; October 12.67; December 12.07.

Liverpool, 12:30 p. m.—January as due March and May 14 American points lower than due spot sales 5,000 middling 642 against 659 yesterday. Nothing of fresh interest in the cotton columns. Moderate to light business in Worth street, prices slightly lower, 60 by 64s sold at 6 7-8 for spots, 6 3-4 for December and 6 5-8 for January and February. Southern spot market quotations yesterday averaged about 20 points lower, sales 48,600 bales, Dallas 11.10; Augusta 11.50. Purchases of spot cotton by Russia up to October are said to have been 401,000 bales. Trend of prices look easier at the moment but some think the market will turn when nobody is looking and catch a good many shorts napping.