

Just 15 more days, and only 12 shopping days. The Star "ads" will save you time and money.

Shelby still has a chance to get on the P. and N. extension from Gastonia to Spartanburg, so President W. S. Lee tells The Star.

A merger of telephone companies includes the "hello" service in this county, according to Gastonia news dispatches.

Sam C. Lattimore, newly elected county commissioner, has resigned from office owing to conflicting duties as land appraiser. Mr. Lattimore was not acquainted with the conflict until after the election.

One of the most interesting events of the Christmas season here will be a colorful pageant at the Morgan school in South Shelby.

A Shelby boy will sail soon for Greece where he goes as a representative of one of America's largest tobacco companies.

Two business changes of importance are detailed in today's paper: Moore having purchased the interest of Leverett in the Moore and Leverett insurance agency, and the Blue Ridge company makers of ice cream, have purchased the local business of the Honey Boy ice cream company.

Two boys who escaped from a Washington reformatory have been captured in this county and the same officers found an abandoned car that was stolen from Rockingham.

The biggest news of the day perhaps to Shelby is that the city school board will start work immediately on a gymnasium and athletic building for the high school.

Tonight several hundred young folks of the Methodist church in the Shelby district will gather here for a quarterly meeting of the district Epworth League union.

Cotton! Yes, Cleveland county has a plenty, thank you. The latest gin report shows that more cotton has been ginned this year than last year and that the total is creeping near the 40,000-bale mark. Multiply the total by 12 coppers per pound and estimate the county's income.

Word comes from Charlotte that two football eleven, one representing old Shelby stars and the other Charlotte players, may engage in a game there on Christmas day.

When you make out your Christmas list do not forget that there are many needy homes in Shelby that your list may help Santa Claus visit.

The holiday season is marked by many social affairs. The society columns of The Star will keep Mi-lady posted.

State and national news, community events, visits and visitors, town happenings—all the news in The Star.

TELEPHONE LINES MERGER INCLUDE LINES IN COUNTY

Southern Bell Company Absorbs Piedmont Lines Including Service in County.

Gastonia, Dec. 9.—Of unusual interest not only to Gaston county folks but those of six adjacent counties as well was the announcement made by officials of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, that it has absorbed the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph company, and will take over the active management of the latter on January 1.

This was consummated at an executive meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Piedmont company, meeting with officials of the Southern Bell company at the general offices of the former concern here yesterday. Every share of stock of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph company was purchased by representatives of the Southern Bell. The price paid was not stated.

According to a statement made today by Southern Bell officials there will be no change in the personnel of the local staff.

The Piedmont Telephone company's exchanges cover seven counties, namely: Gastonia, Lincoln, Rutherford, Cleveland, Catawba, in North Carolina, and York and Cherokee counties, South Carolina. Mr. R. B. Babington is general manager of the company, having held this position since the company was organized about 20 years ago.

VOL. XXXIV, No. 148

SHELBY, N. C. FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1926.

Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday Afternoons.

By mail, per year (in advance) \$2.50 By carrier, per year (in advance) \$3.00

GAIN IN COUNTY COTTON CROP IN REPORT NOW OUT

Two thousand four hundred and eleven more bales of cotton had been ginned in Cleveland county this year up to December 1, than was ginned up to the same period last year, according to the latest official report just issued by Miles H. Ware special agent for the county.

What's more it seems as if the crop in the county will easily pass the 40,000-bale figure.

Cotton ginned up to December 1, this year, totalled 37,907 bales as compared with 35,396 bales up to the same period last year.

Mr. Ware, the agent, says that in his opinion the total will pass the 40,000 mark as by his observation a considerable amount of cotton is yet to be ginned in the county.

With this report the cotton dopests who considered themselves optimistic in predicting 40,000 bales will likely move their total estimates up to around 42,000 bales, some going as high as 45,000 bales.

Geo. Moore Buys Security Agency

Buy M. S. Leverett's Interest in Moore and Leverett, Mr. Leverett to Go to Sanford.

George Moore has purchased the interest of his partner M. S. Leverett in the insurance agency of Moore and Leverett of this place, which agency has offices over Suttle's drug store. The business has grown to such an extent and Moore and Leverett have been so successful as representatives of the Security Life and Trust Co., of Winston-Salem that Mr. Leverett has been asked to open an agency for his company in central Carolina. By reason of the change, therefore, Mr. Moore retains the agency for the Security in western Carolina and Mr. Leverett in central Carolina.

Mr. Leverett will maintain headquarters in Sanford. It is understood that his family will remain in Shelby for quite a while.

Present Pageant Of Christ's Birth At Morgan School

Nearly One Hundred Will Participate in Manger Story as Depicted in Page. at.

The "nativity Pageant" picturing the story of the birth of Christ in the manger will be presented Wednesday evening December 15, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Morgan school in South Shelby. Nearly 100 girls from the grammar and high school grades will take part in this entertainment, 25 taking character parts and 65 or more singing in the chorus.

Among the characters will be Mary, Joseph, wise men, shepherds and angels besides many nations of the earth will be represented in native dress. The costumes will be furnished by the Brenau college costume room.

Beautiful Christmas carols will be sung by the girls through out the entire performance. This pageant will be directed by Miss Ruth Howie, teacher of public school music in the Morgan school of South Shelby. The proceeds from this entertainment will be used to pay for piano. The public is cordially invited. Admission, adults 20c; children 15c.

Mrs. Buff Dies In Hospital Wednesday

Mrs. P. L. Buff, well known woman of upper Cleveland died in the Shelby hospital Wednesday at which place she was brought a short time ago for treatment. It was soon realized that her condition was serious and death relieved her suffering Wednesday. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon and the interment was at Pisgah cemetery, Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby conducting the funeral services.

Deceased is survived by the husband and a number of children as follows: Mrs. J. D. Crow, Shelby; Mrs. Sam Duncan, Lawndale; Mrs. A. A. Parker, Mrs. C. M. Cook, Mrs. Cleveland Buff and Messrs. Lee, John, Scott and Marvin Buff, all of whom live in or near Casar.

The average wife knows how much better she could manage her husband's business affairs.

Lattimore Resigns From Board-Weathers Named

Newly Elected Commissioner Unable To Hold Elective Office And Position With Land Bank. Appoints Former Register.

Sam C. Lattimore, duly elected to membership on the county board of commissioners, has just found out since the election, through a ruling handed down by the Federal Farm Loan board that if he retained his position with the board as land appraiser, that he cannot hold an elective office, so he tendered his resignation Wednesday as county commissioner without ever having set with the board and R. L. Weathers, former register of deeds, has been appointed to fill out his term by the newly elected clerk of the court A. M. Hamrick. After canvassing the situation, Mr. Hamrick appointed Mr. Weathers because he is familiar with the affairs of the office by reason of his long term as register of deeds and clerk to the board of commissioners. Mr. Weathers came from the Camp Call section and is considered a representative of upper Cleveland.

Mr. Lattimore addressed the following letter of resignation to the commission board to which he was elected in November: "On account of the conflict between my services to the Federal Farm Loan board and my services to Cleveland county as commissioner, I find it necessary to relinquish my connection with the board of county com-

missioners of Cleveland county, and I hereby tender my resignation, effective at once. "The reason for this conflict is that the Federal Farm Loan board has made a ruling that no appraiser for it will be permitted to hold an elective public office, which ruling has recently been brought to my attention."

This resignation was accepted by the board composed of A. E. Cline and W. W. Washburn on Wednesday evening and it devolved upon the clerk of the court to appoint his successor. Mr. Hamrick canvassed the situation and the field thoroughly and reached the conclusion that Mr. Weathers would fit in admirably with Messrs. Cline and Washburn because he is familiar with the county affairs, having been clerk to the board during his term of office as register of deeds. It is understood that a situation like this has never come up before with the Federal Farm Loan board with a ruling to the effect that Mr. Lattimore's position as land appraiser will not permit him to hold an elective office. He is land appraiser for the N. C. Joint Stock Land Bank company of Durham which is under supervision of the Federal Farm Loan board.

MRS. W. D. MINTZ DEAD AT AGE 80

Aged and Sainly Lady is Victim of Pneumonia at Shelby Hospital. Buried Thursday.

Mrs. W. D. Mintz, one of Shelby's oldest and most saintly ladies, died at noon Wednesday at the Shelby hospital, a victim of pneumonia. She had been in failing health since last fall with kidney and heart trouble and had been confined to her bed for the past three weeks. Mrs. Mintz would have been 80 years old next March. She was born in Alexander county, near Taylorsville, the daughter of Rev. J. B. and Jane Green. After living in South Carolina with her daughter Mrs. C. D. Mintz she came to Shelby with her in 1915. Since living in Shelby she has been one of the most active and consecrated members of the First Baptist church, always at her post of duty when her health would permit. She was a neighbor supreme, a devoted mother and kind hearted, sympathetic soul who made the world brighter by her having lived. After the death of her husband she made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. C. D. Mintz and her husband Mr. Charlie Mintz who live on West Marion street. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. W. F. Stroup of Lenoir; Mrs. Addie L. Martin, of Fayetteville, Ark.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Zeno Wall, assisted by Revs. John W. Suttle and G. P. Abernethy and the interment was in Sunset cemetery. Active pall bearers were: Paul Webb, Frank Hoyle, Alger Hamrick, Preston Glasco, Sam Wilcox and Tom Wilkins. Honorary pall bearers: J. F. Harris, J. Z. Falis, C. C. Hamrick and W. A. McSwain.

Nominate Men For Kiwanis Officers

George Blanton and J. S. Dorton are the nominees for president and E. B. Lattimore and J. H. Grigg for vice president of the Shelby Kiwanis club. Last night was nomination night and under the plan of the club, each member voted for whom he pleased among the membership, the two high men being the nominees. At the next meeting the club will choose between the two nominated for each position and the new officers will be installed the first of the year. In the nominating ballot, practically every member of the club got a few votes for some of the offices.

Wootten Sees Good Business Ahead

Paul Wootten, manager of Gilmer's, is back from a pre-Christmas trip to Winston-Salem to confer with the managers of the Gilmer chain.

Simultaneously with Mr. Wootten's return to Shelby Gilmer's is announcing (in the advertising columns of today's Star) a big holiday sale—a combination sale of furniture and holiday goods.

It is the belief at Gilmer's that the Christmas season here will be a good one, notwithstanding certain setbacks local business has got due to rather too free discussion of the cotton situation, with a consequent pessimistic and depressing outlook.

Mr. Wootten is one of those who believe the situation is by no means as bad as it is painted, and is laying plans for a big business.

Paying your scripion is one way of making Santa Claus think you are a nice boys.

SHELBY DISTRICT EPWORTH MEETING ON HERE TONIGHT

More than 500 delegates are expected here tonight for a district meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist church to be held at Central Methodist church. It is the regular quarterly meeting of the district union composed of Lincoln, Gaston and Cleveland counties.

An interesting program, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, has been arranged and officers for another year will also be elected. Several Shelby speakers will take part in the program, it is announced. The meeting will be presided over by C. H. Moser, of Gastonia.

City To Pay For Night School Awhile

The city fathers have agreed to pay for the operation of the night school in South Shelby for a period of six weeks and the Woman's club will be asked to continue it another six weeks, making a total of 18 weeks. Recently the Kiwanis school sponsored a night school in the South Shelby school building for boys and girls who are forced by circumstances to work during the day and are therefore unable to take advantage of the day schools. When it started, 120 students were enrolled, some of them being grown men and women unable to read and write, but determined to learn the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic in spite of their advanced age. The school is taught by members of the Shelby school faculty and is doing a wonderful work.

Shelby Boy Will Leave For Greece

Harold Griffin to Leave January, 1, for Macedonia, Greece, as Tobacco Official.

Supt. and Mrs. I. C. Griffin have received a message from their son, Harold, stating that he will be home within a week, or so to prepare for sailing on the first of the year for Greece where he goes as a representative of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. Young Griffin, who until recently was with the Cleveland Bank and Trust company here, has for a short time been engaged in the tobacco game in this state and Virginia, being stationed until this change at the South Hill, Va., market. At the completion of his training by which he was acquainted with the necessary qualifications he received his appointment to go with one of the firm's foreign offices. A letter to his mother states that he will be located for two years at least in a town of Macedonia, Greece. He will sail from New York to London, from there to Paris, through Switzerland and Italy to Constantinople and then to his headquarters.

Shelby Stars May Play In Charlotte

Picked Team of Shelby College and High School Boys May Meet Eleven These Christmas.

Charlotte, Dec. 10.—Charlotte may be the scene of a post-season football game Christmas day between high school and college stars, who are now in school and a like team from Shelby, if arrangements between the promoters, Bill Craver, of this city and J. W. Auten, of Shelby, are completed.

According to an announcement last night by Craver, Jack Caldwell coach of athletics at Central high received a letter from J. W. Auten of Shelby, broaching the proposition of a game between teams made up of boys from each city, who are now in school, the game to be played at Independence park on Christmas day.

The J. W. Auten who is promoting the game is known to Shelby folks as Junius Auten, captain of the Shelby High eleven two years ago when Shelby played Rockingham for the state title.

Football Eleven Given A Banquet

A banquet honoring the members of the Shelby high football eleven of the past season and Coach Casey Morris was held Wednesday night at the high school building. There was no formal program and no outside guests not connected with the eleven.

When a fine man goes wild about a sweet young thing the s. y. t. has no doubt of the reason.

It's a small man that hides behind a woman's skirt these days.

Shelby Not As Yet Left Off Proposed Extension Of P & N, Says W. S. Lee

Her Chicks Earn \$1000 a Year



Mrs. Howard McMullen of near Muncie, Ind., has the best farm relief plan offered to date. She is shown in the picture with a few of her chickens which have earned for her \$1000 a year for the last three years.

School Board Will Build New Gymnasium Here

Coach Morris Assured That Indoor Basketball Court Will Be Ready For After-Christmas Games.

The Shelby High school has perfected plans whereby the school will better take care of the physical development of all students. Heretofore athletics at the local school has been confined in major interest to football and baseball with the young girls lacking available opportunity of sports participation.

The big news of the school year is that when the children return after Christmas a corrugated iron, structure, resembling the famous "tin can" gymnasium at Carolina, will be completed and ready for play. The announcement comes from the school board that bids will be opened tomorrow for contract prices on erecting the building and that the work will begin at an early date. The building is to be 50x100 and located on the southeast corner of the present school athletic field. The basement will contain shower baths and dressing rooms for participants in all sports while the main floor will be available for basketball, indoor tennis, and other gymnasium activities.

It is generally considered that the move opens up a new and broadening avenue for athletics at the local school. Shelby's prowess in football and baseball has brought to the school many invitations to get on the best basketball schedules of the state, but owing to the lack of an indoor court Coach Morris has had no place to train his boys, nor to play home games. Likewise the girls of the school are thoroughly excited over the prospect for the new gymnasium. In bygone years they have had no place in which to take part in an athletic program or to train and play for inter-school contests. For several weeks now committees representing the girls have sought an indoor floor for basketball and tennis to no avail. All of which summed up may mean that Shelby High basketball quints may be heard from in the future as well as several teams of girls. More over there will be better equipment to develop track and gym teams as well as a comfortable and convenient spot for receiving visiting teams and for the use of local teams in training with baths and dressing rooms close by and on the field.

Blue Ridge Buys Honey Boy Plant

One Local Ice Cream Company Buys Out Other. Gets Shelby Business Region

In a deal completed Wednesday Messrs. J. L. and Leslie Taylor, representing the Blue Ridge Ice Cream company of Shelby and Rutherford county purchased the local branch of the Honey Boy Ice Cream company with headquarters at Gastonia. According to Mr. Taylor the purchase includes the selling privilege of the Shelby territory and the local storage plant of the Honey Boy firm.

Both plants have been engaged in the making and distribution of ice cream here for some time, the Blue Ridge being a local firm, while the Honey Boy is a Gastonia firm. Details of the sale, such as the price, were not announced.

Martin Turner Is Dead At Grover

The funeral of Mr. Mastin Turner, age 84 years, was held at Grover Wednesday morning. Mr. Turner died at his home at Grover Tuesday of this week. He was one of the most prominent farmers and wealthiest men in that section of the county, a very active man even in his older years. He is survived by Ira B. Turner, wholesale furniture dealer of Charlotte. Isaac Turner, of Spartanburg, S. C.; and three daughters, Mrs. C. T. Cornwell, of Kings Mountain; Mrs. J. W. Quattlebaum, of High Point, and Miss Kate Turner, of Grover. Mr. Turner's wife also survives him.

WILL START WORK IN COMING YEAR

Directors Agree To Build Extension Of Important Road. May Come By Shelby.

W. S. Lee, president of the P. & N. railway and one of the powers in the operation of the Duke interests, stated in a conversation with The Star yesterday that the action of the directors of the P. & N. Wednesday at Greenville in ratifying the project of extending the road had not by any means left Shelby off the proposed extension of the road from Gastonia to Spartanburg. The idea that the road would not touch Shelby but go along the route of the main line Southern was derived from newspaper reports. However, Mr. Lee was emphatic in saying that no survey had been made and that generally Shelby stood just as good chance as ever of having the extension come this way.

Following the announcement that the road would be extended local business men became interested in again urging the local route and will at an early date make a move to present their plans.

Survey Will Decide

A survey to be made of the proposed routes will likely decide the matter, it is understood. Certain South Carolina towns and counties named in the route of the proposed extension in press dispatches of the Greenville meeting were named, according to Mr. Lee, solely because a charter must be so amended in South Carolina to permit the extension through any of the counties named. Mr. Lee's assurance that no definite decision had been made was gratifying to local business men in view of the fact that by reports of the meeting they had reached the conclusion that the extension would not likely come this way.

Start Work Soon

Charlotte, December 9.—Early in the new year construction work on the extension of the Piedmont and Northern railway company's electric lines from Charlotte to Spartanburg, S. C. will be under way according to the plans of the board of directors, as partly outlined by Norman A. Cocke, vice-president and treasurer of the company, last night.

The stockholders at a meeting in Greenville, S. C., yesterday adopted resolutions authorizing the directors to proceed with the construction of the Gastonia-Spartanburg link and the extension of the present line "from Charlotte in a northerly direction to such point as the board of directors deem advisable, with the authority ultimately to extend said lines of railway to Durham."

Mr. Cocke said last night that it is the purpose of the directors to proceed with actual construction as early as possible, but that hard more than preliminary work could be done before South Carolina legislature meets early in January. The railway company is a South Carolina corporation with a legislative character and it is necessary to secure some amendments to the charter before the extension can be made. This is regarded, however, as a matter of routine which will take little time once the legislature convenes.

Both Ways At Once

The purpose of the directors is to proceed with building both the Gastonia-Spartanburg link of 55 miles and the line northward from Charlotte simultaneously. W. S. Lee, president of the company, and Mr. Cocke said that about a year would be required for the construction of the link from Gastonia to Spartanburg and that the link northward as far as Lexington could be constructed in about the same time. The distance to Lexington is approximately 60 miles.

It was indicated that Lexington is the first objective northward, the purpose being to make connection with the Winston-Salem, south-bound railroad at Lexington as early as possible because the Southward is owned jointly by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk and Western, which is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad system.

"Naturally," said Mr. Cocke, "after we build to Lexington, we shall extend the line farther northward." He indicated, however, that Lexington is to be the first objective.