

The final gossip of 1926!

Read Rev. C. F. Sherrill's New Year message in this Star.

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Shelby is to have another lawyer says The Star today.

Rev. A. C. Miller, jr., deaf evangelist, is back in the Shelby hospital.

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Cleveland county farmers are urged to attend the big farm meeting here Tuesday.

Several deaths are recorded in this issue of the paper.

Holiday personals, parties and other interesting community items are carried in The Star today.

KIWANIS HOLDS LADIES PROGRAM

Annual Event Proves Delightful Affair. 142 Guests Are Present on Ladies Night.

On hundred and forty-two Kiwanians and their guests attended "Ladies Night" program at Cleveland Springs hotel last night, closing the term of the present officers.

Musical numbers and readings featured the program, including a quartet composed of Mrs. Grady Lovelace, Mrs. R. T. LeGrand, Rush Hamrick and Bill McCord.

At the piano Mrs. Wm. McCord, Mrs. Grady Lovelace, Misses Dorothy McKnight and Mary Griffin presided.

Long To Succeed Turlington For Bible Body Head

Charlotte, Dec. 31.—Rev. McKendrie Long, fundamentalist minister of Statesville, instead of Z. Y. Turlington, fundamentalist layman and representative of Iredell county in the legislature, will carry the banners rallying the fundamentalist hosts of the state to "the struggle" to keep the teaching of evolution out of state-supported in North Carolina.

Tam C. Bowie, of Jefferson, one of the aggressive young political leaders of the state, also now a factor in the fundamentalist movement, is official legal advisor.

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"I see not a step before me As I tread another year. But the past is still in God's keeping."

And the future His mercy will clear, And what looks dark in the distance May brighten as I draw near."

Professor Agassiz stood on the summit of the Alps and said, "I can toss this chip into yonder streamlet, and it may float down the mountain side, on through Austria-Hungary, and on to the bosom of the distant Black sea. Or I can toss it yonder, down the Rhine, through Germany it will sail, to be storm-tossed, and at last cast on the wild Atlantic, seeking rest and never finding it."

The New Year is that lofty peak. We have our lives in our hands. In many directions we can toss it. The sunlit seas and the frozen tides are in front of us. Every man is captain of his soul, under divine help.

"Our fathers' God, from out whose hand The centuries fall like grains of sand, Be with us yet, lest we forget."

Only God is great! The seconds and centuries are in His hands. At His bidding the moments and minutes come, and to Him they return, to render an account of our use of them.

The poets have likened the years to the falling of the leaves; to the flood running down the mountain side; to the snowflake gone. None of earth's millionaires, nor all of them together, can buy a moment of time.

OFFICERS GET ON THIEF WHO STOLE OUT OF A CHURCH

Meanest Man's Closest Rival Took Usher's Coat and Hat. Two In Jail Over Matter

John Self, a transient citizen of this and the mountain section, and George Painter, a boy said to be about 14 years of age, were in the county jail Thursday charged with being connected with the overcoat and hat of former Sheriff D. D. Wilkins that were stolen from the vestibule of Central Methodist church here last Sunday.

Last Sunday Sheriff Wilkins journeyed as usual to his Sunday worship. Inside the vestibule he removed his overcoat and hat and acted during the morning as usher. After the services his hat and coat were missing, but a cap had been placed at the spot they disappeared. And on the cap clue officers got to work.

The two will likely be given a hearing today before Judge John P. Mull. It is claimed by some that the boy is only 14 years of age and will be under the jurisdiction of the county juvenile judge.

ELLENBORO FARMERS ENROLL FOR STUDY

Forest City.—More than fifteen Ellenboro farmers have enrolled for a short course in agriculture to be taught by A. B. Bushong, agriculture instructor of the Ellenboro school, to be held at the Ellenboro school. They will begin their course Tuesday, January 4, at 7 p. m. when the first lesson on poultry will be taught.

Mrs. James L. Webb and Mrs. O. Max Gardner spent Thursday in Charlotte.

ment of time. All the treasury vaults and armies of the earth can not stay the majestic march of Time, for one second.

How great is God! How good is the divine Being! Every moment is an opportunity from His presence, a golden gift of the King.

"I brought good desires, Though as yet but seeds; Let the New Year make them Blossom into deed."

I wonder if we stop to think how good the Lord is to us in breaking up the year into so many golden packages, each labelled "The Gift of the Father to His Children."

It is moment by moment and second by second, and each comes in its appointed time, never a bit late or soon. God gives us the year in 32,070,953 packages. One round year, 12 months, 365 days, 365 nights, 8,760 golden hours, 525,600 priceless minutes, 31,536,000 fleeting seconds.

Out from the inner glory, as these priceless gifts come, in orderly array, messengers of the King, they are, giving us opportunities for golden service, each proclaiming: "How good the Lord is to the sons of men!"

"The period of life is brief, 'Tis the red of the red rose leaf, 'Tis the flight of the bird on high, 'Tis the gold of the sunset sky! Yet one may so fill that space With such an infinite grace! That the rose will red all time, And the gold through the ages shine. And the birds fly swift and straight To the portals of God's own gate."

FATHER OF 34 HAS A PROPOSAL FROM MISSOURI WOMAN

Reuben Bland Getting Ready For Trip As 'Champ Dad' Wife All Right, Thank You

Robersonville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Reuben Bland, father of 34, was getting ready to go to Washington and lay claim to the title of champion father of the United States.

Reuben plans to go next week with Carl Goerch, Washington, N. C., publisher and will call upon President and Congress. He complained today that his preparations were being interfered with by a deluge of mail from all parts of the country which has no time to answer.

Another list received reads like this: City parks and playgrounds; Better street lighting system; A modern apartment house; A sound program of farm diversification; Some new industry other than cotton mills.

"Humps" Reuben remarked, "he has only 26. If the President smiled when he saw him he'll go into hysterics at the sight of me." The "champion" predicted that "ma" and the children would get along all right while he was courting the limelight in the national capital. They still have for amusement the truck load of Christmas presents he bought for them.

Died In His Car As Nearing Home

Gowan Ruppe, Young South Carolina Farmer, Died While Driving Car. Put on Brakes.

Gowan Ruppe, young farmer who lives just across the Cleveland county line in South Carolina, died suddenly Wednesday evening while driving home from Gaffney in his car, according to information brought to Shelby by Messrs. G. W. Elmore and Joe Beason, who were visitors here yesterday.

Ruppe, a son of John "Silver" Ruppe, had been to Gaffney and was about one mile or so from his home, it is said, when some one noticed him wobbling in the car. He turned the car to the side of the road, pulled up the brake and was dead when reached, it is said. A small child occupied the car with him. The deceased was about 32 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children. The funeral services were conducted Thursday at Cherokee Baptist church, it was learned.

JUST LOOK WHO'S HERE!



Are Shelby Teachers Too Young? Five Big Needs Of Town And County

"Greatest Needs" Contest Lists Coming In. Various Improvements Cited For Cleveland And Shelby.

Quite a number of folks are already sending in lists citing what they consider the five outstanding needs for Shelby and Cleveland county during the year of 1927.

Some of the lists in, present odd and unique ideas; while others cite conservative aims for the section in the New Year. One list is especially interesting in that it says one of the great needs is that Shelby needs "older and more experienced teachers for the schools."

The list that cites these need follows complete: 1.—A public health nurse for city and county. 2.—City park and playgrounds. 3.—Older and more experienced teachers for the schools. 4.—Active Associated charities. 5.—Cleveland county should be taxed for the support of the Shelby hospital.

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Send in List. You may get the \$3 or the \$2. Send in your list today, giving in your opinion the five greatest needs of the town and county. Get it into The Star office by next Thursday noon.

Sheriff Logan Has \$200,000 Collected

Two hundred thousand dollars and then a little. That's a lot of money, but that is the amount of county taxes Sheriff Hugh Logan and his assistants have collected so far this year, it is announced from the sheriff's office. Collectable taxes total about \$500,000, meaning that the sheriff has about one-quarter of a million 1926 county taxes yet to collect.

MAN WHO INSPIRED WHITTIER'S "BAREFOOT BOY" IS NEAR DEATH

Danvers, Mass.—A half-starved old man, a gardener by trade and a vegetarian by diet, lies seriously ill in the state hospital here while neighbors recall the gossip which named him model for the tribute to boyhood by John Greenleaf Whittier, who wrote:

"Blessings on thee little man, Barefoot boy, with cheeks of tan, With thy turned-up pantaloons, And thy merry whistled tunes, With the red lips, redder still, Kissed by strawberries on the hill; With the sunshine on thy face Through the torn brim's jaunty grace From my heart I give thee joy; I was once a barefoot boy." Frankie Marston is the gray-whiskered man whom neighbors assisted from his lonely cottage where he was found weak from lack of food.

Farmers Who Do Not Like 11-Cent Cotton Expected To Attend Meet Tuesday

Greatest Gathering Of Farmers In History Of County Desired At Meeting Here Next Week.

COUNTY MAN DIES IN BALTIMORE, MD. LIVED AT GROVER

Unable to Enter Hospital and Dies Hunting Another, Son of Late Price Martin.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 29.—Wofford Martin, 40, is dead here, because Baltimore was unable to provide hospital space for him at the crucial moment.

Martin was a sailor and a native of Grover, Cleveland county, N. C., according to papers found in his rooms at 1605 Fleet street.

Last Sunday, he and Alex Chaddock, had been together all day. In the afternoon they are said to have been drinking.

Martin became ill and Chaddock called a taxi to take him to Mercy hospital. Finding it unable to accommodate him they started for another, but Martin died enroute.

As yet no one has come forward to claim the body which is at the morgue, although Price Martin, of Grover, has been notified of his death.

The deceased, it is learned from Grover, was the son of Mrs. Price Martin and the late Price Martin and was well known in the lower section of the county. His mother lives about two miles or so from Grover and his father during his lifetime was prominent as a trainer of fine dogs.

Mrs. J. R. Shuford Passes Away in Charlotte After Protracted Illness. Funeral Today.

The many friends of Mrs. George Tompkins of Shelby, sympathize with her in the death of her mother, Mrs. J. R. Shuford who passed away in Charlotte Thursday evening at 7:30 following a protracted illness. She had been in failing health for eight years and death was expected.

Mrs. Shuford's husband is owner and manager of the Rex Candy company in Charlotte, and is the son of Mr. J. J. Shuford of Cleveland county. They moved to the Queen city from Gastonia about eight years ago and there Mrs. Shuford was an active worker in the first Baptist church, being a member of the Woman's Missionary society and the Susan Anderson Bible class.

The funeral takes place from that church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, services being conducted by her pastor, Dr. Luther Little.

Mrs. Shuford was formerly Miss Ezma Alda Fox of Morganton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fox, deceased. She is survived by her husband and three children, Mrs. George R. Tompkins, of Shelby; C. R. Shuford and Helen Shuford; three brothers, J. S. Fox, Greenville, S. C.; M. C. Fox, Hamlet; A. L. Fox, Virginia; and three sisters: Mrs. Martin Lingerfelt, Morganton; Mrs. T. C. Christenbury, Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. E. D. Smith, Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Whelchel Dies At Home In Gaffney

Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Laura Ethel Whelchel, 32, wife of John Whelchel, died at midnight Tuesday night at the family residence on Providence street. She had been in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Macedonia Baptist church by Rev. Paul Dobbins. Interment followed in the church yard.

In addition to her husband and one son, James D. Whelchel, Mrs. Whelchel is survived by her father, G. B. Bridges of Ellenboro, N. C., and the following brothers and sisters: Oscar Bridges, Ellenboro, N. C.; Harley Bridges, Bradenton, Fla.; Mrs. Zela Keenan, Gaffney; Mrs. Sara White, Lakeland, Fla.; and Mrs. Mary Davis, Shelby, N. C.

Deaf Evangelist Back In Hospital

Friends of Rev. A. C. Miller jr., deaf evangelist of the Presbyterian church, will regret to learn that he has undergone a second operation at the Shelby hospital.

According to late reports Rev. Mr. Miller is getting along nicely.

Seven Children Left Motherless

The death of Mrs. Fred Grigg Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock at her home in the Polkville community left seven children motherless. Her passing was one of the saddest affairs of the community for she was greatly beloved and in the prime of a young life. She was 36 years of age and before marriage was Miss Hester Martin, daughter of the late Frank Martin.

For the past three weeks she had been sick and the end came Wednesday morning. The funeral was conducted at Oak Grove Methodist church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock where she was a devout member, the funeral services being conducted in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives by Revs. Morris, Needham and Morgan.

Mrs. Grigg's children's ages range from two to 12 years. Her husband has the deepest sympathy of the community. Two brothers and three sisters also survive. Misses Helen and Edna Earle Williams are visiting their cousin Miss Margaret Williams. The Misses Williams are from Charlotte.

Every farmer in Cleveland county who is not "tinkled pink" over 11-cent cotton is expected to attend the big farm meeting in the court house here next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. That is the expectation of those promoting the meeting and apparently it will include quite a few Cleveland county farmers. High lights of the meeting will be talks by Max Gardner and by E. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, district farm agent. The topic of the meeting will be that of getting Cleveland county agriculture based on a profitable basis after the flop in the cotton price. Farmers in attendance are expected to take part in the discussion and the local situation will be met as shown by the needs of the section. There will be no effort to do away with cotton. Cleveland county's "big cash crop" until this year, but a program will be mapped out that will call for at least two "money crops" in the county together with profitable and necessary side crops. Meetings of a similar nature will be held all over the state during the week. A Suggested Program The suggested program of the meeting is that of showing Cleveland county farmers that in addition to having their cotton crop they should also have another money crop to "fall back upon," feed and food crops, hens, cows, and hogs. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Millsaps will say many things of interest to the farmers of the section, and frankly, the farmers of the county are just about ready to try a new plan of making the farm pay. Word comes that several Gaston and Rutherford farmers will likely attend in addition to the farmers of this county. Alvin Hardin, county agent and J. C. Newton, of the chamber of commerce, are very anxious for all farmers who can do so to attend the meeting. Missing Man Back At Forest City Offers No Explanation of Abandoned Car Near Lake Lure. Feared Murder. Asheville, Mystery surrounding the disappearance two days ago of Willie Bridges, well known garage man of Forest City, was solved by the missing man himself Wednesday when he returned home to his wife and two children here. He would not say where he had been or why he abandoned his automobile near the Lake Lure dam Chimney Rock, late Sunday. Discovery of the empty automobile and Bridges' cap and overcoat lying near it led Mrs. Bridges to fear her husband had been robbed at possibly murdered. Stocks Of Goods Depleted Here Now Many Shelby Merchants Now Engaged In Annual Inventory. Good Business Now. Merchandise stocks in Shelby are perhaps lower now than in many months owing to the buying spurt of holiday shoppers. Shelves of practically all the stores have an empty appearance that is anything but pleasing to the owners, and contrary to expected custom an unusual after-Christmas trade is being enjoyed. Several Shelby merchants say that shopping on three days this week was unusually good. Many of the retail stores are conducting sales to further reduce stocks as a convenience of the inventory and quite a number of stores are now engaged in preliminary inventory work. New Lawyer Opens Here For Practice Attorneys Speight Beam who has been practising law in Charlotte for 13 years, has come to his hometown to locate. He will open offices in the Union Trust company building. At present he is in office with Mr. W. N. Dorean, realtor. Mr. Beam is a native Shelby, son of Mr. D. Augustus Beam and brother of Dr. J. Beam, dentist. He was graduated in law at the University of North Carolina and after finishing preparation, located in Charlotte where he practised law.