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he Shelby schools opened to- after the holiday vacation and young college folks are return- to their schools.

Rutherford man was killed in Georgia wreck yesterday, ac- cording to news dispatches.

lead the Asheville mayor's re- thing for prosperity—everybody alling together.

Charles A. Burrus, retiring coun- sultor, was succeeded in of- fice today by the new solicitor, P. Bras Cleveland Gardner.

**Burrus Retires As County Solicitor**

has A. Burrus, solicitor for the rder's court of Cleveland coun- ty for the past six years, and the incumbent in that office, minutes his official duties as solicitor today. His suc- sor, P. Cleveland Gardner, will e the oath prescribed and pro- ed to take over the duties of at office on Monday, January 3.

It was learned by The Star to- day that Mr. Burrus will hereaf- t devote his whole time to the rate practice of law, and will ain in the same office he has store occupied—continuing his ction in the law business with r. O. Max Gardner.

r. Burrus states that he has r enjoyed prosecuting anybody; that the duties of county sol- icitor, or have necessarily enlarged his r service with the law and ac- ciance with human nature, and that from the association gain- 1 in public he will be better equi- pped to serve the people of the county much better than if he had not had this experience. Contin- uing, he said: "I shall forever feel grateful to the officers of the law and to the good citizenship of Cleveland county for the loyalty they have always shown as I have attempted to discharge the duties of this trying office."

It is understood that Attorney Burrus as his first private case after acting as prosecutor will defend C. O. Champion in the hearing set for today.

**Doctors To Speak At Health Exhibit**

D. Arnold Kohn, of Chicago, rceived permission from a commit- tee of women and local officials after a special showing of the World Health Exhibit of "Every- body's Business" to have special shows for Shelby school girls and boys over 16. The schedule is as follows for Monday and Tuesday January 3 and 4.

At 4 and 4:30 the exhibits will be on display for school girls over 16 at 5 and 5:30 the exhibit will be on display for school boys over 16.

Drs. E. B. Lattimore and R. Mc- Brayer will speak to the girls and boys about the exhibit and social hygiene.

The exhibit is on display at the John M. Best old stand.

Miss Louise Honeycutt is pending several days in Concord with relatives.

Dr. Joe Osborne and Dr. Fred Falls both medical students, at Wake Forest college have returned after spending the holidays with some folks.

**Citizens Cite Big Needs For Town And County In New Year--Helpful Ideas**

Y. M. C. A., Merchants Association, Tubercular Sanatorium, Modern High School Building Among Needs Named

The five greatest needs of Shelby and Cleveland county for 1927—what are they?

Quite a number of citizens have given their version of the answer to The Star, and the needs cited cover a very wide range. Markets, public buildings, farm diversification, school improvements and numerous other public interests are included in the list so far.

On Friday The Star will decide the two best lists of five needs submitted and the winners will receive \$3 and \$2 each. No lists for the contest will be received after Thursday noon.

Ideas Range. Here are some of the outstanding needs as presented: A strict ordinance prohibiting vehicles to follow fire trucks Western Union ob-

servatory time piece; A Y. M. C. A.; a Merchants association; "Stop grouchng"; a tuberculosis hospital; a modern county home; a standard junior college an adequate canning factory; park and play-ground system; a cooperative market for farm products; a commun- ity house with educational and amusement facilities; producing own supplies, and reduction of cot- ton acreage.

Throughout the lists many helpful ideas are being submitted to the citizens of the county and they are coming from citizens. With the attention of the public called to the needs of the section some of the wants may be secured. After Friday The Star plans to publish va- rious lists offered in the contest.

**FIREMEN HAVE A BUSY WEEK-END WITH FOUR FIRES**

Damaging Blaze In South Shelby Saturday Evening, Smith Loses All Furniture

Shelby's city fire fighters had a strenuous day Saturday with four alarms and one serious blaze in South Shelby Saturday evening.

Saturday morning both trucks were called into service when alarms were turned in from the homes of Mr. Ceph Blanton and Dr. J. R. Osborn within two minutes of each other. Neither blaze was serious, one being about a fur- nace and the other in some gar- age. Saturday afternoon the third alarm came from a burning barn in West Shelby, where some feed was burn- ed. And the fourth in South Shel- by where fire, believed to have started by defective wiring totally destroyed the home of Charlie Smith, on Broad street Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. The house next door, which was vacated dur- ing Saturday morning, was prac- tically destroyed, as was a house across the street, which was also vacant. Firemen checked the latter blaze before any considerable dam- age.

The alarm was phoned in by Worth Micham, a neighbor, who discovered the house in flames. The Smith family was visiting at the time and lost everything they had. Mr. Smith had just left \$62.00 in currency in the house a few minutes before leaving.

Immediately upon arrival of Chief Herman Eskridge and the first truck, the second alarm was sounded, which brought the re- serve truck, that generally re- mains in the city station. A north- west breeze was fanning sparks high in the air and for a time lock- ed very serious.

The work of the fire laddies was highly praised. There are no fire hydrants in that vicinity, which necessitated the pumpers to be placed over a block away.

The Smith house and adjoining house were owned by Oscar O. Palmer, local groceryman. Damage was placed at about \$2,000. There being \$600.00 insurance on each place, it is said. Smith had no in- surance, it was reported.

**Haynes Buys Book Store In Shelby**

Defunct Concern Is Sold By Receiver Deator Elmore And Will Be Sold Out

Walter H. Haynes, of Cliffeide, has purchased from Deator El- more, receiver, through the J. B. Nolan company, the stock of books and office supplies of the Shelby Book and Office Supply company in the Union Trust bank building.

Mr. Haynes, it is understood will offer the stock for sale, article by article at greatly reduced prices. He did not purchase the lease on the building which runs for a year or so, but Mr. Elmore has this lease at his disposal.

The Book and Office Supply company has been operated by R. E. Brookshear. A few weeks ago it went into receivership and Mr. Elmore was named as receiver. Mr. Elmore stated this morning that the creditors will receive practi- cally all that is due them when the assets are collected.

**RUTHERFORD MAN DIES IN WRECK; OTHERS INJURED**

Albany, Ga., Jan. 2.—C. D. Geer, of Rutherfordon, N. C., was killed instantly and Frank E. Haines, of Asheville and W. G. Wilson, also of Rutherfordon, were injured seriously late today when their auto- mobile overturned in a collision with a machine occupied by negroes seven miles south of here. The negroes, none of whom appeared to have been hurt seriously, fled.

The accident was said to have occurred when the negroes' auto- mobile turned from a side road into the Dixie highway directly in the path of the other car. Both ma- chines were demolished.

Papers found in Geer's pockets indicate he was connected with the Wilson Construction company, of Rutherfordon, and it is under- stood the three were en route to Tallahassee, Fla., to enter com- petitive bids on a paving contract.

**Come From States Afar For Christmas**

Many visitors were here for the holidays, some of them former citizens who now live in distant states. They came from every point of the compass to visit relatives and greet old friends. On Saturday, The Star ran across two in partic- ular who probably do not know each other but left this county about the same time, 16 years ago. Matt Ransom Lattimore came to visit his brother Joe, and other relatives in the county. Matt was named for that distinguished North Carolinian, General Matt Ransom. He went to Oklahoma 16 years ago and looks prosperous. He carries a fine physique that is typical of the Lattimores.

Then from Atlanta, Ga., came Rev. S. R. P. Davis. He lived for years in Shelby on N. Morgan street where now stands the home of Charlie Washburn. Mr. Davis is the "salt of the earth." He was al- ways active in the religious life of the community and has retained that interest in Atlanta where he lives with his son Tom who accom- panied him on a hurried trip to Shelby Saturday.

**Mr. Steele To Sing With Elsie Janis**

Mr. Bob Steele will sing in Char- lotte on the night of January 7th in the Charlotte auditorium when he appears with Miss Elsie Janis, impersonator. Mr. Steele is the son of Mr. Phil Steele of Philadelphia, commission merchant who has vis- ited Mr. and Mrs. Avery W. Mc- Murry on several occasions. The young singer's father is a member of the firm of Mauney-Steele com- pany, the Mauney member being from the prominent Mauney fam- ily in Kings Mountain. Mr. Steele is a baritone singer of note who made his debut in Chicago Grand opera last winter. A number of Shelby friends will attend the en- tertainment in Charlotte.

**BANKS PAY OUT \$21,750.00 TODAY TO STOCKHOLDERS**

Dividend—Checks From Three Local Banks Mailed Out This Week

Shareholders in the three Shelby banking institution received today \$21,750 in dividends which ushers in the New Year with cheer and gladness. The local banks have not had their stockholders meetings, but the directors have declared di- vidends on the capital stock and the shareholders will meet next week and elect directors for the en- suing year.

The First National mailed out semi-annual dividend checks amounting to \$15,000, this being six per cent on the capital stock of \$250,000. A similar dividend was mailed in July of last year. The First National placed the bal- ance of the net profits to undivid- ed profits, raising the undivided profit column to \$200,000. This institution has \$250,000 paid in cap- ital stock and \$250,000 surplus.

A three per cent dividend was paid by the Cleveland Bank and Trust company on its capital stock of \$125,000, making the shareholders receive \$3,750. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was placed to the surplus account by directors who met on December 30 and \$3,000 to the undivided profit account of \$24,000. There has been paid to share holders since the or- ganization of this institution \$22,- 500.

A three per cent semi-annual di- vidend on the \$100,000 capital stock of the Union Trust company was paid today to shareholders. In July a similar dividend of \$3,000 was paid, making six per cent an- nually. The surplus has been in- creased to \$60,000 and undivided profits and reserves to \$29,000. This bank has three branches at Lattimore, Lawndale and Fall- ston.

**Boy Shoots Off Toe Out Hunting**

Roy Anthony, former player of the Shelby High school baseball team and son of Mr. Geet Anthony of South Shelby, rested the barrel of his breach loading shotgun on the toe of his shoe while out hunt- ing Saturday and unconsciously pulled the trigger. As a result, his second toe was shot completely off and other toes were injured, but it is thought will be saved. Young Anthony was out hunting with Willis McMurry and had unloaded his gun. McMurry dropped a shell and told Anthony to pick it up, which he did and put it in the gun carried by Anthony. He evidently forgot the fact that he had reload- ed and while the gun was resting on the point of his shoe, he uncon- sciously pulled the trigger.

**Cotton States Consume Much**

Consumption Of Cotton Is Greater Than In 7 Years; One Exception

Consumption of cotton in the cotton-growing states during November was the greatest, with one exception, recorded during the past seven years, the Atlanta Fed- eral Reserve bank said Wednesday, in its monthly business review for the sixth reserve district.

The report said the output of yarn was 1.5 per cent greater. Retail trade has exceeded the volume reported for each month of last year, with the exception of October, it was shown in the re- port. Retail sales through Novem- ber averaged 5 per cent greater than for the same period of 1925.

Savings deposits reported to the Federal Reserve bank by 91 banks in the district were 2 and 5-10 per cent greater at the end of Novem- ber than a year ago. Building per- mits issued at 20 reporting cities during November were smaller in value than was recorded for Nov- ember, 1925.

**City Schools Get Back To Classes After Yuletide**

The Shelby city school system re- sumed regular work this morning after having been suspended dur- ing the Christmas holidays. Early reports are that after holiday at- tendance is good and school offi- cials look forward to a good term.

Practically all of the out-of- town teachers returned to Shelby over the week-end and were here for the opening of school this morning.

**Ty and Tris Plan Campaign**



Determined to fight to clear their reputations of the charge of "fixing" a ball game, Tris Speaker (left) and Ty Cobb got together in Cleveland, where this picture was taken, and mapped out legal action to gain reinstatement in organized baseball.

**No Pledging For Farmers Who Attend Meet Tuesday**

Gardner and Millsaps to Talk on Farm Program For Cleveland County.

Farmers who plan to attend the meeting here Tuesday afternoon will be interested to know in ad- vance that they will not be urged to sign any pledges or bind them- selves to any agreement affecting their future. Farmers through ex- periences of the past are wary of such procedure, therefore those sponsoring the big meeting think that the citizens of the county should know that the gathering is to work out something really ben- eficial to their welfare.

The farm problem under cotton conditions will be discussed and farm leaders and the farmers them- selves will plan a program for the year that is expected to get "Clev- eland county farming back on a profitable basis." Practically every farmer in the county is now inter- ested in seeing some change. One season of "plenty cotton and no price" has convinced the majority of them that something should be done. The interest shown in the meeting tomorrow may prove the key to the situation.

The meeting is scheduled for 2 o'clock in the county court house with O. Max Gardner and E. S. Mil- lings speakers, while other farm leaders may also offer suggestions. The meeting is for the actual wel- fare of the farmer, and every farmer in Cleveland county is urged to attend and bring with him a neighbor.

Farmers from other counties will likely attend attend as Clev- eland has been considered a farm leader for years and others con- siderations will be interested in the manner this county meets the slump situation.

Says the Gastonia Gazette editorially of the meeting: "Cleveland county farmers are already meeting to plan some sort of definite program of diversified farming for next year. A big con- ference has been called for early in January to map out a program. It would be a good thing for some of our farm leaders to attend this meeting. Max Gardner is to talk, and he always has something of paramount interest to the farmer."

**Everybody On The Job At Asheville**

Asheville.—Mayor John H. Cathey Saturday said cooperation was the most essential thing re- quired to insure continued growth and prosperity for Asheville in 1927.

When asked for a statement he took from his pocket a little verse entitled "everybody on the job," which he said described the spirit which should animate Asheville cit- izens during the New Year.

The verse said: "Mother's in the kitchen, Washing out the bottles; Sister's in the pantry, Taking off the labels; Father's in the cellar, Mixing up the hops; Johnny on the front porch, Watching for the cops."

**Goose Travels Fast**

Kingsville, Ont.—Four days after Jack Miner, naturalist, tagged a wild goose, it was killed at St. George Island, Florida. Of all the wild geese tagged by Miner, this is the first to be found in Florida, the majority of them wintering in North Carolina.

**Former Cleveland Doctor Cruelly Shot In Kentucky During Yuletide Season**

Dr. Robert Lee Lattimore is Dead and Officers Are Held Without Bail.

Dr. Robert Lee Lattimore who was killed by officers who went to arrest him at his home in Blanche, Kentucky on Christmas day is a native of Cleveland county, a half brother of Gaff and Orange Lat- timore and a first cousin of Dr. E. B. Josh and Tom Lattimore of Shelby. He has many friends and relatives in Cleveland county who regret to learn of his death.

According to a dispatch to the Louisville, (Ky.) Times, Coroner W. G. Taylor Monday afternoon issued warrants charging Constable Bot- ner Smith and Deputies Gus Smith, Dan Smith, Frank Bowman and Zinn Girtman with the physician's murder. Officers left immediately for the Straight Creek section of Bell county to serve the warrants.

Dr. Lattimore, 66 years old, for a number of years physician for the Fox Ridge Coal company, was shot eight times by officers who went to arrest him, it was brought out at the inquest. Although the find- ings of the inquest were not dis- closed, it was said Dr. Lattimore's son, 12, asked for a warrant for his father, with whom he had been drinking "home brew," after the father abused his mother. Smith and the other officers took the war- rant and went to serve it.

It was said the boy declared his father was not under the influence of liquor at the time the officers arrived, and that the doctor asked to be allowed to eat his dinner be- fore leaving home. Botner Smith, according to information from the hearing, ordered Lattimore to get at once and a moment later fire one shot into his body. Bowman, was said, then followed with five shots, and Smith with two mor- e. Young Lattimore and his mother declared, it was said, the physician did not fire a shot, but that his pistol fell from his pocket after he was shot. Dan Smith, Gus Smith and Girtman were said to have run from the room when the shooting started. It developed further that Dr. Lattimore's pistol had not been fired for some time. It had been stated earlier that Dr. Lattimore fired first at the officers.

Dr. M. Bingham, county attorney, declared the killing "cold-blooded murder" at the close of the hearing, at which county officers were present and warrants were issued. The men were ordered held without pending their examining trial.

**YOUNG WALL GIRL SUES FOR \$5,000 IN AUTO MISHAP**

Juanita Wall by her natural guar- dian, E. C. Wall, vs. Mildred Cab- iness and H. C. Cabiness is the title of an action filed in the Superior court today asking for five thou- sand dollars damages for injuries suffered by the plaintiff in an au- tomobile accident.

Juanita Wall is the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wall of Ora Mill. The defendant, H. C. Cabiness, is a farmer of the county living near Lattimore, while Mildred Cabiness is the daughter of Mr. H. C. Cabiness and is a teacher in the public schools of the county.

The complaint filed by Peyton McSwain, attorney for the plaintiff, alleges: That on the 20th day of November, 1926 that the plaintiff, a small child, while attempting to cross street in front of her home at the Ora mill was run over by an automobile driven by the defendant, Mildred Cabiness. That the plain- tiff was severely injured; her skull fractured, and that she has suffer- ed a permanent injury that will al- ways affect her physical and men- tal condition. That the injuries suf- fered by the plaintiff were due solely to the careless and reckless driving of the defendant without due regard for the life and safety of other people on the highway.

**Harris Draws Fanning Auto**

Street Full of People Witness Drawing For Ford Auto Given By Fanning Co.

A street full of people that congested a solid block down in front of the W. L. Fanning com- pany on Saturday afternoon, wit- nessed the drawing for the Ford touring car, completely equipped, which was given away by this mer- cantile establishment during a sale drive in December. H. A. Harris, agent for the Seaboard at this place, was the lucky man, while thousands were disappointed. Nel- lie Reed, a little girl about seven years old, stood blindfolded on an elevated platform and drew No. 14,415—the corresponding coupon being held by Mr. Harris who promptly went forward and sat- isfied the judges, John Randall, Grover Hamrick and J. A. Har- mon, that his coupon was right. The lucky person had to be pres- ent and hold the number. Several years ago when the Fanning com- pany gave away a car in a sale drive, many were called and fail- ed to respond before the lucky one was found present, but this year, the first number drawn, proved a winner.

As customers traded at the store, a coupon was given with each \$1 purchased or paid on ac- count. The stubs were placed in a locked box until the day for draw- ing. Mike Anstall and Mr. Kohn did the drawing while Mr. Fanning addressed a New Year's wish to the audience.

**REV. C. B. WAY GETS JUDGMENT**

The case of Rev. C. B. Way, of Lexington, against the Shelby Methodist Protestant church, which he served last year as pastor and for which service he has been try- ing through that church and through the courts to collect his salary, part of which he alleges, remains unpaid, now assumes the form of a judgment against that church, signature of the same hav- ing been given by the clerk of court of Davidson county. E. C. Byerly, Mr. Way, through his at- torney, A. J. Newton and Walter and Waiser, of Lexington, won the suit before the Davidson superior court and before the supreme court of the state, but now that the claim has been docketed as a judg- ment against the property of the Shelby church, it remains to be seen what course the church will pursue in the new premises.

**Mrs. Nancy Webster Buried In Gaffney**

Gaffney, S. C.—Funeral service were conducted here for Mrs. Nancy Morehead Webster, 77 wife of G. W. Webster, of Gaffney who died late Thursday in Char- lotte at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Harge, 1603 Cleveland Avenue. Dr. Cecil V. Cook, pasto- of the First Baptist church, officiated. Burial followed in Oaklan cemetery.

In addition to her husband a daughter, Mrs. Webster leaves following sons: Walter G. Web- ster, Gaffney, R-5; E. G. Webster Rosemary, N. C.; Clarence Webster, Greensboro, N. C.; Fri- Webster, Kings Mountain, N. C. and W. Monroe Webster, Gaffney.

Mr. Grover Hamrick and Hackett Blanton left Sunday morning for Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. H. L. Newman is spend- ing several days in Charlotte with her daughter, Mrs. G. G. Reed.