

SEABOARD TRAINS ARRIVE HERE AT CHANGED HOURS

Charlotte Trains Get In Now At 11:59. While "Down Train" Arrives at 5:22 p. m.

A change in the time of the arrival here of two Seaboard trains passed into effect this week, it is learned.

The train coming up from Charlotte formerly at 12:27 in the afternoon now arrives here at 11:59 in the morning. The "down train" from Rutherfordton going back to Charlotte arrives here at 5:22 in the afternoon instead of 4:43 as before.

The number of the two trains have also been changed. They were formerly known as Nos. 19 and 20, and now the numbers have been changed to 21 and 22.

According to information from the S. A. L. station here a new time table will go into effect again next Sunday. Whether this will bring additional changes remains to be seen as local railroad men have not been informed as yet.

Clinchfield May Change In regards to the changed time a dispatch from Forest City says: "While the C. C. & O. R. R. has not announced any change in their time table there is a feeling here that the Southbound train may be changed so as to connect at Bostic Yards with the Seaboard. With the present schedule and the new time of the Southbound Seaboard train there will be a difference of only eleven minutes at Bostic Yards between the two passenger trains and a connection would be of great benefit to travelers bound for Shelby and Charlotte."

A Lincolnton bank has been consolidated with one of the financial institutions of Gastonia.

A change in the hour of arrival of Seaboard trains here has been made.

School items from all sections of the county, all of more than customary interest, are to be found in this issue. Also community news of general events.

LATE NEWS ITEMS OF STATE EVENTS

Hickory, Jan. 6.—Bare walls, blackened by smoke and flames, marked the site of the administration building of Lenoir-Rhyne college which was ravaged by fire of unknown origin early this morning entailing a loss of around \$100,000 with insurance amounting to \$31,000. The fire was discovered about 12:30 o'clock and was not brought under control until 4:30, after every available foot of hose had been present into service. Several hundred students stood helplessly by and watched the flames leap skyward, leaving only the shell of a once handsome building. None of the other four buildings in the college group was endangered.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Voicing optimism in the future of the South, Roger W. Babson told the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner tonight that at no time during the last quarter of a century has he been "more confident that the South is entering upon an economic career of the greatest importance, not merely to the South itself, but to our whole nation."

Monroe, Jan. 6.—The badly charred body of Mrs. Frank Threadgill was found today near her home about two miles from here a few minutes after her screams had brought neighbors to the scene. Despite the fact that the woman was burned until her body was in a crisped condition, she was still conscious when found and lived for about three hours. The accident is believed to have occurred when her clothing caught fire before an open fireplace.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Authorized extension of the Piedmont and Northern Electric Railway in North and South Carolina headed important 1926 transportation projects according to the state corporation commission.

The biennial report of the commission, submitted to Governor McLean will mean "another trunk line from the far South to North Carolina." It will cost \$20,000,000.

Senator Tom Fulton, of Kings Mountain, representing this district in the state senate, has been named on 14 committees of the state senate and is chairman of the library committee.

Committees on which Fulton was named are commerce, distribution, governor's message, federal relations, game law, institution for deaf, insurance, journal, library, manufacturing, pensions, public health, and grievance, public health, and railroads, senatorial apportionment.

Business School To Open Branch

Georgia-Carolina School of Commerce to Start Term School Here About Feb. 1.

It was announced here this morning by the Chamber of Commerce that a term-school branch of the Georgia-Carolina School of Commerce will likely be opened here somewhere about February 1.

Mr. O. McLane, vice-president of the business school, was in Shelby today together with Mr. J. H. Owens, another official, and after a conference with Secretary Newton and business leaders they reached the conclusion that a term school would be established here. This commerce school has about 40 branches over Georgia and Carolina and is one of the South's best business schools, it is said.

The first term here will be about five months in length, as in the other schools, and graduation is guaranteed, officials say. The school also maintains a placement department to take care of students who graduate and assist them in securing positions although no guarantee is made about positions as is sometimes the case. Location of the school and other details have not been completed, but will be handled by Mr. Owens, who will remain here, it is said, to secure the needed enrollment.

Officers Recover Stolen Car Here

A Ford touring car stolen in Lincolnton Wednesday night was recovered here Thursday night by local officers after it had been abandoned on one of the main streets. Lincolnton officers have already been notified and the car has been returned to its owners.

Thursday night Choate Branch noticed the car parked in front of his home on North LaFayette street and notified officers that it had been standing there for many hours. Local officers already had a report on the Lincolnton car and it was found to be the same one.

Masonic Lodges Of District To Attend Meeting

Capt. J. Frank Roberts, district deputy grand master of the 27th Masonic district, sends out a notice inviting all Masonic lodges in this district to attend the third degree work to be put on in the local Temple Tuesday night by past masters of Masonic lodges. It is expected that many Masons from adjoining lodges will attend.

There are 16 past masters in the local lodge, an exceedingly large number for one lodge, and they will have charge of the entire program during the night. Local Masonic officials and those of the district hope to make of the event the biggest Masonic gathering in the history of the town.

Judges Select Best Lists Of "Five Needs" Submitted

Leading List Calls For County Hospital, Apartment House, Playgrounds, Farm Program And School Buildings.

The winners of The Star's "Five Needs" contest are Mrs. Hugh L. Mauney, of Shelby; and Mrs. A. V. Washburn, of Double Springs. Mrs. Mauney's list was placed first at the town and county; a new hotel; to know how to spend money to the best advantage; attractions such as will bring in new people with money; more religion.

New Public Library Miss Mary Lucas, Shelby: A new library; more paved streets; First Baptist church should be made larger; a new Southern depot; a chair factory.

Some Common Sense Marion H. Bridges, Cedar Grove, La.: Common sense applied to spending; farm diversification and cooperative marketing; P & N extended by Shelby; Pullman service and union depot for Shelby; advertise Shelby and Cleveland county and boost for industries.

Mrs. R. M. Poston, Shelby, R-5: Common sense person to run county affairs like spending tax money and not to spend it for unnecessary things like changing highway 20 to highway 74; we need tax reduction; more honest people; more old-time religion; reduce cotton acreage.

On Cash Basis Mrs. W. Wilson, Shelby, R-1: All persons to pay their debts; everything to go on a cash basis; all loafers to go to work; more production of home supplies; more trading at home.

Mae Johnson, South Shelby: A city park; a city health department; a nice depot for each railroad; a city nurse; a city playground and equipment.

Miss Alice Blanton, Shelby, R-5: School teachers should be older and more experienced; More Cleveland Star readers; More people of town and county should live clean, upright lives; county should raise more home-grown foods, more poultry and cattle, and decrease cotton crop; bankers and farmers should cooperate in new year.

Mrs. T. B. Johnson, LaFayette street: An enforcement of both city and state laws; a curfew law for keeping all boys and girls under 18 years of age off the streets at night; a central gymnasium with trained athletic coach; city mail delivery for the newly paved streets; electric fire alarm system for all streets.

Another Good One Mrs. Washburn's five needs were: 1.—"The Star" a daily paper so that the county news may be sent out fresh and crisp each day. 2.—A curb market or market house. A diversified farming program would not need to be urged if a certain, steady market was provided for the farmers. When a steady market is assured they will produce the vegetables, fruit, etc. 3.—A modern, up-to-date apartment house with special provision for children. 4.—The county taxed for the hospital. It is a blessing to the entire county and all should bear the burden. 5.—We learn from God's Word that when His people live close to Him and obey His commandments they are happy and prosperous; so last and most of all, we need an awakening of all church members of the county to a realization of their stewardship to God, both of time and money. A real heart-felt interest in the spread of the gospel and our obligations to our fellow-

Gaffney Folks Showing An Interest In Paving Of Highway 18 Direct From Shelby Across Line To Gaffney

Gaffney, January 6.—Unofficial negotiations have been started with a view of ultimately securing a hard-surfaced highway connecting Gaffney and Shelby, by the most direct route possible.

A delegation from Shelby, including Clint Newton, secretary of the Shelby chamber of commerce, and J. S. Dorton, secretary of the Cleveland County Fair association, visited Gaffney this week and submitted the matter to Cherokee county officials.

The North Carolina highway department has already authorized a survey of the proposed highway from Shelby south to the Cleveland-Cherokee county line, it was stated. The Shelby delegation sought the promise of Cherokee county officials to connect with a road from Gaffney.

The local officials took the attitude that highway No. 18 should be hard-surfaced before other roads in Cherokee county, but indicated favorable consideration will be given the Shelby proposition later.

In fact, the Shelby representatives were assured that if Cleveland county constructs the proposed highway to the county line Cherokee may be expected to build a first-class topsoil road to the connecting point with a view of hard-surfacing when such an undertaking can be handled financially.

Accidentally Shot In Hip By Rusty Pistol This Week

Near Tragedy Enacted, But Youth Is Recovering Now. Simon Davis Improving Now (Special to The Star) Double Springs, Jan. 6.—A near tragedy was enacted at the home of Mr. Tom Green one day this week when his son, Walton accidentally shot himself in the hip with a rusty pistol he was examining. Luckily he escaped with a flesh wound and is getting along nicely since his return from the Shelby hospital where he was carried for treatment.

Mr. Simon Davis is improving from a recent serious illness. Last week his condition was such as to cause his family much uneasiness but at last reports his condition was gratifying.

We regret to lose Mr. George Brooks and estimable family from our community. Mr. Brooks has moved to his farm which he recently purchased below Cherryville.

The adult department of the Sunday school, of which Mr. Will Crowder is the energetic president met at the church Wednesday night in a business meeting.

Mr. Truman Davis is sick, suffering with appendicitis. At his writing he is at home of his father Mr. Simon Davis but it is expected that he will be carried for an operation at an early date if his condition does not improve.

Owing to the dry weather of the past two years this section is having a water famine. Many wells are entirely dry and others barely sufficient for the needs of the family. Water for the family wash is at a premium except for those who are lucky enough to be situated near a stream or spring.

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

New York, Jan. 7.—Liverpool 12:15 p. m.—March 6, May 4 American points better than due, July and October as due, spot sales 7,000, middling 698 against 689 yesterday.

Southern weather: Last night clear and mild. Broader inquiry and trading in Worth street yesterday, prices firm. Fall River reports a good business. Southern spot markets steady, sales 28,700 bales, Dallas 11,90, Augusta 12,13.

For Mayor



Believing that Chicago needs a good, old-fashioned house cleaning in its municipal government, Mrs. Joanna A. Gregg, 51, is a candidate for mayor on the Republican ticket. She is the first woman candidate Chicago ever had.

BAPTIST LEADERS BANQUET TONIGHT

Annual Meeting of Church Workers On at Boiling Springs. Good Attendance Expected.

The annual banquet of pastors, superintendents and church workers of the Baptist churches in the Kings Mountain association will be held at Boiling Springs tonight, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The gathering is promoted by Mr. A. V. Washburn, field worker of the association, and the object is to unify the work and thought of the church group and plan for improvement in church work.

Around 100 pastors, Sunday school superintendents and workers coming from the 41 churches in the association are expected at the banquet tonight, it is said. The total membership of the churches in the group is around 10,000.

Dr. Zeno Wal, pastor, and Prof. A. C. Lovelace, Sunday school superintendent, will represent the First Baptist church, while Rev. Rush Padgett and others are expected to represent the Second Baptist church with similar attendance from the other Baptist churches of the county.

LINCOLNTON BANK IS MERGED WITH GASTONIA BANK

Lincolnton, Jan. 6.—Negotiations have been completed whereby Lincolnton will have greatly increased banking facilities.

The officers and directors of the County National bank of Lincolnton have arranged to consolidate its resources with the assets and resources of the Commercial Bank and Trust company of Gastonia.

Under the plan of consolidation, which has been under negotiation for some weeks past, the County National bank will surrender its national charter and continue business at its present location in Lincolnton under the name of the Commercial Trust company, of Lincolnton.

The present stockholders of the County National bank will automatically become stockholders in the new organization and the bank will continue to do business without interruption in its present banking house. The name will be changed and greatly increased resources added to the local bank through the consolidation.

The County National bank now has a capital stock of \$100,000 and surplus and profits of \$52,000 and after the consolidation has been completed at a stockholders' meeting to be held on Monday, February 7, 1927, the new organization will have a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of \$140,000; thereby affording the surrounding country facilities equal with the largest cities in western North Carolina.

The Commercial Bank and Trust Co., the bank with which the County National bank will consolidate, now operates its principal office in Gastonia and maintains banking houses in Kings Mountain, Cherryville, and Mount Holly, Mr. W. Thomas Love, a well known manufacturer, capitalist and banker of Gaston county, who is now serving as president of the Commercial Bank and Trust company, will continue to head the organization as its active executive officer.

CAR PLUNGES OFF 35 FEET. DRIVER HURTS SHOULDER

William Gardner Has Miraculous Escape From Serious Injury In Plunge.

William Gardner, young Rock Hill man and a bus driver on the Charlotte-Shelby line, is in the hospital suffering with a bruised right shoulder after miraculously escaping death about 7 o'clock Wednesday night when the Ford coupe he was driving plunged off the sheer 35-foot fill on the Cleveland Springs road just on this side of Dr. Osborne's home. Gardner was off duty at the time and was driving a private car.

Thursday scores of people gathered along the top of the embankment, where there has already been one wreck, and wondered just how the occupant of the car escaped with his life. The coupe was considerably smashed up as it struck nothing during the plunge until it hit the bed of the small stream far below the roadway.

Dodged Parked Car.

According to information received on how the wreck happened Gardner was coming in to Shelby and was just behind another car. On the right hand side of the road at the fill a car is said to have been parked with no lights. Just as Gardner pulled to the left, it is reported, to pass the car in front of him the car ahead also swerved, it is said, to the left to avoid hitting the parked car and the double swerve caused Gardner's car to strike the rear of the other car and then his coupe took a plunge off the big embankment just a few feet to the left.

Gardner, reports say, was assisted out of the wreck by occupants of the other car and taken to the hospital. Reports from the hospital Thursday stated that Gardner suffered nothing more, as far as could be found, than a bruised shoulder, no bones being broken. Hospital officials were of the opinion that he would be out within a day or so.

Post Office Group To Hold Banquet

Meeting to be Held in Junior Hall Tuesday Night, J. C. Newton To Address Group.

The quarterly meeting of the Cleveland County Service Relations council of the postal department will be held at the Junior hall Tuesday night, January 11, beginning at 7 o'clock and extending until 9.

Music, speeches, short service talks together with a banquet will feature the program. A quartet from the Shelby postoffice will open the program followed by a prayer by Rev. Rush Padgett. The address of welcome will be by J. Talmage Gardner and the response by A. Horbert Green. There will be a quartet from the Kings Mountain postal force next and this will be followed by introduction of members and guests. The main address will be by J. C. Newton, secretary of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, and a Grover quartet will sing. Mrs. Lillie B. Wilson, postmistress at Lattimore, will read a paper on "Some things I have observed as Postmistress." There will be three minute talks on improvements by Postmaster T. S. Keeter, of Grover; Rural Carrier A. A. Richards, of Casar; City Carrier W. O. R. Putnam, of Shelby, and Clerk L. M. Logan, of Kings Mountain.

Officer Happens Up On An Affray

Ordinarily an officer makes his arrest after a fight is over, having received word of the encounter, but Thursday Deputy Mike Austell drove right into the midst of what is termed a free-for-all.

Officer Austell, accompanied by Mr. J. A. Lybrand, was out in his car serving summons on some witnesses Thursday and while driving along the road in the section about the Lutz bridge he came upon a general fight between four negroes, two men and two women. The colored folks were employed on the farm of Mr. Theude Lutz, who lives in Shelby, and it is said they had been arguing all day. Shortly before the officer came riding by the argument flared up and transformed itself into a general scrap with the result that it was going full force when the officer happened by. Fists sticks and hoe-handles were playing speedy, and important roles in the four-cornered duel, Austell says.

Alighting from the car the officer arrested the participants and they are scheduled for a trial here today.

By Loan Cleveland County May Get 3 Highways Paved

Shelby-S. C. Road May Be Paved Out Of Next Appropriation, Kistler Says. Half Million Loan Will Pave Others

Interesting news concerning more paved highways for Cleveland county comes from Morganton, home of A. M. Kistler, highway commissioner for this district.

In brief the word from Morganton is to this effect:

1. Highway 18 from Shelby to the South Carolina line will likely be paved from the funds of the proposed 30 million dollar road appropriation now before legislation.

2. Highway 18 all the way from Morganton through Shelby to the South Carolina line could be paved, and also highway 206 from Shelby to Lincoln in if Cleveland county will lend \$500,000 to the state until further road appropriations are passed.

This word is direct from Commissioner Kistler through Attorney Peyton McSwain, who was in Morganton recently in conference with the road commissioner concerning several matters. Mr. McSwain's visit had to do with the survey of a direct route of highway 18 from Shelby to the S. C. line, he representing, it is said, interests of Earl Hamrick and John Ellis. In connection with that matter it is said that several surveys are, or will be considered.

Longer Dresses Greatest Need

The following epistle addressed to this paper speaks for itself: "I have been reading about the five greatest needs of Shelby and Cleveland county. I think the greatest need is a seamstress to put some skirt on to the bottom of our modern dresses—longer dresses is our greatest need." The letter is signed by a Star reader of the county.

Andy Brown Takes Cow Then Trades For Mule; In Jail

Colored Man Leads Officers Merry Chase Only To Be Caught At Lincolnton Thursday

Take it from Andy Brown, colored, who is now a resident of the county jail, a gray mule is a "Jonah" to speed in getting by with something. A cow might even be better.

Sometime Wednesday night officers say Andy stole a cow from Gus Cabanis on the old Kings Mountain road east of Shelby. Early in the morning Cabanis started out tracking his missing cow. Soon he picked up Deputy Clyde Poston and the chase continued on to Cherryville. Somewhere in that section the cow tracks could be seen no more, but officers held on to Crouse and it was there that the cow had been traded to E. C. Sullivan for a gray mule. Andy receiving \$5 to boot in the trade. Andy was said to have taken his gray mule and continued on towards Lincolnton. The officers called to Lincolnton and asked officers there to be on the watchout for him. Then in company with the Cherryville chief Poston and Cabanis travelled on for the Lincoln county seat. Just as they were entering Lincolnton they recognized the gray mule in a creek bottom and captured it. Proceeding on in to Lincolnton it was found that officers there already had Andy locked up. The result of the whole affair was that Andy was back in the Cleveland county jail by about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Sullivan got his gray mule back together with the five dollars, which Andy had not spent, and the cow is back at home.

So, in a way, that's why Andy may not be fond of gray mules anymore. This dislike may even grow some by the time of his trial.

KIWANIS LEADERS GO INTO OFFICE

New Officers of Shelby Luncheon Club Installed. George Blanton New Head.

The weekly meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club Thursday evening at Cleveland Springs hotel was featured by the installation of the new officers, Mr. George Blanton, of the First National bank, taking over the presidency of the club succeeding Mr. J. D. Lineberger.

Other officers installed were Dr. E. B. Lattimore as vice president, succeeding Dr. Reuben McBrayer; Mr. Max Washburn as trustee succeeding Mr. Blanton, while Messrs. Charlie Burrus and Rush Hamrick succeeded themselves as secretary and treasurer respectively.

Mr. Lineberger passed the president's pin on to Mr. Blanton with a few appropriate remarks, and in turn was presented with the immediate past president's pin by Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, Mr. Blanton, the new president, made a brief talk outlining and discussing the work of the club for the year.

Following the regular meeting committee chairmen and directors of the club met with the president to discuss for a short time the procedure and plans of the club for the coming year and to map out an early program.

Fraudulent Stock Sale Is Alleged

Hord, McDaniel and Dorsey Alleged Misrepresentation in Sale of Stock to Them.

Complaints have been filed with the clerk of Superior court here alleging fraudulent sale of stock to Robert C. Hord, V. E. McDaniel and W. N. Dorsey by J. P. Lindsay and E. C. Stothart, of Charlotte, the stock being various kinds in the Parfay company and Icy-O Metal Products company. Attorney Peyton McSwain and Speight Beam represent the plaintiffs.

It is alleged in the complaints that Lindsay approached and sold the plaintiffs stock in the concerns representing them other than they were; that promise has been made of reimbursement, but that nothing has been done; that the Parfay company was and has been absolutely insolvent and its stock worthless; that misrepresentation was made in the stock and that the Parfay company did not own or control the Icy-O Metal Products company; that a branch plant was talked for Shelby and that such never materialized. Sums were invested by the three plaintiffs totalling \$2,500, it is alleged.

The transactions involved in the complaint took place in 1923, it is said.