

Who was it now that predicted a mild and warm winter?

As yet has been done. The prediction was made by which the weather bureau could lend \$500,000 for completion of highways in this county.

How much is the state of North Carolina worth? A news item in today's Star tells.

B. T. Falls of this county, has been named head of the election law committee of the present legislature.

Several law suits will come up at the next term of court according to several separate news items today.

The South Shelby school is growing into one of the most important school links of the city system.

Masons of this section enjoyed one of their biggest meetings last night at the temple here.

The funeral services of former Mayor W. H. Jennings were held this afternoon. The deceased was one of the best known public officials of the town, having been mayor, alderman and a member of the county board of commissioners.

Rembling Bill had an opportunity for his New Year dinner and it came from this county. Today he writes about something else.

The city schools now have cafeterias working under the home economics department serving warm lunches to the school children.

A meeting of Cleveland county women is on this afternoon at the Central school auditorium.

Directors and officers of two Shelby banks were elected at annual meetings held yesterday.

The new high school gymnasium now under construction will be completed next week, it is said.

North Carolina ministers are asking for fewer divorces and longer waiting before marriages in the state with only one ground for divorce, says a news article from High Point.

The Star is read by the majority of Cleveland county citizens. Get in with the crowd and you'll understand why—the news while it is news and of home folks and home events.

MASONS HAVE BIG MEETING TUESDAY

One of the biggest Masonic gatherings ever staged in Shelby was held Tuesday night at the local Masonic Temple with several hundred Masons, coming from a wide area, in attendance.

The particular drawing card of the evening was third degree work put on by past masters. Cleveland lodge has 17 past-masters in its membership and although not all of these present Tuesday evening, every chair and office in the lodge were filled with past-masters.

The degree work was the most complete ever put on here, the entire work being in full regalia with the required accessories of time and legend. Members of the degree team won the praise of the large assemblage by their histrionic ability as the various characters in the work.

It is estimated that visiting delegations from six to eight lodges were in attendance in addition to individual visitors from lodges scattered all over the country.

Suit To Open Up Clegg Street Here

Attorneys O. M. Mull and Peyton McSwain representing the town of Shelby and some ten or twelve property owners on Clegg street have filed an action in the Superior court against Mrs. Fannie O. Thompson and Z. J. Thompson asking for an injunction against the defendants enjoining them from attempting to close said street or from doing any act or acts that will interfere with the use of said street by the public.

The complaint filed by attorneys with the court says: that on January 6, 1925 a majority of the property owners along the proposed route filed a petition with the town asking for a street connecting Blanton street with West Graham street; and at that time all the property owners consented to the location of said street across their property, which street was known as Clegg street, and was duly located and opened for the use of the public; that since September 1925 the defendants have been trying to close said street by placing obstructions and etc., in same contrary to law.

Cleveland Women In Big Meeting At School Today

The mass meeting of Cleveland-county women called for 2 o'clock this afternoon by Mrs. Irma Wallace, home agent, is on today although definite reports of the meeting have not been secured as yet.

ENROLLMENT GAIN NOW RECORDED AT S. SHELBY SCHOOL

Close Of Month Finds 518 Enrolled. Girls Lead Boys By Slight Margin

South Shelby, Jan. 11.—The total enrollment of the South Shelby school at the close of the fourth month is 518. Of this number 233 are boys and 285 are girls. Including the enrollment of the night school more than 600 boys and girls are being taught in this community. There were forty two new pupils enrolled during the past month. The average daily attendance at the close of the month was 484. The percentage of attendance was 93 per cent. Throughout the entire school there were 65 tardies which is an average of 4 tardies per month. Misses Ruth Howie and Adeline Bostie reported no tardies for the month. Miss Frances Hoyle and Mrs. Tom Moore reported only one tardy. There was no boys or girls in the school who failed in two subjects during the month.

There were 32 pupils who made the honor roll this month. Of this number six were boys and 26 were girls. The names follow: Sixth grade: Hazel Abner, Tonia Abner, Bertha Bridgeman, Magnolia Carter, Lloyd Green, Gattie Hastings, Catherine Hamrick, Marshall Ledbetter, Vernie Morrison, Matilda Peters, Tommie Weaver, Velvie Wilkie, Ruth Queen. Seventh grade: Mary Sue Bell, Evelyn Blanton, Lucile Blanton, Edith Blanton, Elizabeth Blanton, Corine Barnett, Annie May Bobbitt, Lena Hamrick, Willie Hamrick, Evelyn Short, Flossie Stewart, Hattie Warlick, Virgie Weaver. Eighth grade: Clyde Wright, Lucile Blanton, Gladys Bostie. Ninth grade: Harvey Blanton, Mildred Parker, Ruth Williams.

Says Coddling Of Prisoners Silly

Superior Court Judge Says Practice Is Against Rule Of Common Sense

Charlotte.—Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, at the opening of Mecklenburg Superior court here declared himself against the practice of sending prisoners to the chain-gang and then "molly-coddling" them in a wave of molly-coddling sentimentality.

Such practice, he said, is "against the rule of common sense and is a silly daff that must fade before the power of cold reason."

Judge Finley asserted that prisoners must be subjected to proper treatment—not harsh and not sentimental.

In charging the jury the judge urged that all good citizens lend their influence to all movements tending to restore respect for law. "I do not believe in severe punishment," he declared. "I believe in swift and certain punishment. For the first offense I am inclined to be as lenient as the circumstances will permit. For the second offense the punishment should be greater and still greater for the third. If the defendant continues to disobey the law habitually then I think he should be removed from among his fellow citizens and kept where he can no longer injure them."

Kills Large Hawk.

E. M. Lowman, of South Shelby, hunting in the Zoar church section Monday, bagged one of the largest chicken hawks ever seen in these parts. He brought the bird to the Star office, where its wing spread was measured, and totaled something more than 40 inches. The hawk was not only an unusually large one, but a fine specimen.

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Clarence Leonard, Carpenter, Seeks Damages For Alleged Injuries

Clarence Leonard, Shelby carpenter, has entered suit against the Gulf Refining company asking for fifteen thousand dollars in damages as a result of personal injuries said to have been received by him while in their employ.

Lattimore Is Not Talkative About 8-Months School

Member of Education Body Admits Views on Longer Term Are Close With Group.

Sam C. Lattimore, former state senator and now a member of the state educational commission, is at home until Thursday following his attendance at a session of the body, the meeting centering around school reports and the present educational topic of the eight months term that may face the legislature.

Boxing Program On For Saturday

Boxing fans of Shelby are assured a taste of their favorite entertainment Saturday night when a program is scheduled in the new Thompson building near the South railway. There will be a battle royal, three semi-finals and the main fight, according to the schedule.

Vogue Of Roller Skating Comes Back

Roller skating apparently casts a germ like an influenza epidemic. About the time other towns and cities of the state are noting an abundance of youthful skaters on the streets the same problem bobs up here. More Shelby youngsters have been skating of recent weeks perhaps than ever before.

To Have New Show At Fair This Fall

It is understood that at the meeting of Cleveland County Fair stockholders to be held Friday afternoon Dr. J. S. Dorson, secretary, will announce that a contract has been secured to have one of the largest open shows in America to play the fair this fall.

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If you bought a paper in Bucharest, capital of Rumania, this is the kind of a newsboy—or rather newsgirl—that you'd get it from. This young lady was photographed as she sold papers announcing King Ferdinand's serious illness.

MINISTERS SEEK FEWER DIVORCES LONGER COUNTING

Adultery Only Ground for Divorce With Privilege for Innocent Party to Remarry.

High Point, Jan. 11.—Ministers representing five denominations gathered here this afternoon and passed resolutions favoring stringent tightening of the state marriage laws. The resolutions were then turned over to a committee with instructions to secure their incorporation into the laws of North Carolina.

The resolutions would alter the present law so as to allow only the Scriptural cause, adultery, as ground for absolute divorce, with privilege to remarry for the innocent party. They would allow separation to husband and wife who have lived apart five successive years, but without privilege to remarry.

These two main provisions constitute the sum of the action taken by the ministers on the subject of divorce. Although at the outset divorce appeared to occupy the spotlight, the conference turned its attention toward the end of the two-hour session, to marriage requirements as the more important of the two propositions.

Rev. R. E. McClure, of McLeansville, provoked the change of the spotlight when he declared that authoritative investigation into the sentiment of the legislature revealed that the body would probably hesitate to change the present divorce laws, but would welcome a bill to make stringent the law on issuing marriage licenses.

Rev. Charles P. Coble, of High Point, averred his opposition to making much change in the divorce law, as he felt that the legislature would give its chief attention to making it more difficult for people to get married. Divorce legislation is destructive in its nature, but a policy of marriage regulation would be constructive, he declared.

As a result of this turn in the conference attitude, when the resolutions were drawn up, they were preponderantly devoted to the matter of marriage regulation, especially with regard to the issuance of licenses and regulating of medical examinations.

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BANK OFFICIALS IN MEETING SHOW REPORTS OF YEAR

Majority of All Officers and Directors Re-elected by Stockholders Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of two local banks were held here yesterday—The First National Bank and the Cleveland Bank and Trust company.

The business session of both meetings was for the most part taken up with the annual reports and general business expressions and the election of directors and officers.

At the First National meeting the showing of the annual statement was commended and stockholders expressed their joy at the improved health of Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, president. The following directors were re-elected: C. C. Blanton, John F. Schenck, A. C. Miller, J. L. Webb, L. A. Gettys, Clyde R. Hoey, O. M. Gardner, J. F. Roberts, Paul Webb, George Blanton and Forrest Eskridge. The following officers were also re-elected: C. C. Blanton, president; John F. Schenck, vice president; George Blanton, vice president; Forrest Eskridge, cashier; R. P. Sisk and C. S. Mull, assistant cashiers.

At the Cleveland Bank and Trust company meeting the following directors were re-elected: R. E. Campbell, Z. J. Thompson, C. Rush Hamrick, Wm. J. Arcey, J. A. Suttle, J. L. Suttle, H. F. Young, William Linberger and J. J. Lattimore. Officers of the institution will be named at a later meeting of the directors, it is understood.

VIRGINIAN ASKED WIFE OF MCLEAN AND HE FOUND HER

Mrs. Johnson, of Gastonia, Marries Man Who Wrote Governor About Wife in N. C.

Gastonia.—There may be those who think that romance and high adventure never trail their glittering robes through Gastonia streets, that the sole business of newspapers is promoting the material things of life, and that the minds of shop girls behind the counter are entirely occupied with the routine of the day. Let such misguided individuals read this story, and they will never be so prosaic again.

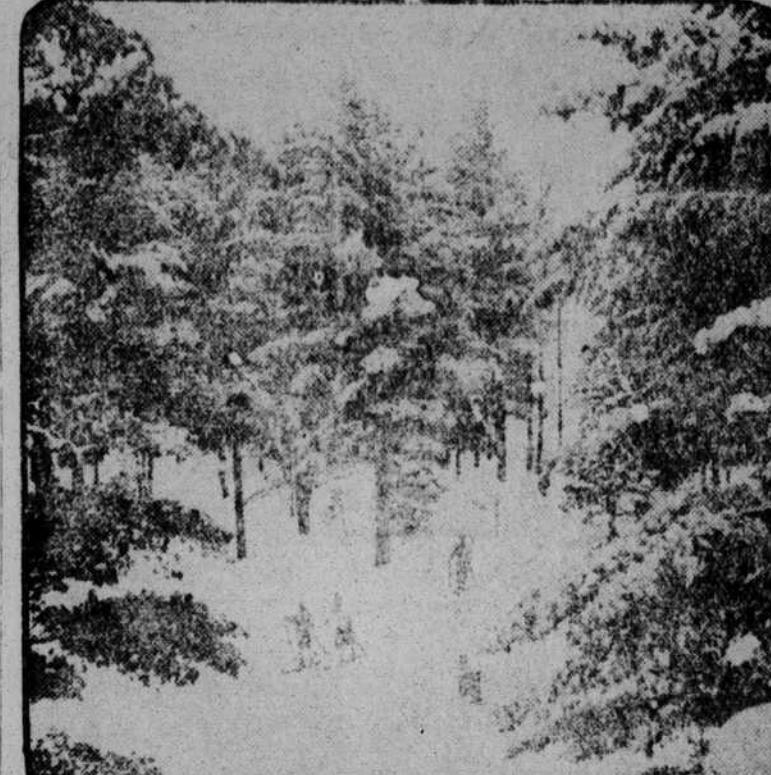
Some months ago a news story was sent out from Raleigh in which was given the matrimonial ambition of a son of Virginia, who had written to Governor McLean asking his aid in securing a North Carolina wife. This story appeared in bold black type on the front page of The Gazette, and was read with more than passing interest by Mrs. Lennie Clemmer Johnson who was finding it a pretty hard task to get the bread and a little of the butter of necessity, to a continued stay on this interesting planet, she having both herself and a seven year old son to provide for, and a position in a local ten cent store as a shield between herself and the proverbial wolf at the door.

Mrs. Johnson wrote to the governor—why shouldn't she?—asking for the name and address of the gallant Virginian, which was forthwith furnished to her. No doubt she exercised great care in the selection of the stationery for this important piece of correspondence, no doubt Emily Post was pressed into service for the little niceties of phrasing. At any rate, in the expressive language of the day, the letter went over big, a voluminous correspondence followed and one fine day a few weeks ago the resourceful Virginian arrived upon the scene and carried his long distance charmer to York, S. C., that city of dreams come true, where the words were spoken by which people are supposed to live happily ever after and are frowned upon most severely if they don't.

Saturday morning the bride, with a smile on her lips and a cluster of carnations on her breast, went happily to Greenville, S. C. where she joined the groom, one Mr. Guest, for a motor trip to Dayton, Ohio, after which they will be at home in Tennessee.

Does it pay to advertise, and to answer advertisements? Mr. and Mrs. Guest are agreed that it does.

Getting a Kick Out of Winter



Winter sports are just as good as summer ones, and sometimes they're a lot more picturesque. This shows a party on skis going cross-country near Lake Placid, N. Y.

School Youngsters Now Operating Cafeteria For Lunch Of Children

A new cafeteria system has spread over Shelby and has now three branches about the town.

It is not operated by any famous French chef and makes no claim to a pretentious business yet it is serving warm luncheons to the school children of Shelby who on "bad weather" days or other occasions are unable to go home for their luncheons.

Three school cafeterias are now functioning among the uptown schools—one at Central high and others at the Marion and Washington schools, all being under the supervision of Miss Edna Jordan's home economic students. The cafeterias are self supporting as well as filling a need of the children. At first nothing but soup and milk graced the menu, but the feeding system is advancing step by step as it makes its own way, and now sandwiches and fruits are served as well.

Rambling Bill Gets His Possum From Casar Section; His Wife Now Has Like For North Carolina

Editor of The Star:

I can certainly commend The Star for results. My S. O. S. call for an 'Possum Christmas brought me a delicious one and I have just finished picking its bones and am now at peace with the world.

Mr. Decatur Pruett, of Casar, sent me mister O'Possum post haste, with tail attached and I devoured tail and all.

My wife has repeatedly said that O'Possum was not fit to eat, but believe me she has now changed her mind and wants to move back to North Carolina where she can get her fill of this delicious meat. Even our nurse who is a Louisiana product, states that she would like to live in North Carolina where mister 'Possum grows, and waxes fat on persimmons and berries and other good things that grow wild in North Carolina. She says (the nurse) that every blessed thing that grows in Arizona will either sting, bite, stick, or scratch you, and I am believing she is about right, as a fellow stung me out of ten bucks the other day with a bum check.

Children's Teeth Being Examined Free By Dentists

Each dentist in Shelby is now giving one hour every other day to the free examination of the teeth of Shelby school children.

Following a recent meeting with Supt. I. C. Griffin the dentists of the city unanimously agreed to stage the examinations. Free blanks for the work are furnished by the state board of health and when the teeth of every child in school have been examined these reports, filled by the local dentists, will be turned over to the parents showing the condition of the teeth of their children—the examination being without cost to the taxpayers or patrons.

New Golf Course In Good Condition By Spring's Coming

Golf devotees in and around Shelby are awaiting the coming of Spring with considerable interest. At that time they expect the new Cleveland Springs Estates golf course to be one of the outstanding links in the Carolinas. Those who have been following the game through the fall and winter keep remarking about the fine stand of grass on the fairways and greens and the fall opening tournament acquainted everyone with the expert and attractive layout of the new course.

Gymnasium Ready Next Week While Field Is Graded

According to school officials the new gymnasium of the Shelby high school, already dubbed the "tin can" will be completed some time next week and actual play in the much needed building will get underway during the latter part of next week. It is presumed that the belated basketball schedule of the Shelby High will open at that time.

It is said that the construction work would have been completed this week had it not been for the snowfall and inclement weather. The work of grading the athletic field is also under way.

FUNERAL SERVICE OF FORMER MAYOR HELD HERE TODAY

Last Rites at Home on South Washington Street For Public Official of Many Years.

Funeral services of Mr. William H. Jennings, who died Monday afternoon following a lingering illness were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Jennings residence on South Washington street, being conducted by Rev. Hector N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Presbyterian church of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Dr. Zeno W. pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial was at Sunset cemetery with Masonic honors, Mr. Jennings being a Shriner.

Mr. Jennings had been in failing health for three years or more and had been confined to his bed for several months and although his death was a shock to his many friends and relatives it did not come as a surprise.

Long Public Leader.

The deceased for many years of his life was one of the leaders in the town and county. He was for several terms a member of the county board of commissioners and in that role became known to hundreds of Cleveland county citizens. He was elected mayor of Shelby for three or four terms by the citizens of the town and for quite a period directed the policies of the town government so that he became familiarly known as "Mayor Jennings" even in after years. He was also alderman for some time.

Outside of his public service the late mayor and commissioner devoted his time to his farming interests and general business. In his public service he established a high reputation for integrity and although openly frank about his opinions he enjoyed a large following of friends and supporters by his honest views and upright stands. Few public officials have served their town and county longer.

Mr. Jennings was 67 years of age at the time of his death and he died just across the street from the home in which he was born the son of Major E. B. Jennings and Anne Dameron Jennings, his entire life being spent in this county. His father was a native of South Carolina and his mother came from a Tennessee family, both of old Southern lineage.

Brothers Are Here

The deceased is survived in his immediate family by his wife and two children by his first marriage. They are Miss Frances Jennings of Shelby, and Mrs. Lucile Belus of Spartanburg, S. C. Mrs. Jennings before marriage was Miss Dora Hamrick, daughter of the late Sheriff Hamrick. First wife before marriage was Miss Docia Suttle.

The late mayor is also survived by two brothers and one sister: I. B. Jennings, of Roanoke, Va., who left Shelby when a mere boy; James W. Jennings and Miss M. Jennings, of Knoxville, Tenn. The two brothers were here for the funeral services, but the sister was unable to attend owing to illness.

N. C. IS WORTH 56 MILLION DOLLARS ABOVE ALL DEBTS

Raleigh.—The State of North Carolina is worth approximately fifty-six million dollars over and above its entire indebtedness, according to figures contained in Governor McLean's famous Balance Sheet submitted to the General Assembly recently with the budget.

Liabilities of \$144,065,600 are offset by assets of \$200,054,865 leaving a capital surplus of \$55,989,265.

By far the most valuable asset of the state is the State highway system which is worth \$126,656,975 but the second most valuable piece of State physical property is the University of North Carolina plant at Chapel Hill which is listed as being worth \$6,492,414.

This shows the University property to be more valuable than the entire State administration plant at Raleigh, which is valued at \$6,036,409.

Rated fourth in value among the State's assets is the North Carolina College for Women, at Greensboro, which is listed as worth \$5,468,045.