

CHURCH HERE TO CARRY FIGHT ON IN WAY AFFAIR

Not Ready to Give in Yet, Counsel For Church Says, They Believe They'll Win.

The Shelby Methodist Protestant church will not be sold on the auction block to pay the claims of back salary alleged due him by a former pastor, Rev. C. B. Way—at least the church will not go on the block yet, and for that matter not until several more rounds are refereed in the court room.

The information that the church affair isn't ended was learned here Saturday from Judge B. T. Falls, who represents the church and trustees. Mr. Falls, who has been in legislature and could not be reached to secure information about recent stories that the church might be sold, says that as far as he is personally concerned as counsel, two trips more will be made to Supreme court yet before such happens and he is of the opinion that his clients will take the same attitude.

In fact, Mr. Falls is of the opinion that after the two trips, should they be made, the church will not even then have to pay the entire sum asked by the plaintiff. Of course, however, that is the view of one side, but it offers an offset to the apparent view of recent news stories that the church might be sold.

Furthermore, the attorneys for the church rates recent publicity matter about the suit as partly propaganda to bluff the church into paying the salary claimed due without continuing in court. He continues further to say that he is none too pleased with the manner in which the recent judgment was secured and that that also may come to light if the action goes again to the high courts. The defendants attitude is that even though judgment should finally be given the plaintiff that it will not call but for little more than \$100 or so. Church books, Attorney Falls says, show that more salary was paid than it is alleged while added to that a major portion of the tithing promised by the former pastor was not kept and that if a judgment be rendered on a church contract, such would also follow with the thing which in total was \$110, it is said, with an amount paid off. These deductions, according to Falls, would leave something around \$100 even if a final judgment is secured by the suing pastor, but the church attorney hopes that his case is sound enough not to necessitate that.

The next formal move in the matter, it is understood, will be made at Lexington about Monday week.

Lattimore Out In Forest City Quint

Game Was Close Affair, Shelby Loses Another Floor Game To Boiling Springs.

Playing at Rutherfordton Friday night the fast Lattimore basketball team lost to Forest City's Golden Tornado 34 to 31. On the same night the well trained Boiling Springs five defeated the Shelby highs in a game at the local gymnasium. Forest City's defeat of Lattimore eliminated the strong up-county team from the state race.

From practically every angle the game was a "heart-breaker" to Lattimore fans, their boys dropping a game by a bare margin when it was generally expected they would move along in the state race. At the end of the first quarter the score was tied; at the end of the first half it was tied; at the end of the third quarter Lattimore led by two points and at the close of the game the score was again tied although Lattimore missed a free shot that would have won the game just a minute before. In the extra period Forest City scored seven points to Lattimore's four, the biggest margin of the entire game.

Auctions Herald Spring's Approach

The J. B. Nolan Real Estate company is putting the springtime on the map today by an advertisement of an auction sale—harbinger of the glad season. The W. A. Grigg farm in Lincoln county is advertised for sale—plus most of the personal property along with the acreage.

Mr. Grigg has heard the call of the big open spaces, and is going west, and is going to sell "everything." The sale is advertised to be held February 16th, this coming Wednesday at 10:30. There are 166 acres in the farm. The Carolina Land company is joining with the Nolan company in the sale.

Upper Site Wins In School Contest

Five or Seven Room Brick School Building to be Located Near Elizabeth Church.

In a warmly contested straw ballot election held Saturday in the Elizabeth and Roberts school districts, the voters decided by a majority of seven to locate the proposed new building at a point near the Elizabeth church rather than on the old site near the county home, where is now located the old wooden buildings. Two hundred and twenty votes were cast. The new brick building which will have from five to seven rooms and a large auditorium will be built during the coming summer and be ready for occupancy when the fall term opens.

In the balloting Saturday, there was considerable interest, voters in the lower part of the districts preferring the county home site and voters in the northern part of the districts preferring the church site. Workers were at the polls from sun-up until sun-down, but everything went off with apparent good feeling. The patrons had asked the county board of education for the privilege to decide their preference as to the site in a straw ballot election and this was agreed to, the county board saying they would be bound by the will of the majority.

Julius Mull, I. B. Allen and Elzie Lee Beam are school committee-men in the Elizabeth district while Otho Cline, Hudson Hamrick and John Harrill are the committee-men in the Roberts district.

Three Names Added to Board of Directors. Association Had 8,704 Shares December 31.

At the annual meeting of the Cleveland Building and Loan association held Friday in the director's room of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, Wm. Lineberger, was elected president, W. D. Lackey, vice president and J. L. Suttle secretary and treasurer. The names of M. A. McSwain, A. P. Poston and George P. Webb were added to the board of directors. At the end of the past year the association had 8,704 shares in force and since then more than a half thousand more have been sold. The association is only four and a half years old, but has enjoyed a remarkable growth and will be able to mature the first series in the usual length of time. The interest earning has been well up to the best because of the low cost of operation.

Never Thought Of Divorce In Fifty Years Marriage

Squire Eskridge Was Best Man For W. W. Washburn 50 Years Ago And Was Married Few Months Later.

"Ho, hum! These young folks make me tired getting divorces after being married just 15 or 20 years."

Such might be the contemplative thoughts of either Mr. W. W. Washburn, Cleveland county commissioner, or Squire T. Cling Eskridge, Shelby's marrying magistrate. And they have reason whereof to speak.

Mr. Washburn took unto himself a bride just 50 years ago February 8, as was recorded in the recent anniversary write-up in this paper, and he is still living happily with her in the second home on the same spot where they started married life together.

And on the day that Mr. Washburn promised to "love, cherish and protect" something he has done for 50 years, the man who stood at his side as best man, was Mr. T. C. Eskridge, who in a few months following the wedding of his pal jumped off on the "long, long trail" himself with the result that in October coming Mr. Washburn's best man and his wife will also celebrate their fiftieth wedded year together. Meaning that if Squire Eskridge favors well until that date he will have participated in his second golden wedding event within the same year, he having participated in the two weddings in 1877, one as best man and in the other as groom.

Perhaps marriages like that are largely responsible for Cleveland county's steady, progressive life. Both men were young in that day 50 years ago, but since that time they have made good and are prominent in the county, both holding county offices. And different from the movie stars who have attained the limelight they have found one wife, if she's a good wife, enough for 50 years and more.

There may be other counties in the state that can claim more couples wedded for 50 years, and such is likely, but few counties will have in them a man who can easily remember the roles of best man and groom back in 1877.

Newspaper interviewers haven't been able as yet to ascertain whether the two "young couples" still "love, cherish" and even "obey"—for that was in the ceremony then—as promised but with divorces as easy to secure as they are it is presumed that they do or these golden wedding anniversaries wouldn't be celebrated.

Colored Parson Of New Bern Has "Dad" Reuben Bland On "Chillun"

Claims Title With 47 and Says Teddy Roosevelt Received Him. Quality and Quantity.

New Bern, (INS.)—Reuben Bland, the Martin county "champion father," who went to Washington and received the congratulations of President Coolidge and congress, has started something. Still another claimant to the title of "champion father of the United States" has been found in New Bern. He claims to have owned the title for a long time, but the exploits of Bland caused him to reiterate his right to the title.

The newly-discovered champion is Anthony Shields, 79-year-old negro parson. He claims the championship title with 47 children by two wives.

"Mista Bland had a good time thinking he was champion daddy of the United States and I let his claim alone for some weeks," Uncle Anthony declared. "But it's in the records at Washington how many chillun I have, and lots of folk up there remember how I was received by President Roosevelt as a champion daddy back in 1904."

"Uncle" Anthony said that when he went to the National capitol to receive the congratulations of the President, he didn't brag about the number of his children.

"I wasn't so proud of the quantity of my chillun, but as their quality," he said.

SAYS N. C. PRESS IS "MODERNISTIC" ABOUT EVOLUTION

Rev. McKendree Long, Bible League Head, However Favors Church and State Apart.

Raleigh, (INS.)—Rev. McKendree Long, champion of anti-evolution legislation, and newly elected head of the militant band of fundamentalists, the North Carolina Bible league, favors the complete separation of the church and the state.

The anti-evolution proponent, who visited the capital last week to lead the fundamentalists in their support of the 1927 Poole evolution bill before the house education committee, declared as much in an interview here today with International News Service.

"However," the evangelist declared.

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FOREST CITY MAN DENIES ILLEGAL ACTS ON K. K. K.

Forest City Indignant Over Asheville Klan Talk, It is Said. Not Expecting Arrest.

Asheville.—The declaration of Dr. A. C. Duncan, great titan of province No. 3, Ku Klux Klan, that he had obtained the robes and hoods of the local outlawed unit legally and without force, was hurled back in his face Friday night.

Leaders of the ousted klansmen, meeting in secret conference, laid plans to prosecute alleged members of the "hooded mob" that they claim raided the local klavern last night under cover of darkness.

Klan investigators were still at work tonight, and no further warrants have been issued pending a report of their findings. Reports indicate that the outlawed mountain klansmen have used the day in invading the camp of the enemy in an attempt to glean information that may be used if the question comes to a battle in the court room.

With instinctive caution the Klan leaders have shrouded the movements of their "spies" in Forest City with the utmost secrecy, but no apprehension was expressed because of their failure to appear for the meeting tonight, when the next step was to have been planned.

However, there appears one voice in support of the great titan, T. D. Grimes, reputed to be the exalted cyclops of the Asheville clan, says that the property was taken legally. This is seen as a move on the part of the exalted cyclops to stay in the good graces of the powers-that-be in the invisible empire, and does not express to any great degree the sentiment of the Klan itself.

Whether or not there was a "sell out from above," as was intimated by some of the members, could not, of course be established, but the statement of Mr. Grimes has lent considerable color to the factional differences within the Klan itself, apparently a "house divided."

Forest City.—Residents of Forest City were reported as indignant over newspaper reports from Asheville to the effect that Dr. A. C. Duncan, one of the county's leading physicians, had led a "raid" on the hall of a revolutionary Ku Klux Klan branch in Asheville last night.

Dr. Duncan refused to make any statement to newspaper representatives, but advised go-betweenes for himself and the press that everything which occurred in Asheville was done in an orderly and strictly legal fashion.

WINNER HOSIERY MILLS ARE SOLD TO W. G. M'BRAYER

Name of Boiling Springs Plant Will Likely be Changed. Other Associates in.

A business deal of interest last week was the sale of the Winner Hosiery mills of Boiling Springs to W. G. McBrayer, of Shelby. The purchase price is rumored to have been around forty to fifty thousand dollars.

It is generally believed that Mr. McBrayer has several other prominent business men of the section interested with him in the deal.

Practically all of the machinery in the Winner mill is new but it is likely, it is said, that more machinery will be added. Mr. McBrayer states that he hopes to secure an experienced superintendent for the plant from the East or North. The mill is now running under the supervision of Mr. John W. Cash, who will likely remain as an executive with the new organization. The name of the plant, it is said, will be changed, but the new name has not been agreed upon as yet.

Passed in 1907.

That the ban is somewhat out of date was revealed when Representative Falls began looking back to find its inception. By some it was thought that the ban was a town ordinance of Boiling Springs, but it was found that the cigarette ban became effective back in 1907 before Boiling Springs was incorporated.

After hearing from an authority of the school who did not seem to oppose the repeal Mr. Falls says he introduced it and that it was quickly sent on up, by the committee on grievances and was favorably passed by the house. About this time opposition developed. Editor Page of Kings Mountain, and clerk of the Kings Mountain Baptist as-

Joe Blanton Of South Shelby Dead

Mr. Joe Blanton died in South Shelby Monday and his remains will be buried at Sharon Tuesday at 11 o'clock, the funeral services to be conducted by his pastor Rev. D. P. Waters. Mr. Blanton had been sick with pneumonia for a week and at the time of his death was 61 years old. He was born in Cleveland county, the son of Mace and Barbara Blanton. He married Miss Subie Black who survives with four daughters and one son: Miss Belle Blanton, Mrs. June Moore, Mrs. Clem Cook, Mrs. Arch Lane and Mr. June Blanton.

Oliver Day To Be Observed Tuesday

The Cleveland Hardware Co., which sells genuine Oliver plows and farm implements will observe "Oliver day" on Tuesday February 15. All farmers and others interested in modern farm machinery are cordially invited to be at the store where a day of fun, entertainment and profit is assured. Modern labor saving, cost reducing equipment will be demonstrated and at noon a free lunch will be served to all farmers attending. A special factory representative will be on hand to conduct the demonstration.

Arms and Women in Nicaragua



Many of the women of Nicaragua have been trained as soldiers and are proving as good as the men—at least so far. One of the infantrywomen is shown above as she takes a lesson on the rifle.

Boiling Springs Citizens Sought Cigarette Repeal

Bill Was Introduced By Falls After Receiving Petition Signed By Many. Authorities Not Fighting.

Scores of citizens in and about Boiling Springs are said to be the ones who sought the repeal of the anti-cigarette law at Boiling Springs and for a three-mile territory surrounding. The bill repealing the cigarette ban there, it will be remembered, has already passed the house and now is up to action in the senate.

The cigarette controversy in its original bearings was somewhat clarified here over the week-end by Representative B. T. Falls, who after coming home to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, W. H. Eskridge, remained over until today before returning.

Representative Falls, according to his own statement, received a petition some time back from Boiling Springs signed by many citizens of that community asking him to introduce a bill repealing the cigarette ban there as it was an injustice to the merchants and others of the community. With the signed petition on hand the county representative felt that it was his duty to his constituency to at least introduce the bill, but before doing that, he says, he got in touch with an official, or officials, at the school and asked what they thought about it, wishing the matter to be as amicable as possible. In reply, he was told, he says and it is borne out by others, that the official with whom he communicated, stated that he would not fight the repeal as it was not effective for its original purpose anyway in totally keeping all the boys in the big Baptist school from smoking.

In other words the youths at the institution who would smoke any way could secure their cigarettes when on a trip to Shelby or some other town, it even being possible that cigarettes could be bootlegged through the ban of the "three mile limit." Thereby merchants of Boiling Springs, who depend to an extent upon the trade of students there, are prohibited from selling an article that may be bought, and possibly is, in nearby towns. Furthermore the ban prevents the merchants there and within three miles from selling cigarettes even during the vacation season when no school is in session and by doing so makes it impossible for the permanent residents of the section who do smoke to obtain their smokes by patronizing home stores. Those were some of the points cited by the ones asking for a repeal of the law.

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Two Games Will Be Played Here This Week At New Gym

Two basketball games are scheduled for the Shelby High "tin can" this week. The first game here will be on Thursday night at 8 o'clock when the Highs meet the fast Cherryville team and the other game will be with Fallston here Friday night at the new gym.

Tuesday night Coach Morris will take his High quint to Morganton where they will play the quint at the School for Deaf. The silent five will return here for a game on February 25.

Pastor Abernethy Gets Big Pounding

Rev. G. P. Abernethy was the recipient of a bountiful pounding from members of the Fallston Baptist church congregation on Saturday. When he had finished his sermon and went to his car to leave, he found it full of pantry supplies and other good things. Mr. Abernethy is beginning his fourth year as Fallston pastor and the work there is in better condition than ever before. The Sunday school has been recognized for the third time for having obtained the standard. Mr. Abernethy, his wife and five children are making inroads on the good things with which they were pounded Saturday.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS HERE TO RECEIVE REGULAR REWARDS

Cleveland County Not in List That Would Require Operator's Capture With Still.

Deputy sheriffs in Cleveland county who capture illicit whiskey distilleries will receive their \$20 reward per still right on, according to Representative B. T. Falls. Although a bill passed legislature requiring that the operator also be captured before the reward could be collected Cleveland county was not included among the few counties accepting the restriction.

The bill to make the capture of the operator necessary before securing the reward was introduced by Representative Connor who informed the house that it was not literally a state-wide bill but that it was introduced so that it might apply to his county. He added the information that representatives who wished to do so might have the bill apply to their counties and several representatives added their counties to the list.

Reward Insufficient.

Representative Falls, it is understood, was inclined to have the law apply to Cleveland, but did not ask for it as the capture reward was not raised to what he considered a sufficient sum to repay officers for capturing a still with an operator. In other words counties where the law applies will now pay a deputy sheriff only \$20 for capturing both still and operator.

Compliments Officers.

In declaring that this reward is not sufficient for the work that must be put out Judge Falls paid a high tribute to the deputy sheriffs of Cleveland county.

"In my work as county judge I gained the idea that the deputy sheriffs of this county do not infringe on the reward statute of \$20 per still. Had I thought they do I would have had Cleveland added to the list regardless of the reward amount."

The county representative pointed out that to capture the operator of a still necessitated lying in wait for long portions of a night and some instances for a dozen or more nights; that usually the presence of two or three other officers is necessary to catch an operator, and that on many occasions all the work would prove a failure, with the added risk of getting shot.

"If they would have agreed to increase the reward for a still and operator to \$40 or \$50 I would have added this county for then perhaps it would have been worthwhile for our officers to hide out for nights to make a capture. As it is our officers do not seem to be dodging the capture of operators, but instead get them when possible."

It was also pointed out that if the capture of an operator was made a necessity that likely the number of stills captured would decrease, and as the producing end of bootleg is not so highly profitable enough still being captured will eventually put quite a number of the operators out of business.

Homeless Twins To Have Home, Report

Star Advertising Finds Several Homes for Motherless Youngsters. To Select Home.

According to information received from J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, the gurgling, cooing twins at the Shelby hospital will likely have a home very soon.

"The Star sure is read and I can easily understand why it brings business to merchants who use its columns," says Mr. Smith. "Since the notice about the motherless twins at the hospital I have had numerous applications for the boy and girl of four months. By another issue perhaps I can definitely tell you that the twins have happy Cleveland county homes and are being well taken care of."

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