

Springtime is officially here, according to the astronomers.

Take a shot at the questions and answers today. There was a mistake in the last list of answers. See if there is today.

Publicity usually helps things, but it ruined cock-fighting in this state, says an INS dispatch.

Two couples married more than 50 years are named in this issue.

Shelby has a pedestrian who intends to attain fame by his walking prowess—read about him today.

The Star today presents a summary of the changes brought about by the new state game law.

Frank Lindsay, whose wife died recently, has been given a parole. The Lindsay story is one of tragedy all the way through.

The training school here last week was a success, leaders say.

The Shelby High baseball season is on. Two games last week, three this week. Keep up with the Highs through The Star.

No Federal court was held here today, but the regular grind will get under way tomorrow.

Shelby students continue to get high honor at college. A Shelby girl is now secretary of students government at Converse.

YOUTH ESCAPES CHARLOTTE JAIL

Boy Caught With Car Here Takes Down Door. Got Away From Jail Here Once.

David White, nabbed here last week with a car stolen in Charlotte has escaped detention quarters there. It will be remembered that this is the youth's second escape. About one year ago he was charged with getting a Kings Mountain car here. After being caught in York and returned here he made his escape.

A Charlotte dispatch says of his latest escape: "Removing the pins from the hinges of the door of a detention room on the third floor of the welfare building, on municipal square, David White, 14-year-old boy, alleged automobile thief, perfected a successful escape late yesterday."

"After removing the hinge pins, White found no difficulty in removing the heavy door. There was no one in the welfare office when the escape was made, and the youth walked from the building and to freedom without being seen."

"The welfare office was closed about 4:30 p. m. and the youth was in the detention room at that time, M. M. Grey, welfare superintendent said. When Mr. Grey went to the office later in the afternoon, he discovered the door removed and the boy gone."

"White was arrested in Shelby several days ago for the alleged theft of an automobile belonging to Israel Schwartz, of Charlotte. The youth said his home was in Rock Hill, S. C."

"No trace of him had been found last night. Police here were notified of the escape of Mr. Grey 33 as well as officers in Rock Hill and other nearby towns."

Good Record Made By Shelby School

In the recent state-wide Latin contest of high schools Shelby received one of the highest ratings in the state.

Supt. I. C. Griffin has received the following letter from Edgar B. Jenkins, of the University Latin department:

"The Latin department wishes to express its appreciation for the interest shown by your school in the recent Latin contest and to commend the excellent work in the papers, which reflect credit on the system of training used by the Latin teacher and upon the pupils themselves. You see from the newspapers that the rank of Shelby is among the highest. We trust that your school will be represented in the contest next year."

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

Cotton was quoted on New York exchange at 11 o'clock today: March 14.14; May 14.40; July 14.57; October 14.14; December 14.92.

New York, Mar. 21.—Liverpool 12.15 p. m. May and July 4 American points lower than due, October as due, spot sales 6,000. Middling Southern weather: Last night clear west; cloudy central; part cloudy east. .72 rain at Memphis, 1.42 at Shreveport, scattered showers in Texas.

Manchester cable reports good. Inquiry with fair turnover for week but aggregate was less than previous week.

THESE 2 COUPLES STILL HALF-WED A HALF CENTURY

Kistlers Married 60 Years; Rackards 57 Years. Both Couples Still Able to Work.

From the many reports coming in to The Star, Cleveland county must have a large number of 50-year-married couples. Among the recent reports are several couples married far over 50 years.

The two latest reported, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kistler, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rackard, have been married 60 and 57 years respectively.

Mr. Kistler was married to Miss Lucinda Nolan in February 1867. This happy couple now lives on Belwood R-1, and both are still able to go about and do their work.

Mr. Rackard, who now lives at Lawndale, was married to Miss Martha Abernethy 57 years ago last December 14. They both have good health now and are able to do considerable work. Mr. Rackard was born in New York 77 years ago and Mrs. Rackard at Hickory 71 years ago.

Mrs. Fred Borders Dies At Age 33 Years

Former Charlotte Lady, Miss Patsy Davis Was Buried Friday at Elizabeth Church.

The funeral and interment of Mrs. Fred Borders took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Elizabeth Baptist church two miles east of Shelby, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. E. Waldrop assisted by Rev. Zeno Wall. Mrs. Borders died here Thursday after an illness of two years during which time she underwent treatment in the Shelby hospital and in Charlotte hospitals. She was only 33 years of age and before marriage was Miss Patsy Davis. Last year they lived near Patterson Springs but have been living in Shelby since the first of the year.

Mrs. Borders is survived by her husband, formerly of Charlotte, and four small children, Fred Jr., Mike Brown, Nannie May, and Dorothy Evelyn. Surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. C. F. Findley, Charlotte; Mrs. J. W. Miller, Harrisburg; Frank Davis, Raleigh; W. Lester Davis, Mooresville; Mrs. R. Griffin, Charlotte, and James Brown Davis, Charlotte. Mrs. Borders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown Davis of Mooresville, also survive.

New Beauty Shop Opens Tomorrow

Interesting news, this—to the ladies who are beautiful and want to stay that way, and also to those well natured had only so much to hand out and commercial America added the beauty shops.

The Frances Beauty Shop, to be operated by Misses Mildred Davies and Lillian Rudasill, will open tomorrow in the new Royster building, corner Warren and Washington streets, in Rooms 30-32. The new shop will be up-to-date and thoroughly equipped for the patronage of milady, it is announced.

Misses Davies and Rudasill operated the Almaden Beauty shoppe in Orlando, Florida, during the past winter. Miss Davies is a graduate of the Burnham and Marinello in Kansas City for three years prior to going to Orlando. Miss Rudasill, whose home is in Shelby, is well known over the entire town and for that reason will be a valuable partner for Miss Davies as well as being experienced in beauty shop work through her connection with the Orlando shop.

Charles Hendrick Married Saturday

Charles Hendrick has taken the step. You know Hendrick. He used to be at Suttle's. Now he is with the American Railway express company. Everybody likes Hendrick Well, Saturday night at Gaffney, S. C., he took the biggest step of his youthful career. The young lady was Miss Vera Delahay, of Forest City.

Monday morning everybody was shaking Hendrick by the hand and wishing him and his bride all that's well and fine in life. The happy couple will live in Shelby.

Of 1,000 bushels of sweet potatoes stored by M. B. Sample of Pasquotank county last winter, less than two per cent were found to be unfit for food. Mr. Sample built his house last fall.

Correct this sentence: "I don't care to be bothered with the responsibility of a large income."

Can You Answer This One? Try

Who operated the first moving picture show in Shelby? Hurry up and answer, that's an easy one. But that is moving along too fast. The question above is one of those asked in the "Now You Ask One" list in Around Our Town today. Try them.

The first list of questions appearing in The Star last issue attracted considerable attention. It's the latest newspaper fad asking and answering questions. The ones asked in The Star cover Shelby and Cleveland county history. If you don't know them you should. But maybe you do. Anyway, try the ones appearing today.

And, remember, the idea of the thing is "Now You Ask One." If you are interested why not send in a list of 10 questions? Perhaps all your list will not be used, but part or the questions will.

Answer these today, then ask some.

FEDERAL COURT POSTPONED HERE ONE-DAY PERIOD

The regular term of United States district court scheduled to convene here today did not open this morning, convening only to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

The court was postponed for one day so that Judge E. Y. Webb, who attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, J. A. Darwin, in Athens, Ga., might have time to reach Shelby. The funeral was held there Sunday.

Court officials were here Monday and the court was convened and adjourned by the marshal. The new district attorney, T. J. Harkins, and the new clerk J. Y. Jordan, are expected this afternoon.

NOTED PREACHER TO HOLD REVIVAL

Dr. L. R. Scarborough Secured For Revival Meeting Here at First Baptist Church in June.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Theological seminary at Seminary Hill, Texas, has been secured by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church to hold a revival meeting here beginning June 26th and continuing through July 10th. Dr. Wall considers himself fortunate in finding a man of Dr. Scarborough's caliber and consecration for he is considered one of the most widely known men in the South and one of the most eloquent and powerful preachers in the Southern Baptist convention.

The Southwestern Theological seminary of which Dr. Scarborough is president is the most largely attended seminary in the world and many of the students are attracted there by Dr. Scarborough's wonderful personality and consecration. He is the author of more than a dozen religious books which have had a wonderful sale. Dr. Scarborough is remembered as the director of the Seventy-five million campaign which established a new record in Baptist organization.

Caroline Blanton A Converse Leader

Shelby Girls Receive Outstanding Honors at College. Miss Roberts Also Named.

Shelby High graduates are taking leading roles in the collegiate world. Last week a Shelby boy was named student head at Davidson, and now the reports is that Shelby girls at Converse are receiving outstanding honors.

Miss Caroline Blanton, brilliant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton, has been elected secretary of the student government of the college for next year, it is learned. Miss Blanton is a sophomore now and the honor is one of the highest that can be awarded a member of her class.

Miss Minnie Eddins Roberts, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts, and also a Shelby High graduate, was elected president of one of the dormitories. Miss Roberts is in her third year.

This is the time of the year that we doubt the advent of spring. Our idea of a foolish question: "What is my bank balance today?"

Publicity Ends Cock Fights In This State; Fans Hurt And Promoters Disappointed

(Henry Leasne, INS Staff Correspondent)

Raleigh.—Devotees of the Colonial sport of cock-fighting in North Carolina—and they are said to be numerous—are wondering just where promoters will turn to stage their next "championship."

Certainly not in Bladen county, where it has been revealed, the ostensibly forgotten pastime has flourished for some years. The spotlight of publicity has killed all chances there, it is admitted.

Cock-fighting enthusiasts admit that fights have been held periodically in North Carolina for years. They were not, however, advertised on handbills, and therefore were not subject to any great interference.

But it seems that some promoter down Bladen county way had big ideas and was going to put them over in big style. A 8,000 arena and grandstand was erected. Handbills were distributed. Entries came from as far north as Chicago, and as far south as Florida.

Everything was set for the big contest. The handbills promised "protection" and stated also that cock-fights would become something of a permanent institution down there. Then the handbills

fell into the hands of some indignant citizens and they were sent to the Bladen county delegation in the state legislature.

A bill designed to prevent cock-fighting and bull-baiting in Bladen county was introduced in the House of Representatives just a few days before the cock-fight was scheduled to come off. The bill gained wide publicity, and news of the impending cock-fight spread like wildfire.

District Solicitor T. O. McNeil, at Lumberton, was notified that the fight was in progress. He sent Sheriff Lee S. Priest to the scene. The sheriff found the cocks there, and throughs gathered around the arena, but, as he reported, "everything was at a standstill."

Just about that time a two-foot snow suddenly blanketed Bladen county, and thousands of devotees of the sport were snowbound. It was announced that the fight was "indefinitely postponed," but some devotees, returning through the state capital, said the fights went off on schedule.

Nevertheless, whether this be true or not, cock-fighting enthusiasts here—cock-fights were held here too until Solicitor Evans assumed office four years ago—say that no more cock-fights will be held in Bladen county.

Highs Win One Game, Lose One - Play 3 This Week

Kings Mountain Wins, But Shelby Trims Charlotte. Three Big Contests Here During Week.

The local baseball season is under way. In brief, the season has moved along just this far:

Friday the Highs lost their opportunity homefolds will have of seeing Casey Morris' proteges in action and at the same time it will give Shelby fans the first opportunity of seeing Messrs. Hord, Skates, et al, in action.

Then on Thursday another contest will be on here when Cherryville sends over a heavy-hitting team after Shelby scalp.

Friday this game will be followed by a return game here with Charlotte. Charlotte games always draw well in Shelby owing to an old rivalry—and Charlotte, if you notice, has a right nifty young ball club.

Errors Do It. The first defeat handed out by Kings Mountain came as the result of a loosely played first inning by the locals. There was a period during that frame that the thoughts of sending back home for the fire department came up. However, after that frame the locals braced up and very near won a contest—one run, y'know, is close enough to be called very near. In the meantime "Skeeter" Skates, pitcher of parts, received a right good battering from the willows of the local youth.

The Highs played in both games minus signals or any of the artistic system that may mark their play soon. Both games were a matter of "hit 'em if you can" and field 'em likewise. In hitting the horsehide the locals appeared highly pleasing, the fans following them up opining that it's a heavier hitting crew than won the first state championship by Shelby. That may be so, but if it is they're a bunch of embryo George Bushmans. "Just give us time to brush

Spring Is Here — Gardens Flourishing

Gentle springtime! Greeting. This is the first day of the glad season of 1927, the beginning of astronomical spring, so to speak; the period when the sun, on his annual hike north "crosses the line."

It is a part of local history that the sun was behind time this season, spring having disputed, the calendar with winter for some weeks now, so much so that onions, lettuce, and such, are flourishing in the local garden. And local asparagus is adventuring above the local sod.

The spring of the almanac and the calendar comes in the first of April—All Fool's Day; but by that time this year the thermometer is apt to have climbed to a hundred degrees.

Cotton Ginnings Send Price Upward

All of the estimates and expectancy, of a cotton yield of eighteen or twenty million bales were punctured this morning when the final report was issued by the Bureau of Census, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. The final report shows 17,687,607 bales ginned from last year's crop, a million or more bales less than conservative estimates placed the yield. This is compared with 16,600,000 bales made in 1925. As a result of this report, cotton made a sudden lunge forward of fifty points and local cotton authorities predicted that the market would reach 15 cents by planting time and better by fall.

HUNTING SEASON FOR QUAIL LASTS LONGER BY BILL

Three Months Open Season Here Now Instead of 40 Days. License Required.

The open season for quail in Cleveland county will be longer this year than heretofore. The open season in this county formerly extended only 40 days—from December 1 to January 10,—but by the new state game law, which repeals all county game laws, the open season being December 1 and runs to March 1. The bag limit is 10 per day.

Since the passage of the new game law considerable interest in the change and new features has been manifested in the county and The Star attempts with this article to clear up the lack of information concerning it. The main feature, it is believed of the changes, is that a license is required of all hunters, except in cases where the hunting is confined to the lands of the hunter.

The following survey of the new game law comes from the editorial page of The Charlotte Observer—Those who desire to do so may see a copy of the new game law in The Star office:

"A few days ago The Observer dipped into the new game law of the State only far enough to single out the outlawed, which is to say, the feathered pests that are given no protection. This developed a word of sympathy for the jay bird, which was countered the very next day with indictment of the jay as a murderer. The new covers the State and is a matter of importance to all the people. It has been the intention of this paper to follow up its initial paragraph with analysis of the law for the guidance of hunters and for the benefit of the people as a whole. And while we were dallying, along came anticipation of our purpose in the editorial columns of The Statesville Daily, and, while that paper "beat us to it," at the same time it saved us the trouble of compilation of the general features of the new law. First off—we are drawing from The Daily—the measure enacted by the Legislatures wipes out all county game laws that might conflict with the state statute. Under the new conditions there will be no difference in the game laws

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J. A. DARWIN DIED SATURDAY AT FOUR

Death Followed Stroke Of Paralysis At Atlanta. Was Prominently Known.

Mr. John A. Darwin, prominent business man and church leader of Athens, Ga., and the husband of the only sister of Judges J. L. and E. Y. Webb, died at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Grady hospital at Atlanta, death following a stroke of paralysis Tuesday afternoon.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at Athens, Ga., his home. Bridges, 1b — 2 0 0 0 Gillespie, c — 4 2 2 0 Harris, cf — 4 1 2 0 Anthony, 3b — 4 0 0 0 Mauney, lf — 2 1 0 0 Lutz, lf — 3 0 0 0 Sparks, rf — 5 1 0 0 Moore, p — 2 0 0 0 Totals — 40 10 10 1

Mr. Darwin was en route to his home from Florida, where he spent the winter, when he was suddenly stricken at the Atlanta station and removed to a hospital there. He is survived in his immediate family by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Edna Webb, prominent Shelby girl, and one daughter Mrs. Du Bose, of Athens, and one grand child.

Owned Cleveland. The deceased was well known in Shelby by his family connections and also in his business interests. At one time Mr. Darwin, who is one of the leading realty and insurance men of Athens, owned Cleveland Springs here, later disposing of the property. He was 67 years of age at the time of his death. He was a native of York, S. C., and belonged to a prominent family of that section, but for about 30 years he had been one of the leading figures in Athens.

Mr. Darwin had for years been a deacon in the First Baptist church at Athens and was actively engaged in Sunday school and church work. He was a kindly, charitable man and will be greatly missed in the city where he lived as well as by the many friends in the two Carolinas.

Shelby Hiker Seeks Records

O. E. Stewart, who lives at the Gulf station on the Cleveland Springs road, is out to set a few hiking records.

Noticing that various girls and women are out establishing walking time between certain towns and cities Stewart has decided that man still holds the supremacy in walking—even if the girls have received some experience in walking back from auto rides.

Last Friday Stewart did one of his training hikes, travelling from Shelby to Kings Mountain on foot in two hours and 50 minutes. The distance is 13 miles, and after riding back the hiker seemed as fresh as when he left.

His next little jaunt will be from Shelby to Charlotte, and on that trip he hopes to establish a state record for covering 50 miles.

CAROLINA INCOME TAXES CLIMB TO 4 MILLION MARK

Officials Are of the Opinion That New Record For State Will Be Set This Year

Raleigh.—Certainty that more than one million dollars in income tax money would be counted by the state department of revenue Wednesday, was indicated by an official estimate of \$900,000 checked at noon. A vast stack of check bearing letters was still unopened and every mail was bringing more.

Collection by noon Wednesday brought the total collections of taxes paid on 1926 incomes in North Carolina to just about four million dollars.

Many revenue department officials are confident that the collections this year are going to be bigger than the collections last year which broke the records with a mark of about six million dollars, but Commissioner R. A. Doughton just smiled and said he was well satisfied with the collections.

Tuesday, the last day for the filing of income tax returns, netted the biggest collections in the history of the revenue department. More than two million dollars was counted.

MRS. JOHN LACKEY BURIED SUNDAY

Second Death in Rufus Lackey Family in Four Months. Was Victim of Pneumonia.

Mrs. John R. Lackey, age 33, died Saturday in the Lincolnton hospital following an illness of only four days with pneumonia. This is the second daughter-in-law in the family of Mrs. Rufus Lackey of Fallston to die within the past four months. Mrs. F. H. Lackey having died in December, leaving her husband and five children. Mrs. John R. Lackey leaves her husband and three children, ages 5, 9 and 14. Before marriage she was a daughter of Rev. W. R. Reed, at one time Methodist pastor in this section. Her death is one greatly lamented because she was in the bloom of young womanhood and greatly esteemed in the community in which she lived.

The funeral took place Sunday at Fallston, services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Morgan and Rev. Joe Morris. A large crowd was present at the funeral, evidencing the popularity of the young woman and the sad hearts of her host of friends over her untimely passing.

As Has Been Said Once Or Twice—It Always Pays

Does advertising pay? Wray and Sons advertised a sale to open Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. At six thirty Mr. Wray opened the store doors, just by way of keeping his hand in on being early on the job. Just at that hour an auto load of shoppers pulled up at the door, and entered. Proceeding on the theory that the early bird catches the worm, they were up with the sun. "If The Star can pull 'em in here at six-thirty, it is some ad. medium," said Mr. Wray, engaging space for Wednesday's issue.

Young Farmer Dies; Funeral Saturday

Gaffney.—Thurnie Moore, 31, farmer, died Friday morning at his home, seven miles north of Gaffney on the Bolling Springs road.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Camp's Creek Baptist church. P. S. Courtney, funeral director in charge.

Mr. Moore was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Moore. He was married to Miss Grace Wood.

FRANK LINDSEY PAROLED AFTER TWO YEARS TIME

Gardner, Fulton and Others Ask Parole Granted by McLean. Connected With Death.

Frank Lindsey, of Kings Mountain, serving a seven-year term for manslaughter, was paroled last week by Governor McLean.

Lindsey it will be remembered drove the car which struck a grain drill, fatally injuring Edgar Harmon several years ago. Tried in Superior court here Lindsey received a prison sentence, and he has served two years of the time.

A Tragic Story. The Lindsey-Harmon story is one of pathos and tragedy all the way through.

About the only sunlight face has let creep in during the past three years comes with the Lindsey parole. In a way the parole comes late, and in another way it is timely—for Lindsey now comes home to take care of seven motherless children, but he never arrived in time to be with the wife who awaited his return.

Some time after Harmon was fatally injured his wife died—the second tragic happening in the story—and 11 children were left to be buffeted about by the whims of the world. Then Mrs. Lindsey wife of the man serving time, was taken fatally ill, and on March 10 she died, her husband receiving a 10-day parole at the time to come home and attend her funeral and make arrangements about taking care of the six or seven motherless children—and that was the third tragedy of the story.

Eleven children already without parents—seven more motherless with the father in prison, but then came the sunlight with the pardon last week of the father. All in all it is a tragic story that has bound and shaken the course of more lives than any other series of circumstances happening in the county in many years.

Many Asked It. The dispatch from Raleigh telling of the Lindsey parole says: "B. Frank Lindsey, Cleveland county man, serving seven years for manslaughter, was the longest termed prisoner released today. He gets his freedom after two years, through the recommendations of Max Gardner, Rev. C. J. Black, Baptist minister; Senator H. T. Fulton and many others who have taken special interest in the case. An automobile collision led to the death for which this prisoner was tried. His case had been before the governor who first declined to 'set upon it.'"

Training School Here Was Better Than Others Held

Certificates Given to 159 People. Polkville Circuit Led Others. One Big Class.

The Cleveland County Standard Training school, for Sunday school workers, which closed at Central Methodist church here last Friday night, was termed the most successful school of its type ever held here by leaders.

Seventeen churches were represented in the school with an enrollment of 222 people, the largest enrollment during the four years the school has been held. It was announced after the session ended that certificates were awarded to 159. This number is almost twice the number of certificates issued last year, it is said.

One class, taught by Rev. C. J. Kirkpatrick, presiding elder of the Shelby district, as particularly outstanding. In that class alone 85 certificates were awarded. Rev. M. Kirkpatrick's division was known as the department of "Christie Religion."

The Polkville circuit with certificates led all other delegations attending the school. The Central Methodist received 30 certificates, and the Presbyterian church here 16 certificates.