



## What's THE News

THE STAR'S REVIEW.

New state automobile tags may be used prior to July 1, if the old tags are not removed before that date, according to an item in The Star today.

Coroner Eskridge yesterday held an inquest over the body of an infant baby at Kings Mountain around which developed a sensational story of a 16-year-old mother and her child.

A pardon is being sought for Dillard Dean, young Gaston boy who escaped from the chaingang here two years ago in a co-called masked hand raid of the camp. Dean was recently returned to the gang from New York state.

A drunken brawl Sunday in the battle ground section below Kings Mountain resulted in a small girl being seriously injured, her father being seriously injured, and others jailed.

The insurance rate for business buildings and contents in the up-town section of Shelby has been lowered because of better fire protection, it is announced from Raleigh.

Pension checks for Confederate veterans have arrived here for distribution.

The two seriously injured auto wreck victims in the Shelby hospital are showing improvement.

Who has the most to say about Al Smith? The politicians, or the people? Read the editorials today.

## LEAVES LETTER AS HER LAST WILL

Waco Woman of Distinguished Ancestry Writes a Letter as Her Last Will and Testament.

A letter addressed to her niece Miss Alice H. Means of Columbia, S. C., was left in the valuable papers of Mrs. Pink Miller of Waco, purporting to be her last will and testament disposing of her estate valued at approximately \$5,000. The letter was probated this week before clerk of the Court A. M. Hamrick. It will be recalled that Mrs. Miller was the daughter of a former secretary of state of South Carolina and had two uncles who served as governor of that state.

In her valuable papers was a letter addressed to her niece Miss Alice H. Means "to be opened if anything happens." This was placed in another envelope addressed to Addie Whitworth, wife of M. C. Whitworth, a friend and neighbor who had ministered unto Mrs. Miller very faithfully during her illness. The paper purporting to be a will was written in letter form and was without a witness, but stated that she realized she was growing weaker and asked that Miss Means "attend to all of her affairs for her" and make disposition of her estate, naming a number of beneficiaries, including \$100 each to Mrs. Whitworth and her daughter, Miss Kate Latimer, a niece, \$100 to the Waco Baptist church for the care of the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Miller. Small bequests were made to other relatives. The Millers had no children.

Miss Means who was selected in the letter to look after her affairs to receive almost half of the estate. She works as a stenographer in Columbia, S. C. Miss Means will no doubt administer on the estate.

## Bean Beetle In County Damaging

Practically every portion of Cleveland county has been visited recently by the destructive bean beetle according to County Agent Alvin Hardin. In several sections where necessary precaution have not been taken, considerable damage to the bean crop has been done he says. A sure destruction for the beetle, he adds, is dusting with calcium arsenate, or a soda mixture. In dusting, according to the county agent, one should be careful to dust on the underside of the leaves as the beetles hang there.

Deputy John Hord, of the Waco section, says that the beetle has caused considerable damage in his neighborhood and a similar beetle has been after his young watermelon vines. Otherwise crops in the Waco section are very promising, he says, that section having had more rains than many other sections of the county.

## To Start Revival Here On Monday

Rev. H. C. Sisk and Rev. Mr. Miller, who have just closed a successful revival at Forest City, will start revival services at the Missionary Methodist church, in west Shelby, Monday night, June 20, it is announced.

The public is cordially invited, special invitations being extended to members of other churches.

## Blind—Succeeds



Charles L. Bastian, blind, at 17, was a penniless immigrant. Now, at 62, he is president of the Bastian-Blessing Co. of Chicago, and a millionaire. He is an expert on high pressure gases and holds 23 patents for gas processes.

## Girl Has Her Skull Fractured As Uncle And Father Battle

Drunken Orgy Below Kings Mountain Results in One Being Shot, Another Injured.

(Special to The Star.)

Kings Mountain—As the result of a drunken brawl in the battle ground section below here Sunday afternoon, G. H. Bryson is in the York (S. C.) jail with a bullet hole in his left foot and a gash in his head, his ten-year-old daughter is in a serious condition with a fractured skull and a brother-in-law, Ollie Cook is being sought by officers.

Following the brawl Bryson and his young daughter were brought to Kings Mountain for treatment, after which Bryson was taken to South Carolina—the affair happened just over the line—and the little girl back to her home.

According to the best information obtainable Bryson, his wife and two young daughters were visiting at the home of Cook on Sunday afternoon. Both men were well "tanked up" on booze, it is said, and a row developed. Guns, rocks and an axe played a prominent role in the affair, according to a story told by the older of the two little Bryson girls, Hiley.

Wife Gets Axe.  
Cook, it is said, shot at Bryson several times, one bullet entering Bryson's foot. Mrs. Cook was said to have entered the affair with an axe, and one story had it that the gash on Bryson's head was made by the axe when she swung at him and that the little 10-year-old daughter of Bryson tried to keep the blow from hitting her father and received a fractured skull as a result.

However, the story told by the older of the Bryson girls was that her father and uncle were throwing rocks at each other when one of the rocks struck her little sister. The particular rock which hit and seriously injured the child was said, according to this story, to have been thrown by her own father.

Operated on Girl.  
Bryson and a brother, trying to make a getaway were caught by Deputy Green Ware and Policeman Patrick Bryson brought to Kings Mountain to await South Carolina officers stoically refused any treatment for his wounds. The little girl was operated on by Drs. Hord and Stokes and a piece of her battered skull taken out. Following the operation generous Kings Mountain citizens made up a sum of money and had the child sent home in an ambulance.

Warrants were sworn out for Cook and his wife also, but they had not been apprehended early in the week, it is said.

## A Home Behind It.

All the paths of a tragic drunken brawl featured the affair. A man wanted for shooting his brother-in-law, a child near fatally injured by her own father, and two families with a future to be interferred with by law.

It is said that the Brysons had just purchased a small strip of land on which to build a home for themselves and had been saving money for the little house by the side of the road. Bryson had the money with him, it is thought, Sunday afternoon and realizing that the men were drinking it is said that Mrs. Cook had Mrs. Bryson try to get the money away from her husband fearing that he might unknowingly dispose of it while in such a condition. The attempt it is said brought on the brawl in which two were severely injured, and two or more jailed.

## SEEKING PARDON FOR DEAN YOUTH FROM GANG HERE

Gaston Boy Who Escaped in Famous Masked Raid of Convict Camp Seeking Pardon.

Dillard Dean, Gaston county youth, who featured in one of the most startling escapades of the local convict camp two years ago, may secure a pardon if a petition now being forwarded to the governor is granted.

This newspaper today carries formal notice of an application for a pardon or parole for the youth, the application being signed by Mrs. Tom Dean, his mother.

Dean was just brought back to Shelby a month or so ago after having been at large for near two years following his escape from the convict camp here. He gave up to officers in New York State and was returned here by Policeman McBride Poston and has since his return been wearing the khaki of the convict camp.

Wide Publicity.  
It will be remembered by court followers that Dean and a younger brother were tried in Superior court here two years or more ago for an attempted assault on two Gastonia girls while out motoring in this county. The elder Dean was sentenced to two years on the roads, as it is remembered, his brother drawing a lighter term. Some time after his brother had completed his term the convict camp was held up by masked men, it was said. At the time there was wide publicity over the affair, it being reported that the Ku Klux participated, but was later denied officially by the Klan. In the course of time the younger Dean and Lee Cody were captured in Ohio, but the elder Dean was not apprehended, and the younger Dean were given a hearing here for complicity in the escape of the elder Dean.

Some weeks back local officers were notified that the other Dean was being held in New York state. He was returned and placed on the gang to complete the term over him at the time of his escape. The publication of a pardon application today is the first incident in the colorful Dean career to develop since his return.

## Hoey Class To Have Barbecue Thursday

Large Bible Class of Central Methodist Church to Enjoy Outing at Cleveland Springs.

Clyde Hoey's Bible class composed of men of Central Methodist church will enjoy a barbecue and outing at Cleveland Springs Thursday evening of this week. Plans are in the making for a great occasion. Mr. Roy Sisk who is one of those in charge of arrangements says the Shelby High school band will furnish music while the quartet which has become famous in these parts for rendering negro spirituals, will also be on the program. There will probably be no speaking, but other features will be arranged to make the evening a most enjoyable one.

The barbecue will be prepared and served by Will Abernethy and Sam Morrison in the beautifully shaded grove at the playground.

The Men's class has a total enrollment of 348 and is one of the largest men's Bible study classes in North Carolina. About ten days ago the class had a group picture made from the steps of the handsome new church building and 222 women were present. The picture will appear in several church publications.

## Byrd May Fly Over Atlantic And Back Across, Reported

New York, June 14.—It was likely it was learned here today that there may be another trans-Atlantic flight over the week-end, it being learned that Commander Richard E. Byrd may take off by Friday.

Reports have it that Byrd may seek to establish a new record by flying to Paris and back again. He was the first man to fly over the North pole.

A man close to the Byrd flying camp at Roosevelt field said this morning that Byrd intended to hop off tomorrow night or Thursday morning.

The weather bureau, however, said that no request had been made to have ocean weather charts compiled and that the weather at least

## Lindbergh Baby In This County

Kings Mountain reports the first "Lindbergh baby" in Cleveland county.

Last Sunday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Dixon, at Kings Mountain, and the youngster was named Alvin Lindbergh Dixon, the middle name being for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, famous trans-Atlantic flier.

## LINDY HAS NEWS HOUNDS RUNNING AT HIDE AND SEEK

Lone Eagle of Air Gets Tired of New York Crowds and Dodges Newspaper Reporters.

New York, June 14.—After submitting to being led about from function to interview and back to function for more than three weeks Charles A. Lindbergh suddenly began to play hide and seek with his retinue today and proved an adept at the game.

Reporters rifled up to the Park avenue apartment house where Lindbergh and his mother are guests about 8 o'clock this morning, thinking that early enough to catch any man who had been up until the small hours of the morning. They were informed at the door that the aviator was still sleeping and they settled down for a wait.

Then it was announced that Lindbergh had left the apartment at 7 o'clock and gone for an automobile ride. The game was on.

The next word of him came from Mitchell Field, where it seemed he had driven with Casey Jones, Curtiss test pilot, and had inquired about conditions for flying to Washington so that he might pick back his trans-Atlantic "Spirit of St. Louis."

Conditions were bad, a heavy rain was falling and the charts showed no hope of brightening weather. So Lindbergh left the field, headed for New York, before any of his searchers had caught up with him. On returning to the Park avenue apartment he accorded the bewildered reporters a brief interview, then disappeared again.

But reporters knew that he and his mother had accepted invitations to a luncheon at the newspaper club so there they lay in wait for him. But—Lindbergh didn't go to the luncheon.

Harry Bruno, host at the luncheon and associate of Richard Blythe Lindbergh's personal representative, was informed of the change in the flier's plans but he kept his counsel. Mrs. Lindbergh attended the luncheon alone and left before it was through.

Then Bruno, who apparently was also playing hide and seek or tag or something, announced that Lindbergh had gone to Newark, thence to proceed to Washington to fly his "Spirit" back in time to attend the city dinner in his honor at the Commodore.

This announcement stood up just about long enough to get in print. Then it was discovered that the flier had made another trip to Long Island, and that instead of being at Newark he was up in the rain above Curtis field, circling about in a special Curtis Oriole and "feeling out" the flying conditions.

He came down after 20 minutes to announce that they didn't feel so good. When he was informed that Boling field at Washington was under water due to the daylong down-fall he announced that the flight was definitely off until tomorrow.

## CAN USE NEW TAGS BEFORE JULY 1 BY KEEPING OLD ONE

Revenue Commissioner Makes Explanation Clearing Up Tangle About Auto License.

Raleigh.—Automobile owners may display the new half year license tags before July 1 but they must not be used to replace the old tags before that date, Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton said explaining that the law does not prohibit the premature display of the new plate but does not allow the premature discard of the old.

The delay of motorists in applying for the new plates, which were placed on sale June 1, has been attributed largely to the understanding that they could not be used until July 1.

Revenue officials had interpreted the law as prohibiting the display of the new tags, and announcement to that effect has been repeatedly made.

It developed from the commissioner's explanation today, however, that the law is aimed at the old plates, being designed to prevent their discard, and the new one substituted, until the beginning of the fiscal period for which the plates are being issued.

If, therefore, the motorists is willing to display two tags until July 1 he can attach his new plate, hang it where it will hide from view the 1926-27 tag which must be carried until June 30 has gone.

Misunderstanding of the law is attributed for the arrest here Saturday of a negro, Thomas Dunn, in charge of displaying his new plate in advance of the date specified by law. Dunn hired lawyers and made ready to bring a test case on the ground that the new motor laws carry no prohibition against the use of new tags.

## Insurance Rate In Business District Here Moved Down

Better Fire Fighting Facilities of Shelby Bring About Rate Lowering of 5 Cents.

The rate for fire insurance in the business district of Shelby has been lowered five cents owing to improved fire protection, it is announced by the North Carolina Inspection and Rating bureau.

Supposedly the new rate results from the addition of a new fire truck, a trained volunteer fire-fighting department, and better water facilities provided by the new water plant.

A rate slip from Landon Hill, manager of the bureau, under the date of June 9, as noted by Marvin Blanton, South Shelby insurance and building and loan representative, reads as follows: "In consideration of recent improvements in the Shelby fire protection, a credit of five cents is hereby allowed in rates published prior to this date, on all mercantile buildings and contents, where deficiency charge of ten cents is included. This to apply only to mercantile risks within 500 feet of city hydrant and within three quarters of a mile of fire station."

Four or five years ago, insurance men here say, a deficiency rating of 10 cents was applied to Shelby, and the new rate lowering of five cents means that the deficiency rating here now is only five cents, according to Capt. J. Frank Roberts, insurance representative.

## "Lindbergh" Dresses On Sale In Shelby

The "Lindbergh" dress! Have you seen it? It's the very latest from the style shops of the metropolis. J. C. McNeely, home from a buying trip to the big time, has brought several specimens of the garment with him. They are very dainty things, dolled up with a design of Lindy's monoplane, and cut on smart lines.

They are Milady's last word to the world.

Mr. McNeely went to New York to lay in an array of new things for his June sale, and he brought home the bacon, and is advertising the sale in today's Star.

The merchant says the new things women are wearing are handsomer than ever (if that is possible); cut with more style and better lines. Word he brings home is that the outlook for fall business by the New York merchants is especially encouraging. "New York is not over-busy at this time," he declared, "but all believe the country is in for one of the best autumns for the past five or six years."

## Car Carried 100 Feet by Twister



The recent tornado which killed several people and injured scores at Eildon, Mo., carried this car 100 feet, but it still isn't a bad auto for the fix it's in, as the motor runs. In the picture are Charles Luchs and his daughter Doris, both showing effects of the storm.

## Old Newspaper Extra Found Here Tells Of Lincoln's Assassination

Shad do not sell so high in the meat and fish markets of North Carolina in these days, but back during the hectic days near the end of the Civil war residents of Raleigh were paying \$50 for a pair of shad—if they had the money to pay.

The information about the time shad sold for a small fortune was secured from an extra edition of the New York Herald of 1865 which is now in the possession of Meredith Hennessy, he having found it among the private papers of his father, the late P. L. Hennessy.

The extra edition of the New York newspaper was put out to convey to the public the news of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The paper was a six column affair and had only two large heads at the top. One of these columns was headed "Important—Assassination of President Lincoln, President Shot at Theatre Last Eve." The paper is dated Saturday, April 15, 1865, and in another column under the photo of Lincoln is the heading "President Dead," with a short dispatch from Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, saying that "the president died at 7:22 this morning."

Practically all the details of the assassination and information about the attack on Secretary Seward was given in dispatches from Secretary Stanton, and this information filled four of the six columns on the front page. The remaining two columns contained news of "The Rebels." One column was devoted to the last proclamation of Jefferson Davis, and under it was a dispatch from the Danville (Va.) Register telling of Davis moving his headquarters from Richmond to Danville. The sixth column contained dispatches from other Southern newspapers, including four from the Raleigh Confederate and one from the Asheville News.

High Prices.  
One of the dispatches taken from the Raleigh Confederate read "Our market on the arrival of the Weldon train yesterday became overstocked with shad. They went off slowly at \$50 per pair."

A dispatch from New Orleans published on the front page stated that cotton was selling for 42 cents per pound and flour for \$9 per barrel.

Some Controversy.  
From another it is supposed that a controversy was on in this state over accepting Lincoln's terms of surrender. An article from the Raleigh Confederate was headed "Organ of Gov. Vance Advising General Lee to Submit to Mr. Lincoln's Terms." However, the article disclosed that the Confederate was taking issue with the Conservative (the Vance organ) for having advised such procedure.

The item taken from the Asheville News concerned the exchange of prisoners and told of the arrival at Asheville of General R. B. Vance.

Other than on the front and back pages there was very little news in the four-page paper. There were two editorials on the editorial page, one commenting on the president's death and the other on Davis' last proclamation.

On the back page were dispatches from General Sherman, then at Goldsboro; General Grant at Richmond, and from the war department at Washington. The second, third and fourth pages were practically filled with patent medicine advertising and testimonials.

The Herald, according to the mast head, was published by James Gordon Bennett, editor and proprietor.

## BODY OF INFANT FOUND IN SEWAGE NEAR KINGS MT.

Child Born Out Of Wedlock Left In Sewer Disposal of 16-Year-Old Mother.

Sanitation workmen at a Kings Mountain mill village yesterday morning uncovered one of the most nauseating clues to a probable crime in the history of the town.

It is the custom of the mill village, which has a surface toilet style of sewage disposal, to move the buildings at regular intervals. Tuesday morning workmen moving one of the buildings were shocked to find the body of an infant in one of the cesspool disposals under the structure. Officers were notified and an inquest by Coroner T. C. Eskridge followed with the result that considerable startling information developed.

A family by the name of Wilson lived in the house nearest the building and an investigation at the house revealed that a 16-year-old daughter, Odessa Wilson, was in bed in a serious condition as the result of child birth.

Facts that came before him, according to Coroner Eskridge, were that the girl, who worked in a textile plant at night, visited the building Monday morning and while there gave birth to the child, being in such a condition physically that the child fell into the cesspool disposal. Following the birth of the child, it is said, she dragged herself to her home and went to bed suffering terribly. Later Dr. P. B. Stokes, Kings Mountain physician, was called to treat her, but it is understood that the birth and disposal of the child was unknown to anyone except the young mother until the gruesome find Tuesday morning. The mother of the girl told the coroner that some time back she believed her daughter to be in bed condition, but that the girl stated differently and continued work so that her suspicions were quieted.

An Examination Made.  
After the find the body was removed and cleansed and an examination made by Dr. S. A. Lowry, called in by the coroner's jury. Dr. Lowry, according to Coroner Eskridge, stated that the child, a well developed boy, had been born alive, but the physician was unable to tell, it is said, just what caused the death, whether it was strangulation in the cesspool, or death from lack of necessary attention after birth.

The Wilson family moved to the mill village from Mecklenburg county only a few months ago, it was stated.

Verdict Of Jury.  
The verdict of the coroner's jury, in brief form, was that "the infant child of Odessa Wilson came to its death through an unknown cause." Citizens serving on the jury were J. A. Harmon, J. A. Wright, G. W. King, J. L. Lodin, Grady Patterson and J. M. Patterson.

Coroner Eskridge stated Tuesday afternoon that the girl was in such a condition at the time of the inquest that it was not possible to question her. Whether or not an infanticide charge will be preferred, or just how the matter will be legally handled is not known.

## Escaped Prisoner Back In Jail Here

Tom Gathaway, young negro boy, is back in the county jail here after several days freedom. The boy, who was awaiting Superior court on the charge of attempting, or assisting, in an attempted attack on a small negro girl, escaped from the jail several days ago while the turnkey was watering the prisoners.

Deputy Mike Austell last night located Tom at the home of relatives in the North Brook section of Lincoln county. The boy was in bed at the time and had been working on the farm since escaping from jail.

## Pension Checks Now Here For Veterans

Pension checks for Confederate veterans and their widows are now at the office of A. M. Hamrick, clerk of court, and may be called for at any time, it is announced.

There is a total of 188 checks in all, 76 for veterans and 112 for widows. The veterans' checks are \$100 each with one being for \$115, and the checks for widows are \$50 each, a cash total of \$13,215.

## DEPUTY ARRESTED FOR SLAYING OF SHERIFF IN S. C.

Deputy Townsend, of Greenville, Arrested in Home of Slain Sheriff's Wife.

A Spartanburg man in Shelby on business this morning conveyed the information that a deputy had been arrested for the murder of Sheriff S. D. Willis, of Greenville. The Willis murder has attracted wide attention and the arrest of one of his deputies for the killing came as a complete surprise in South Carolina. The Spartanburg man also stated that Deputy Townsend was arrested at the home of Mrs. Willis, wife of the murdered man.

A Quiet Arrest.  
A late dispatch from Greenville says: Henry Townsend, deputy sheriff, was Tuesday night arrested for the murder late Saturday night of Sheriff Sam D. Willis of Greenville, under whom the accused man served during the entire term the deceased was in office. The arrest was made upon a warrant sworn out by Detective W. W. Rogers, of the governor's constabulary, and Townsend was taken to the state prison in Columbia immediately after he had been arrested, he reported.

## ONE WRECK VICTIM IN COMA 10 DAYS

Information from the Shelby hospital this morning was that Ralph Morgan, one of the six injured in an auto smash between Shelby and Mooresboro a week and one-half ago, is still unconscious at intervals although 10 days have passed since he was injured.

However, hospital attendants say that the injured man is showing quite a bit of improvement as is Pink Wright, the other seriously injured man.

Morgan received a compound fracture of the right leg and several fractured ribs, while Bright received a fractured skull. Both men are from Henrietta. Four others received minor injuries in the same crash, it will be remembered.

## Commerce School Ends Term Today

Twenty-two Young People Receive Diplomas From Commerce School in Shelby.

The spring term of the Georgia-Carolinas school of commerce closed here today.

Twenty-two young people were given commercial diplomas by Mr. Spiva Richardson, commercial instructor. They were: Mrs. Ray Allen, Miss Olivia Hull, Miss Lola Connor, Miss Elsie Hardin, Miss Marian Bridges, Miss Lucille Morehead, Miss Nannie Jones, Miss Marian Jenkins, Mrs. Lillian Burton, Mrs. G. M. Green, Vernon Grigg, B. B. Wright, Norman Francis jr., Reid Harrelson, Everett Bridges, Boyd Propst, Eubert Irvin, Sam Crawley, Garland Washburn, Bill Putnam, Miss Cira Harrill, Bill Rayburn.