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SEABOARD TO FIX OVERHEAD BRIDGE ON LAFAYETTE ST.

Railroad Will Also Steel Track on North Washington Street Crossing

Seaboard railway engineers and officials consulting with Mayor W. N. Dorsey this week agreed to put an asphalt surface on the present Lafayette street overhead bridge and 15 days after the new modeled.

Some time back Dorsey demanded that the road build a concrete bridge and 15 days after the new administration entered office engineers were here consulting about the matter.

In view of the fact that the Seaboard plans to do other construction work in Western North Carolina within a year or so R. L. Tatum, division engineer, stated that it would be best to repair the structure in a temporary manner now.

A compromise in the matter was reached and the engineers stated before leaving that construction workers would be here at an early date to build new bridge rails and to top the present structure with a top covering similar to asphalt.

At the same conference the matter of North Washington grade crossing near the Seaboard station was also taken up and an agreement was reached whereby steel railroads will be placed, so that cars passing over the track will not be shaken or bumped more than on a paved street, it is said.

Catawba Youth Is Plain By Another

Newton, June 16.—Robert Hefner 16, of North Newton, was shot and almost instantly killed by Frank Fox, it is alleged, in the Catfish section of this county about 12 miles north of Newton at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Hefner left home early this morning in company with Charlie Goble to go fishing, and while up near the river it seems that he secured some liquor and became intoxicated. He and his fishing companions went to the home of Frank Fox, in whose home Sheriff Bost found a quantity of home brew about two weeks ago, and while there, it is reported that Hefner became rather boisterous and was told by Fox to keep quiet, for his wife, who had just returned from the hospital, couldn't stand the noise.

When Hefner refused to get out the two men went together, and Fox drew his pistol and fired twice, it is alleged the second shot taking effect in Hefner's stomach. A warrant has been issued for Fox and officers are in pursuit.

Mr. Jolly Buried On Last Thursday

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church for J. L. Jolley who died early Wednesday morning. The Rev. D. F. Harrill of Lattimore, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. D. F. Putnam of Shelby, and a former pastor of the church. Interment was made in the cemetery near the sacred edifice. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rosaline Prnette Jolley, two daughters, Mrs. Carl Jordan and Miss Mary Jolley, and by one brother, Mr. A. I. Jolley, all of that community.

Club To Buy Chair For Crippled Tot

At the meeting of the Shelby Rotary club today it was decided by the members to buy a wheel chair for the use of some crippled child in the orthopedic hospital at Gastonia.

Tax Books Being Cleaned Up Here

No great amount of county taxes remains unpaid, it is learned at the sheriff's office. Several townships have paid up all 1926 taxes.

One-Arm Pianist



William Linkin, whose piano numbers have been broadcast several times from Detroit stations, has but one arm. His left arm is paralyzed but he is in demand as a player for dances. He has his own orchestra.

PROMISE AUDIT OF SCHOOL RECORDS

School Officials Of Shelby Promise To Have Audit Made In Compliance With Law

In a signed statement handed to The Star by R. E. Carpenter, chairman of the city school board and John S. McKnight, secretary, an audit is assured of the school books of district No. 33 embracing the city school territory in compliance with the state school law.

"Certain rumors have come to the Shelby school board that requests have been made on the school books, and at the instruction of the old and new boards, we wish to give you the following facts:

"That the Shelby special charter school district No. 33 is a special school district and is not under the jurisdiction of the town board of aldermen.

"Article 15, section 198 of the State school laws provides that an audit of the books of all special charter school districts shall be made by the trustees on or before August 1st of each year.

"The school board will comply with this law to the letter, and could have this work done now, but the attorney for the board thinks it advisable to wait until the audits of both county and city are finished, so that we may know what taxes, fines and forfeitures belong to the Shelby schools."

Max Gardner Buys Gaston Club Land

Gastonia.—Under the provisions of a deed of trust, the Gastonia country club was sold to Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, at a public sale here. Mr. Gardner's bid was \$46,500.

This property consists of 164.56 acres of land on which are located a club house and golf course and was erected at a considerable cost some years ago by a stock company of local people.

Officers Capture Big Copper Plant—Beer Wednesday

Prohibition agents continuing their drive on the bootleg manufacture and traffic in the border region of the South Mountains made another capture Wednesday afternoon.

Reports here are that Federal agents E. L. Houser and M. A. White, and Cleveland county Deputies Tom Sweazy and Plato Ledford captured and cut up a 50-gallon copper distillery just across the Cleveland line in Burke Wednesday afternoon. Fifty gallons of beer was also destroyed and 300 pounds of corn meal captured.

The still had just been placed, the mud was still wet, and everything about the plant indicated, officers say, that a "run" was just ready to be started.

AWAIT CHANGE IN GIRL'S CONDITION FOR LEGAL STEPS

Kings Mountain Girl Connected With Infant's Body Found is Still Seriously Ill

Coroner T. C. Eskridge stated today that he had ordered Kings Mountain officers to keep in touch with the physician treating Odessa Wilson at Kings Mtn. and notify him when she had so improved that legal steps could be taken. The young girl it is alleged was the mother of the dead infant found in an outhouse in a mill village at Kings Mountain Tuesday.

Just what steps, or legal charges will be preferred, when her condition permits questioning is not made public as yet.

Older Than Thought. It was originally stated that the young girl was only 16 years of age, but it was said here today that reports from Kings Mountain had it that she is 18 years of age and nearing her 19th birthday.

Check Forger Wanted Here Is Being Held Now In Statesville

A man giving his name as W. J. Gerald and wanted here on a charge of forging is now being held in Statesville on similar charges, it has been learned by local officers.

Gerald is charged with having left worthless checks in this county with Jack Byers, service station proprietor in west Shelby; Raymon Hord, at Boiling Springs, and Young company at Toluca. In all three instances, it is said, the man bought an inner tube, gave a check and took cash for the difference. The worthless checks all totalled about \$5 it was said.

Grandsons Of Old Shelby Men Return

Gordon Smith and Marshall Hoyle of Bboneville, Miss., are spending a few days in Shelby visiting scenes of their grand-fathers and making acquaintances of these two plished families. They are guests of Banker C. C. Blanton. Mr. Smith is the grandson of Dick Smith whom the older people recall was a merchant operating where the Stephenson drug store is now located. Mr. Hoyle is a grandson of Rev. Phillip Hoyle one of the early Methodist ministers of this county.

Big Sum For Vets Going Out Rapidly

Clerk Hamrick Has Already Delivered More Than 50 Pension Checks.

A. M. Hamrick, clerk of court, stated late yesterday afternoon that he had already given out more than 50 of the 188 pension checks received this week.

Veterans and their widows being notified through Wednesday's Star that the checks had arrived are coming in for them without delay.

The checks for Cleveland county veterans and their widows totalled \$13,215, and this big sum of money means considerable to the aging "boys in gray" and the widows who survive.

The next checks after these, in December, will carry the added pension put on by the recent legislature.

Remove Hair Ornament From Stomach Of Baby—Expect Child To Recover

Lexington.—Dr. J. A. Smith, head of the local hospital, has in his possession a hair barrette removed this week in an operation from the entrance to the stomach of the eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hinkle, of this city. The ornament, useful in holding bobbed hair out of the face, is of metal, an inch and a half long and three-quarters of an inch wide at the middle. One point of the wire pronged clasp was open and this caught in the duodenum and prevented the object from entering the stomach.

Mrs. Langley



Among those attending conferences in Chicago and Washington on flood control was Mrs. John W. Langley of Kentucky, the first congresswoman to be elected from the south. This picture was taken at the Chicago conference, attended by 12,000 from the southern states.

HOEY CLASS HAS BARBECUE NIGHT

Several hundred members of the Hoey Bible class, of Central Methodist church, enjoyed a big barbecue Thursday night at the Cleveland Springs playground.

The barbecue was the annual outing of the big Bible class and was considered one of the best occasions yet staged by the class.

Other than the "feed" and musical numbers there was no formal program except a general get-together of members after the barbecue.

Music for the evening was furnished by the Shelby High school orchestra and a colored quartet, known as the Shelby Silver quartet.

New Fire Laddies Have First Taste Of Action Today

Bad Blaze in Grayson House, Gidney Street, Checked by Work of Firemen.

Shelby reorganized fire department had its first bit of action this morning about 9 o'clock when an alarm was sent in from Gidney street, where a house occupied by the Graysons and owned by J. G. Dudley was on fire.

Rapid work by the firemen after their arrival prevented any serious damage. The fire originated, it was stated, from the wiring.

The alarm was the first sent in for almost a month.

Adding Steel Span In River Trestle

A crew of workmen are adding a steel span in the Southern railway trestle over Broad River two miles west of Shelby and it is understood that other trestles along the Marion-Kingville division of the Southern will be strengthened. For several months new and heavier rails have been put down along the line and a number of sharp curves taken out of the line. A sharp curve at the new city pump station west of Shelby has been eliminated. The general improvement in the road bed and trestles of this division of the Southern is taken to mean that heavier trains will be operated through Shelby as soon as the road bed is reconditioned. Many rumors have been afloat about what the Southern contemplates doing for this division, but no official announcement has been made by the company.

MONEY RUNS SHY IN EQUALIZATION FUND FOR SCHOOL

Cleveland County Interested in That Big Increase in State Fund Expected.

According to a late dispatch from Raleigh, Cleveland county will get \$18,000 from the state equalization fund. Apportionments of nearby counties are as follows: Burke, \$22,289.71; Catawba, \$43,847.98; Lincoln, \$40,730.28; Rutherford, \$550,214.44. The quota for this county is not verified, the dispatch skipping over the county quota, the figures for this county being information coming from other sources.

Dispatches from Raleigh stating that allotments for the various counties in the state from the equalization fund have exceeded available funds have created considerable interest in this county.

The new school budget being made up counts considerably on the county allotment from the state fund, it is said. For several years Cleveland county has not received a very big slice of the school equalization money. Last year, it is said, this county received only \$5,000 while other nearby counties received as high as \$25,000. Unofficially it had been reported here that the county this year would get around \$18,000 from the equalization fund for school work in this county. Now that allotments are said to exceed available funds it is wondered here just what effect it will have on the allotment expected in certain quarters here.

To share in the fund it is regulated that a county must have a minimum school tax rate of 40 cents. This county has even a higher rate than that—50 cents to be exact.

The dispatch out of Raleigh Wednesday says:

"With the discovery that tentative allotments for the participating counties had reached an amount in excess of available funds, the state board of equalization was engaged here in the readjustment of its subjects for the distribution of the \$3,250,000 public school equalizing fund.

"It faced the necessity of increasing county valuations, raising the minimum tax rate required for participation or reducing the number of counties that will be permitted to share in the fund.

"While it was announced by LeRoy Martin, executive secretary of the commission, that a decision had not been reached as to which method of the board would adopt, it was expected that situation would be met by boosting local valuations.

"Ninety counties have been listed to share in the fund, which will become available to help operate the public schools during the next fiscal year. A minimum tax rate for school purposes of 40 cents had been required for participation. The necessary readjustment of the amount it had been originally estimated each county would receive.

"In fixing the amount each county is to receive, the board first determines how much money is needed to run the county's schools, then values property in that county as nearly as possible on a parity with values prevailing in other counties, and then determines how much money the county can raise with a 40 cent tax on the property valuation fixed by the board. Subtracting the amount of revenue anticipated from the estimate of the total cost of operating the county schools, the board arrives at the amount the county is due from the equalizing fund."

Delegates Report On Kiwanis Trip

Max Washburn and Farris Ledford, delegates from the Shelby club who attended the convention of Kiwanis international recently held at Memphis, Tenn., made a report Thursday evening of their trip and the convention, telling of a visit to Muscle Shoals where the world's largest hydro-electric power development is under way and outlining the convention at Memphis where some of the most noted speakers of Kiwanis in the United States and Canada addressed the 5,000 delegates. In order that the friendly feeling that exists between the United States and Canada might be encouraged, Mr. Ledford recalled that one speaker urged the display of flags of both countries at all club headquarters. Objectives of the club for the coming year were outlined and a brief summary of the outstanding speeches were reviewed. Henry Heinz of Atlanta Ga., was elected president for the ensuing year.

Seaboard Pullmans To Pass Through Shelby In June

Pullman Service From Rutherford To Monroe, By Shelby, Coming Soon. Will Offer Improved Travel And Mail Service From Shelby To North. Big Seaboard Improvements Being Heralded.

Lived 79 Years 40 Miles From Shelby, Makes First Visit

C. P. Ledbetter, who for 79 years has lived within 40 odd miles of Shelby made his first visit to the "City of Springs" yesterday.

Mr. Ledbetter, whose home is in Morganton, says that he has heard of Shelby for over three score years but just caught enough time yesterday to come and look the town over.

The visitor, a Civil War veteran, was the guest of W. T. Clarke, widely known Morganton salesman, for lunch at the Central hotel.

Mr. Troutman Dead In Bed Thursday

Native of Iredell County and Well Known Painter Dies at the Age of 64 Years.

Daniel L. Troutman, well known painter, was found dead in bed at his home on East Marion street Thursday morning, death resulting from kidney trouble with which he had been a sufferer for two years or more. Mr. Troutman was born at Troutman in Iredell county, of substantial and prominent parentage, Jacob Troutman and Elizabeth Clodfelter. He was a painter by trade and a very dependable, conscientious worker, kind-hearted and faithful to every duty and trustworthy in him. For awhile the family lived in Ohio but came to Shelby from Eastern Carolina four years ago.

Mr. Troutman was married to Amelia Dietz who survives with five children, Daniel, Samuel, Fred, Pauline and Frank. One full brother, Marion Troutman and one full sister, Mrs. June Litton of Iredell county and six half-brothers and one half sister also survive.

Remains were taken this morning to Iredell county where the interment will take place at the Troutman grave yard. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. N. D. Yount, of Shelby and Bessemer City, Lutheran pastor of the faith to which Mr. Troutman belonged.

Noted Voices Heard At Cleveland Springs

A company of prominent singers, brought over from Charlotte by David Owens, manager of the J. B. Ivey company store, delighted the Kiwanis members and hotel guests at Cleveland Springs last evening in a 30 minutes concert. The artists were Joseph Matthieu of New York city, Misses Gertrude Gower and Rachael Summerow of the Ivey Choral society and the Goodfellow club. The young lady artists had been heard here on several occasions and are always delightful. Mr. Matthieu is a member of a very prominent glee club organization in New York and has broadcast many times over station WJZ. He has one of the best tenor voices ever heard in Shelby and gave a number of popular as well as classic selections to the delight of the audience.

COTTON MARKET

(By Jno. F. Clark & Co.)

Cotton was quoted at 10 o'clock today on New York exchange: July 17.76; October 17.10; December 17.33.

New York, June 17.—8 p. m. Southern weather clear west, cloudy central and east, raining at Vicksburg and Montgomery, precipitation Corpus Christi 1.16; Fort Worth, 34; Montgomery, .01; Vicksburg, .30. Forecast is for showers in all cotton states except west Texas, partly cloudy.

Hoover says between 300,000 and 400,000 acres planted to cotton for second time have again been covered by the spring rise that followed the main flood. Association of Knit Underwear Manufacturers of America at meeting at Utica unanimously voted to cut production, say over-production is ban of industry.

Better business in Worth street. Cotton should be purchased on reactions while showery conditions continue in central and eastern belts as complaints of weevil will have bullish effect on market particularly with supply of contracts limited.

Information gained here during the last day or so has it that the proposed Pullman service on the Seaboard Air Line from Monroe to Rutherfordton will likely be inaugurated this month—perhaps beginning June 26.

This move, when it comes, will mean considerable to this section west of Charlotte as it will afford greatly improved travel and mail facilities to the north and east. Connection with the through Seaboard lines, north and south will be made at Monroe, it is understood. This means that outgoing mail leaving Shelby in the afternoon will make main line connections at Monroe late in the evening; also New York or east bound travellers may secure Pullman berths at the Shelby station, being transferred to the main line at Monroe, and make the trip without a change.

On the other hand visitors to this section of Western North Carolina will be offered better conveniences in reaching the section. They may take Pullmans now in New York or other Eastern points, have their cars transferred at Monroe and come on to Lincolnton, Shelby, Rutherfordton, Lake Lure and Hendersonville without hold-overs.

Bus Service On. It was thought that the additional Pullman service through this section would be held up until Highway 20 is completed so that the proposed bus service from Rutherfordton to Chimney Rock and Hendersonville could be better carried on. But as the paving of that strip of the highway is nearing completion and will likely be ready for travel by mid-July it is likely, information now is, that the Pullman and bus service will be inaugurated perhaps before July 1.

With the completion of Lako Lure and the ever increasing attractiveness of the Hendersonville section as a summering spot it seems that the Seaboard has realized the value of the section and will serve it. But line connections, it is understood by news dispatches, have been arranged from Rutherfordton to Chimney Rock and Hendersonville with baggage lines so that passengers and baggage may be transferred and carried on without inconvenience. Likewise another bus route is planned across to Blowing Rock and other resort sections. The new Pullman service would also open up a larger patronage for Cleveland Springs and resorts in this section which are now handicapped by not having through Pullman service from the north and east.

The Electric Cars. A new time table is now being arranged, it is said, and it will likely give the time of the express trains to be operated from Charlotte to the western terminal at Rutherfordton. These through express trains will get their motive power from gas-electric engines, as has been announced before, and early information is that stops will be made at Lincolnton and Shelby between Charlotte and Rutherfordton although other towns along the route are bidding for stops.

The Pullmans, it is understood, will go on Nos. 21 and 22. The first train, west bound, arrives in Shelby, going to Rutherfordton at 11:57 while No. 22 returns, going east, shortly after 5 o'clock. Seaboard officials visiting here intimating, it is understood, that following the visit of President Warfield some time back directors of the road have been seriously considering the opportunities of the section. By way of round-about information the rumor is that when the road completes a construction and expansion program now on in Florida that all forces will be turned to Western North Carolina. Hereabouts the rumor is taken to mean that the Seaboard will be heavier tracked and perhaps extended on to Hendersonville or Asheville, serving the resort section from Cleveland Springs and Shelby on to the mountain resorts with first-class rail facilities.

Only Seven Couples During Bride Month

With half of June, "the bride month," gone only seven couples have secured marriage license in Cleveland county, the books at the office of the county registrar show.

License has been issued to only two couples so far this week. They were: Robert Buris Ketter, of Grover, and Martha Bryte Richardson; A. Yates Hamrick and Carrie Belle Walker of Lattimore.

PAVING ROUTE 20 NEARS COMPLETION AND EVENT TALKED

Rutherford County Club to Discuss Celebration. Traffic May Go On Road by July 9.

Rutherford.—Work of paving Highway No. 20 from Chimney Rock to Rutherfordton is nearing completion. Only 9900 feet, or one and seven-eighths miles remained to be paved Tuesday night. If the weather is good and no break-downs occur it is estimated that all the concrete will be poured by Saturday week, June 25. When things go well they can easily pour 1000 feet per day. It takes fourteen days for concrete to "set up" or harden for traffic to use it after it is poured. This would mean about July 9 before traffic can be turned on the famous highway.

Many people are going to the scene of work daily to see how it is getting along. There is much anxiety over the completion of the highway. There is much talk of a mammoth celebration in honor of its completion. The County club at Henrietta next Tuesday is expected to discuss the celebration.

To Invite Other Churches To Big Open Air Meeting

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church, stated today that special invitations to nearby churches will be made to attend the big open air meeting beginning on the lot next to the First Baptist church on Sunday June 26. Dr. Scarborough will do the preaching. In addition to an invitation to all the churches of Shelby outside churches have been invited to feature in the following services: Monday night, June 27, New Bethel, Lawndale, Double Shoals; Tuesday night, June 28, Double Springs; Wednesday night, June 29, Waco, Zear and Beaver Dam; Thursday night, June 30, Elizabeth and East-side; Friday night July 1, Second Baptist and Mt. Sinai; Saturday night, July 2, Dover and Ora. Other special invitations for additional churches will be announced next week.

NOLAN SALE WEDNESDAY A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Despite the rain the J. B. Nolan company auction, of Wednesday, went over to the satisfaction of everybody. Notwithstanding the downpour about a thousand people assembled on the estate to be sold, that of Miles P. Green, south of Shelby, and after the selling enjoyed the barbecue. The purchasers of the estate were George P. Webb, Tom Webb, M. Webb and Claude Stamey, the latter of Fallston, the quartet of business men taking the property over jointly. The acreage was in the neighborhood of two hundred and fifty, and according to statement made by J. B. Nolan, the price was satisfactory both to the brokers and the owner. Mrs. Ethel Borders won the gold coin contest offered for the one guessing nearest to the figure the property would bring.