

"Thar's Oil, My Boy, In Them Thar Hills," He Says

Mining Veteran, Who Wrote Chamber Commerce Here, Believes Oil Seepage In East Carolina Comes From Shelby Section.

Charlotte.—Possibility of the existence of petroleum in marketable quantities in Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba, Caldwell, Iredell, Alexander, Davie and Yadkin counties has been brought to the attention of several prominent business men of Charlotte by Edward E. Taylor, one time land, timber and mining inspector in western Canada for the Dominion government who has just completed a six months investigation of the territory described.

Plans are understood to be in the making for further explorations with the idea of ultimately sinking three wells at as many points between Shelby and Winston Salem to determine definitely whether oil actually exists as the preliminary work is said to indicate.

Drilled In Canada. Mr. Taylor has been interested in mining operations 15 years and has specialized in petroleum. He said yesterday that he formed a syndicate and had charge of the drilling of the first well in the Province of Alberta, which since has become an important oil producing center.

While on a visit to his son, Harvey E. Taylor, connected with the laboratory of the Lovay Mills in Gastonia, six months ago, Mr. Taylor became interested in the possibilities of oil in North Carolina, he said yesterday.

In conversation with a well driller, Mr. Taylor said he learned that gas and oil had been found in many wells sunk in this section, including one drilled for the Selwyn hotel, in Charlotte, later abandoned because of the quantity of oil and minerals it contained. This information led to further investigations, Mr. Taylor said.

He said that there is no oil in the immediate vicinity of Charlotte and explained that the oil well driller encountered was merely seepage from the oil field further up state finding its way to the sea level. However, he regarded it as an indication that oil existed in large quantities in the mountains not far away.

"Investigating the territory between Shelby and Winston-Salem and between Shelby and Spartanburg," Mr. Taylor said, "I found the proper geological formations, which are clearly defined lake domes, very pronounced, and with this condition I found sand stones, shale limestone, all the proper rocks in which to find a body of

that oil could be found at a depth of 3,000 feet below sea level and that the supply is virtually inexhaustible.

"In all parts of the Carolinas to the Atlantic coast, from the district I have mentioned, oil and gas seepages are pronounced. Oil is found on top of water in springs, creeks and wells, showing that it comes in underground streams through the crevices in rocks which allow seepage."

TURKISH WOMEN AT 122 LEAVE 200 DESCENDANTS

(By International News Service.) Constantinople.—Turkey claims to have lost a citizen at the age of 122 by the death of a woman named Rukkkie Hanem in Adana.

Rukkkie leaves 102 children and grandchildren, and 86 descendants of the third and fourth generation.

Turkey claims to have still living even older citizens than Rukkkie, notably Fatima Hanem, living at Angora, whose reputed age is 160, and Zaro Agha, who claims to be 154.

Mr. Mull Writes On School Matter

Says Expensive High School Building Is Not Needed In Elizabeth.

To the Editor of The Star:—

I notice Mr. J. S. Allen jumps at a conclusion and suggests to the tax payers, to remain consolidated. In the first place we are not consolidated. We voted the tax and stopped. There was not any committeemen appointed for the new district or anything else done toward consolidation.

In justice to all and prejudice to none, I would like to explain in full, why we have hesitated in building a new school house. The tax election was worked up on the strength of a small building to be erected on the county home land, joining the old school site. This was the agreement between chairman, A. P. Spake, of the county board of education, Supt. J. C. Newton and myself.

The election was carried and every voter was satisfied with the exception of J. L. Allen and some other men of his age.

There was not any money available in 1926 to build this school house. We had to wait until our time came. We started in February this year to consolidate and build the proposed school house. Some influential men of Shelby, owning some property near Cleveland Springs threw their influence into it, and asked that the new school house site, which is near the center of the district, but to build it near Cleveland Springs, which site is in one corner of the district, and one half mile of each line. This proposed site will cost \$400 per acre.

To build a seven room building, with an auditorium, electric lights, up-to-date fixtures, septic tank sanitary closets, buy and operate two trucks will cost according to the state plan between 30 or 35 thousand dollars, to say nothing of the continued expense and up-keep of two trucks.

I will agree with Mr. Allen. We should think about it seriously. Our grandchildren will sure have to finish paying off the debt.

The county board of education has agreed to repair the old building. When repaired it will furnish ample room for the children. One room is not filled up yet. There are only four pupils that come from the Cleveland Springs development.

Mr. Allen would have you believe we would have a high school if we build the new school building. This is contrary to the state law. The state of N. C. is not going to give us a high school as long as we are so close to a good high school like Shelby. A nine months high school in the country or on the farm has never proved a success, and the state does not back them up.

Mr. Allen assures us that the county superintendent will not levy only enough tax to meet our expenses. I do not suppose he will. I assure you this much: he will levy enough to pay off this 30 or 35 thousand dollar debt, and up-keep and running expense of two trucks; which would not surprise me if it doesn't take the full maximum of the law, which is fifty cents on the \$100 valuation.

Mr. Allen refers you to some valuable property or liners that might come in if we vote the tax. There is no hope for them, they have been voted into; the Shelby school district, for we could never beat Shelby in an election. Mr. Allen asks what our children and grandchildren will think of us. What would they think of us to put a fifty cents tax levy on them to pay off; to help some big men who do not need help.

Mr. Allen speaks of fine school buildings and equipment encouraging the teachers and children so much, and insinuates that you cannot get good teachers without up-to-date buildings. We have employed for this year three teachers as good as there are in Cleveland county. One of them has an A. B. degree, another has a recommendation from the county superintendent as teaching graded school work in a one-teacher school. The other one is as good as the average teacher in our county.

Fine school buildings do not make great men and women. The greatest men our country has ever produced were men whose opportunities were limited. If there is any ambition in a boy to get an education, he will get it just as quick in a common wooden structure as he will in a fine brick building.

Mr. Allen you say this is a fast growing community, yet you say, if we divide we will be a little weak district and still have the tax to pay. I am not a bit wiser as long as we have a county board of education like the present one. They will never levy a special school tax on us without building us a school building.

It is a mystery to me Mr. Allen, who has converted you. You were the hardest knocker we had in getting the tax voted. I think I understand your solution. You are asking the tax payers to shoulder a life-time burden in order to relieve you of the school children coming to your well for water.

Respectfully,
J. S. MULL.

Double Springs Church And People

Euzelian Class Of Sunday School Entertains. Boys Hand Badly Mashed. Personal Items.

(Special To The Star.) Last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock the Euzelian class of the Double Springs Sunday school very graciously entertained. The invited guests were the members of the Boothian class and all the ladies who ought to be members of the Euzelian class.

The room and table were beautifully decorated in the class colors, purple and gold. The centerpiece for the table was a large silver basket of purple larkspur, small baskets of sweet peas and lighted candles were placed at intervals making the table very pretty. A delicious four course dinner was served in faultless style. Mrs. Forest Crowder is the capable teacher of this class.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bridges were called to Danville, Ga., last Thursday on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. William Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ledford and little son spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Greene and daughter, Evelyn, visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Powell Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carpenter visited Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Brooks Sunday.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Lovelace had the misfortune of getting his hand badly mashed. A hundred pound piece of ice fell on it.

Mrs. Louisa Greene returned to her home at Fair Forest Tuesday after spending sometime here with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Hamrick.

Mr. J. L. McSwain has been very sick but we are glad he has improved some.

Mr. Gilmour Calahan and Misses Burnette Hunt and Margrette Stockton were B. Y. P. U. visitors Sunday night.

The primary department with its officers and teachers will give a picnic near the church next Saturday afternoon. It is hoped that not only those who attend Sunday school will be present but every child in the community of the primary age.

Miss Ray Greene spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Bridges of Shelby.

Miss Vera Dixon spent the week end at Mars Hill with Miss Mattie Cornwell.

A. V. Washburn, jr. left Sunday morning for his home at Sylva. Dorothy Washburn and Frances Greene accompanied him.

Next Saturday night is our regular preaching and conference night. Let the members remember this and be present.

Mrs. D. G. Washburn and daughter, Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hamrick and Mrs. Louisa Greene were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn Friday.

The singing school which is to be taught by Prof. Jordan begins next Monday. We hope that all the young people of the community will make use of this opportunity to learn more about music.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Davis and children spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Short.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cabaniss and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis and children attended preaching at Sandy Plains Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blanton and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lovelace, Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Baker was a week end visitor in our community.

Mr. Columbus Harrill visited his brother Mr. Franklin Harrill Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hamrick and Mrs. Louisa Greene and Mrs. D. G. Washburn and Sarah Louise and Yulan were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Washburn of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrill, Miss Mary Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Yates Harrill visited Lake Lure Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hoop-ough and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoop-ough were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hem-bree.

The True Blue class of intermediate girls held a business meeting with their teacher, Mrs. D. G. Washburn. After business was finished Mrs. Washburn served delicious refreshments.

Late Monday afternoon they had a heavy storm along the Brushy Creek. The wind blew very hard, damaged several buildings and uprooted trees. From Mr. Henry Cabaniss' to Mr. Hershel Whisnant's the crops were cut up pretty badly by hail. Some fields look almost like they are ruined.

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Cherokee Road Is Improved To Line

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Cherokee county's road forces Thursday completed the improvement on that part of the Chester road from Blacksburg to the Cherokee county line at the bridge over Kings Creek near the R. J. W. Moss home, a distance of about eight miles it was stated yesterday by Supervisor E. Wright Jolly. The road was widened to 26 feet and in some places to 30 feet, after which it was top-soiled. Upon completion of this highway the chain-gang forces yesterday began work on the road leading to Ninety-Nine Island.

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