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The typhoid epidemic seems to be on the decline. The majority of those sick about Lawndale are improving, reports today say.

The diamonds milady wears on her tapering fingers are boosting the taxable income of Cleveland county, tax assessors say.

A man who had been confined in the state prison for 10 years was frightened by the automobiles in crossing the street here. In those 10 years many things out in the open world of freedom had changed for him.

There is talk now of opposition for other county officers.

A new principal for the Shelby high school has not been selected as yet, but may be soon.

Superior court convenes here Monday with no big cases docketed.

Yes, Dempsey kayoed Sharkey in the seventh.

Local marriages are on the decline; Ebeltoft is nearing another milepost; a pageant will be staged at the First Baptist open air meeting ground Sunday evening—and so on through a newsy paper. Read every page.

Search Continues For Missing Man Officers Trailing Beevee Runner Again. Deane's Mother Writes Letter Here.

Two escaped convicts from the No. 6 gang camp are still being sought by officers. There isn't any trace of Dillard Deane, who made his second escape Sunday, but reports are that officers picked up a trail again Wednesday of Louis Turner, who made his getaway a week before Deane.

This time it is said Turner was seen in the Ninety-Nine Islands section, the officers missing him only about 30 minutes. With the desire to have Turner, who obtained some publicity by his getaway in his beehive, tried on another charge in next week's court officers are hoping to catch him by Monday or Tuesday.

Well Planned Skip. It seems from surface indications that Deane made a well planned getaway. He had visitors Sunday. Some time after they left he departed also. Since then he hasn't been heard from. On his last jaunt Deane got to Ohio and New York, but became tired of running from his own shadow and came back. This time perhaps he will tarry longer after three more months of summer time labor on the gang. Since Deane's unannounced departure officers, it is said, have received a letter from his mother asking it is said about a pardon, stating also that she intended to come and see him last Sunday but did not get to do so. According to officers her letter sounds "as if she didn't know he was gone."

Ebeltoft Chalks Up Another Year The roads roll on; mile posts on the year pass with increasing rapidity.

It seems hardly a year ago that The Star chalked up No. 78 for Mr. T. W. Ebeltoft. Now it is number 79.

A visitor to the establishment this morning, wished him 21 more. He said: "Why wish that on me. If I lived to a hundred I would be so decrepit you would have to carry me around."

Last year his friends handed him a few bricks. This year it is mostly bouquets. They are saying this year he is looking younger and younger every day, and spryer. Dr. Mitchell asserts he is growing groucher and groucher, but that is neither here nor there. Those on the inside say Mitchell is jealous of the fact Mr. Ebeltoft is so he never needs a doctor.

The Star wishes the bookseller, the Dr. Johnson of these parts, many more happy years. And by the way we neglected to mention that Friday was the big day—79.

Says Star Helped His Sale Greatly "This is one of the best sales I have ever put over, in 23 years of experience," said Harry Wolpa, of Cincinnati, here putting over Geo. Alexander and his merchandise to the public. Mr. Wolpa with his wife is leaving Sunday for Russellville, Ark.

"How much credit do you give Star advertising for the results," the live wire was asked. "Fifty per cent," he snapped. "You did half of it."

Wolpa said the Shelby people are the kindest and most hospitable he has found; they treated him with much consideration, he said, he feels he would like to return here and go into business. "And I am coming back some day," he said.

PRINCIPAL HERE NOT PICKED YET GRIFFIN STATES

May Be Selected At Early Date. School Head Gives Information About Teachers.

The new principal for the Shelby high school to succeed Prof. A. C. Lovelace has not been selected as yet, according to Supt. I. C. Griffin, now heading the normal school at Chapel Hill. He may be selected at an early date however, it is added.

Mr. Griffin gives some interesting information about the new teachers coming to the city schools next year. By schools the information follows:

Washington School Mrs. D. H. Harris, second grade, is a graduate of the Mississippi State college. She has taught primary grades and done kindergarten work in the city schools of Columbus, Miss., and of Asheville. She is highly recommended by her superintendents.

Miss Frances McArthur, Spartanburg, S. C., graduated last June from Winthrop college. Miss McArthur has many friends in Shelby to welcome her to our city.

Miss Flora Pettit, Spartanburg, S. C., also a graduate of Winthrop, comes highly recommended as a grammar grade teacher.

Miss Laura Weatherspoon, Raleigh, graduated this year from Meredith college. Miss Weatherspoon's people are well known by many citizens of Shelby.

Marion School Mrs. J. L. Blanton is a Shelby girl, who graduated from the Asheville Normal School. She has been teaching very successfully in Kings Mountain.

Miss Lena Maxwell, Laurinburg, graduated from Carolina college at Maxton. She has been teaching

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Grier Friday Up To His Old Standard

Smacks Out Home Run At Local Park Like Unto His' School Days. Jack Wins.

A little ancient high school history came floating back to the city park here yesterday afternoon when Gastonia defeated McMurry's Shelby clan 9 to 3. Grier Friday, erstwhile Cherryville high school sensation, and Jack Hoyle, one-time Shelby high star hurler, furnished the fireworks—but, sadly enough, they furnished 'em for Gastonia.

Hoyle, whose slow hooks once turned in victories for Shelby high hurled for Gastonia and did a fairly good job of it. Friday, who once was a pitcher himself and a heavy hitter along with it, slapped one of Anthony's shoots for a drive to the "tin can" in deep center and a jaunt around the paths.

Friday, the rabid fans will remember, hit four-base swats back in the day when he was still in high school and had never played pro ball. Other features included a triple by George Dedmon, local performer, and Fred Morris, brother of Casey the coach.

Rain interfered after the Gastonians had secured two of their nine runs in the first half of the seventh and the locals did not get to bat in their half.

Box score: Shelby Ab. R. H. A. E. Bridges, 1b 3 0 0 1 0 Conner, 2b 2 1 0 1 1 Demond, lf 3 2 2 1 0 Bumgardner, cf 3 0 1 0 0 Keeter, rf 2 0 0 0 0 Sanders, ss 2 0 0 0 0 McMurry, c 1 0 0 0 0 Anthony, D, 3b 2 0 0 0 0 Anthony, R, p 2 0 0 0 0 Totals 20 3 3 6 1

Gastonia AB. R. H. A. E. Laney, 3b 3 1 2 1 0 Jackson, ss and 2b 4 2 2 1 1 Morris, 2b, ss 3 2 3 1 1 Parnell, cf 4 1 1 0 0 Benson, lf 1 0 1 0 0 Withers, lf 2 1 1 0 0 Friday, 1b 4 1 2 1 0 Beam, c 4 0 1 2 0 Nagel, rf 4 0 0 0 0 Hoyle, p 3 1 0 0 0 Totals 32 0 13 6 2

Score by innings. R. H. E. Shelby 201 000 x-3 3 1 Gastonia 001 060 2-9 13 2

Summary: Two base hits, Bumgardner, Parnell. Three base hits, Dedmond, Morris. Home runs, Friday. Stolen bases, Dedmond, Morris (2), Bears. Bases on balls, off Hoyle 1; off Anthony, 1. Struck out by Hoyle, 7; by Anthony 5. Hits off Hoyle 3; in six innings, off Anthony 13 in seven innings.

Milady's Diamonds Boost Shelby's Tax Values \$10,000

Tax Assessors Find Enough "Rocks" In City To Push Up Total Valuation Quite A Bit.

Luxury property, in a way of speaking may keep Shelby's personal property values from skidding in a business year that was not the best one on record.

Unofficial rumors from the tax assessors of No. 6 township are to the effect that at least \$10,000 worth of diamonds worn by Shelby womanhood in wedding, engagement and dinner rings, will be taxed this year for the first time. Husband, whose wives were last month saying "John paid son and so for this, don't it sparkle?" are saying themselves to the tax assessors "John didn't do any such a thing."

Very few family skeletons, or cheap jewelry store buys have been uncovered, it is said, but quite a

number of fine stones have been valued by the assessors. Just how much jewelry the Don Juans of Shelby have bedecked their wives with is not known. Tax assessors are conservative, regardless of numerous howls, yet the income from \$10,000 worth of diamonds may come in handy at the time when public expenses demand quite a sum from taxable sources.

Whether or not many diamonds in the county have been assessed is not known and probably will not be until the tax records for the new year are complete, but in town an assessor says "at least \$10,000 worth of rings have been assessed."

The tax assessments and valuations complete may be ready some time next week, it is stated.

AUTOS FRIGHTEN CONVICT IN OPEN AFTER 10 YEARS

Placed in Prison 10 Years Ago He Was Not So Acquainted with Cars. Scared of Traffic.

Observers on the street here this week noticed an unusual sight—a grown man apparently afraid to cross a street where automobiles were hanking and whizzing. When he did start it was in a hurry, or a "dog trot" as they say out on the farm.

Passersby looked at one another wonderingly. Hadn't the fellow ever seen automobiles before? Was it possible that a man had lived back in a lost province and had never become accustomed to the motor age?

Later during the day it was learned that the auto-frightened man was on his way back home to start life anew after 10 long years in the state prison.

His home was in the hill section between Rutherfordton and Marion a decade back when the war was the talk of the day. Automobiles were plentiful then but good roads were not known in the mountains and thereabouts automobiles were rather strange sights even just 10 years ago. One day at a ball game, or carnival, a row came up, a man was killed—but that is another story. The man who came through here this week and "done his bit" for 10 years all he saw of civilization was from the standpoint of a man closely confined except when being moved from one job of work to another. In those 10 years automobiles became necessities instead of luxuries and so plentiful that back in the most remote section of the state a street full does not attract a second look. Pedestrians with 10 years experience in life-saving (their own lives) no longer fear to dodge across a street filled with traffic. But the man who had heard very little other than silence and the thud of hammer for 10 years did not know that.

If some unseen hand could pick you up now and remove you to a day 10 years hence with the air full of flying machines, how would you feel?

When the fellow was first seen to flit across a street there were those who laughed, yet when they learned why the sneers gave away to pity. Ten good years gone. Nothing to show for them except the inability to cope readily with the changes of time.

The fellow was on his way back home—back to the fresh mountain air and freedom, back to start all over again, but not prepared for such changes. Even before he left Shelby his tough luck increased.

A Shelby business man starting to drive his car in the garage Wednesday night noticed a figure slipping about the garage. Officers were brought and the moving shadow in the shadows proved to be the man who hadn't experienced the air of freedom for 10 years. He was placed in jail, spent the night there and set out again for home the next day. His story was that he was looking for a place to sleep. Wanderers 10 years ago slept in a barn when they did not have the price of sleeping anywhere else. The barns have given away to garages in town and perhaps the fellow was truthful after all in his seeking-a-bed story.

It is hard to imagine a man out on the Shelby streets afraid of the automobiles and unusual noises, yet it happened this week.

POLITICAL TALK GETS AROUND TO OTHER OFFICES

Informal Confabs Of Dopesters Say County Officers Will Have Opposition.

A season cannot wend its weary or joyful way without some political talk about Cleveland county. This time it has to do with several of the swivel chairs over to the court house and about the county seat lobbies.

Back in the spring the dopesters were discussing numerous likely successors to Sheriff Hugh Logan, seeing as how he isn't going to do the gentle sheriffing longer after many years of fine service. Friends were not even adverse to naming several of the candidates, and although many of them stated they hadn't give the situation any thought two years in advance, not so many denied that they might run. And after a week or so the talk about the next sheriff passed along.

Since then idle speculation, and some not so idle, has been confined to crops, Lindbergh achievements, and so on, but recently murmurs and rumors come of prospective statesmen that may be out seeking first laurels in other county offices.

This time the speculation deals quite a bit with the legal fraternity. With a rain or a drizzle nearly every day there has been ample time for speculation in the court house lobbies and also on the benches under the trees, and this week came the unverified news—political forecasts are always so—that there may be another Democratic candidate as well as a Republican candidate for recorder.

Likewise the same report hinted that one or two barristers may toss their legal headgear into the ring labelled for the county attorney's votes. Such may, or may not be, yet the reports are from a more direct source than all those talked of candidates for sheriff. One county officer expresses the personal belief that the next election may see more county candidates than ever before. That remains to be seen.

As it is, it isn't for the primary doesn't come along until next June. That is nearly a year, but stop the political dopesters? No.

RAILWAYS BOOST MOUNTAIN REGION

Lake Lure—The Southern Railway company has just issued a large edition of a beautiful folder called "Lake Lure and How to Get There." It contains fourteen fine pictures of Lake Lure and the surrounding country, and gives a railway map from all points in the two Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee.

Not to be outdone the Seaboard Air Line Railway has brought out an edition of over two hundred thousand handsome folders giving time tables from all important towns and cities, and connections, west, east, south and north, to Lake Lure.

Shelby Is Mentioned. Shelby, "The Friendly City" also has a picture of a representative street in the folder. All the hotels with their prices of Rutherfordton and Chimney Rock section are given.

That the possibilities of Lake Lure as the greatest inland mountain lake resort in the south are now becoming fully realized is emphasized by the fight for business here which has just begun between two of the greatest railway systems in the Southland, the Southern and the Seaboard.

Local Marriages Still On Decrease

Wedding bells hardly tinkle these days in Cleveland county if the records kept at the register of deeds' office here may be taken as an indication. More and more day by day, it seems as if the love-lorn couples are fleeing away to South Carolina or elsewhere for the official reunion of connubial bliss.

With nearly three-fourths of July gone only three marriage licenses have been issued by Register Newton, two of those were to colored couples.

"I have issued license to about 113 couples since I took office in December," Mr. Newton says. "Since that time how many Cleveland couples do you suppose have been married in South Carolina?"

Pageant At Open Air Tract Here Sunday Evening

Mrs. Vera Goode to Have Charge Of Big Affair. Thirty-Five Shelby Children In.

A big religious pageant will be given at the open air tabernacle of the First Baptist church here Sunday evening, July 24, at 8 o'clock. The pageant to be in charge of Mrs. Vera Little Goode, who is well known here.

Local Children. Thirty-five Shelby children will take part on the program representing innocence. One hundred and fifty from Lincolnton will also be on. A silver offering will be taken.

Mrs. Marion Wise, of Lincolnton will be here Saturday and wants to meet the children at 10 o'clock at the tabernacle Mrs. DeWitt Quinn and Mrs. J. D. Lineberger are chairmen of the children's committees.

The World's Strangest Dairy



Leonard Keeler (left), a junior at Stanford University, runs the world's weirdest dairy at Palo Alto, Calif. In his laboratory Keeler "milks" Texas rattlers twice a month and sells the poison from their fangs to chemists for manufacture into a serum. Here Keeler and his assistants are getting ready to milk one of the queer bosses.

State Health Men Tell How To Avoid Typhoid

Keep The Flies Out; Keep Water Pure, Watch Milk, And Be Clean With Everything Used. Vaccination Urged And Explained.

Last week Mr. H. E. Miller, sanitary engineer of the state board of health, and Dr. F. M. Register, state epidemiologist of the state board of health were in Shelby on their way to Lawndale to investigate an outbreak of typhoid fever in that town. In a conversation with Dr. D. F. Moore, health officer of Cleveland county, they pointed out the importance of things that house holds could do to prevent typhoid fever:

1.—Screen the house so that flies cannot enter for every fly is dangerous.

2.—Have one or more sanitary privies for each home (for homes that do not have sewer connection) and see that these are used.

3.—Have a good water supply. If you have a well and have not already done so, install a pump. With the old rope and bucket, it is so easy to contaminate the water by those drawing the water. The well must be so situated that surface water cannot drain into it or water that has been drawn cannot run back into the well. Be careful about using water from springs, unless they are protected against drainage from the surface, especially after big rains. So often springs are covered by an overflow after rains. This is very dangerous.

4.—Milk should be handled in a cleanly manner. All buckets and bottles should be sterilized either by boiling or by live steam. Stables should be cleaned daily. Cows' udders should be cleaned before each milking. Those milking and handling the milk should have clean hands and the only way to have clean hands is to wash them often. Handling milk in a cleanly manner is just as important for the one cow man as for the dairy man.

5.—Vaccinate your family against typhoid. There has been a wrong impression in regard to typhoid vaccination. Some people that already have the typhoid germs in them take the vaccination and immediately come down with typhoid. They and their friends immediately think that the vaccination gave them typhoid. This is impossible. If this were true, every man in the army and navy in the late world war would have typhoid fever for they were all vaccinated.

Convicts Legally Free Kept At Work On Roads In Some Counties

Raleigh.—Hundreds of convicts on county roads in North Carolina are being kept in custody despite the fact that their sentences have expired. This was disclosed by Pardon Commissioner Edwin Bridges just back from a field tour of western counties. The whole trouble arose, Commissioner Bridges explained, through ignorance of county authorities of a statute passed by the 1927 legislature.

The statute placed county prisoners on the same commutation basis as state prisoners. It became effective July 1, and by ruling of Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash, is retroactive because it is of a remedial nature.

The gist of the new law is that county prisoners must be divided into three grades "A," grades, or trustees, "B" grade, and "C" grade, or incorrigibles. All convicts are first made "B" grade, and "C" grade, or made "B" grade and then advanced, left as they are, or demoted as their conduct dictates. The advantage of being an "A" grade prisoner is that 104 days a year are lopped off their sentence, "B" grade prisoners gain 78 days a year and "C" grade convicts none.

As very few prisoners have terms of more than two years on the roads, and there are 4,000 county prisoners in the state, the immediate effect of the law, according to Commissioner Bridges, would have been to free several hundred had the county authorities known of it.

But they apparently didn't save in a few of the more populace counties, and let the prisoners keep right on serving time although legally they would have been free by deducting the time allowed off for good behavior.

Consequently one of the first things the pardon commissioner did upon his return was to frame

SUPERIOR COURT STARTS MONDAY, FEW BIG TRIALS

Criminal Docket Light And May Take Only Two Days. Several Big Suits On Civil

The summer term of Superior court convenes here Monday morning with Judge Michael Schenck presiding and Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling prosecuting. Judge Schenck is holding court this week in Lincoln county.

So far as barristers can determine and the docket reveals there will be very little of a startling nature for trial on the criminal docket. In fact, it seems as if even the minor cases are not so numerous. The court schedule calls for only about two days of criminal procedure and it is likely that the docket will be completed by that time with the civil calendar starting about the third day.

Trial Of Girl. There is not a case on the criminal docket that will attract more than passing interest, it is said, unless it be that the Kings Mountain girl, whose alleged infant was found dead, is given a hearing at this term. The girl waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to this term of court. Reports here are that Jake Newell, well known Charlotte lawyer, will handle her defense if the sordid affair does come to trial next week.

The remainder of the criminal docket for the most part deals with liquor cases in one form or another and appeals from the county court.

Civil Suits. There are near a half dozen litigations on the civil calendar that will attract gaudy crowds, some because of their unusual nature and others because of a general interest in the litigants. Several of the suits are for considerable sums and the range of the allegations is from bodily injuries to character defamation, at least one man alleging injury to his good name. Mental anguish, of course and as usual, figures in the damages asked in several matters. It was understood here yesterday that the suits against the town of Kings Mtn. over alleged sewage conditions will be carried over until the special term of civil court called for September.

BELWOOD SCHOOL OPENS ON AUG. 1

(Special To The Star.) Belwood, July 22.—Belwood consolidated school will open its second year August 1. The following teachers will be in service: Miss Macie Lattimore, Shelby R-5, beginner. Miss Virginia Harris, Lawndale, R-3, first grade. Mrs. C. A. Ledford, Belwood R-1, second grade. Miss Clara Williams, Fallston, third grade. Miss Anyne Hull, Cherryville R-3, and Miss Lena Williams, Shelby R-8, fourth grade. Mr. J. Alvin Probst, Lawndale R-4, fifth grade. Miss Eugenia Elliott, Shelby R-5, sixth grade. Mr. D. S. Devine, Shelby R-8, seventh grade. Miss Katherine Whisnant, Shelby, R-5, departmental work in fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

High school teachers are as follows: Miss Annie Mae Lackey, Fallston, English and French. Mr. Gilmer Graham, Farmington, science and mathematics. Miss Fanny Parker, Gaffney, S. C. history and Latin. Mr. C. A. Ledford, (principal) will have mathematics and Bible.

Miss Katherine Whisnant will have charge of the general school music.

The general report of the people as well as pupils, is "I am glad it's going to start." All seem very anxious to put across another successful year. The teachers and community are deeply indebted to all outside agencies that helped us to put across the good work last year.

Our aim this year is to go as far toward standardizing the elementary department as we can. If possible lets go over the top. This will take another hard climb. Still it is worthwhile. Such is what our people enjoy, taking hold of a heavy task and doing it well.

Meeting Will Start At Poplar Springs

The revival meeting will begin at Poplar Springs next Sunday, it is announced. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people living in the section to attend all the services. The pastor will do the preaching.

Miss Thelma Jolly of Boiling Springs was the guest of Miss Ruth Dellinger the past week.