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ROAD WORK TO START ON NO. 18 AT EARLY DATE

Construction Camp Site Arranged For On The Rufus Gardner Plantation Above Shelby

Mr. Carter of the Carter Construction Company was in the county this week making arrangements for the transfer here of his construction force which will be engaged at an early date on the grading of Highway No. 18 from Shelby to Toluca.

A camp site has been arranged for on the Rufus Gardner plantation about eight miles north of Shelby. A drove of 100 mules, heavy construction machinery and 70 laborers will leave Franklin county in a few days for Cleveland and set up camp on the Gardner farm.

Tunney Not Dead a Bit He Reports

Speculator, N. Y., July 26.—Gene Tunney took time from his training today to deny a report he had been killed in an automobile accident.

Spiking rumors that worried all the newspaper offices in eastern New York, the world's heavyweight champion, smilingly amused, said he was "all right and feeling fine."

Rumor had it that Tunney was struck by a car while doing road work in the Adirondack mountains, which surrounded his training camp on Lake Pleasant.

The report of Tunney's death spread about Shelby yesterday afternoon and was talked by scores. About 6 o'clock The Star found that the rumor could not be verified and posted a bulletin to that effect.

Cotton Highest In Past Eleven Months

Cotton is bringing the highest price in Shelby market it has brought in the past eleven months, according to Avery McMurry of the cotton form of J. J. McMurry and Sons. This firm is offering 18 1/2 cents per pound but has not bought any at this price because none has been offered.

Man Who Attacked Senator Lattimore Completes His Term

Guffney.—Fred Rice, last of a group of men involved in an attack on former State Senator Sam C. Lattimore, of Shelby, at Thickety several years ago, Friday completed his sentence and was discharged from the Cherokee county chain-gang. He went to Great Falls to join his family, it was reported. Rice received a sentence of 14 months for his part in the affair. He escaped from the chain-gang and a few months ago voluntarily returned to complete the sentence.

Paragon Interests Buy Big Fanning Store And Will Take Up Business

Big Business Deal Completed Here This Morning By William Lineberger. Joe Nash Will Manage Store.

One of the biggest deals—and when all is said, one of the most surprising in the history of later-day Shelby was consummated this morning when arrangements were finally completed whereby the owners of the Paragon Furniture Company, William Lineberger, M. A. Spangler and Meredith Hennessa, bought out Fanning's Department Store.

The formal announcement of the close of the deal was made just before noon, following a long conference between the Paragon owners and representatives of the big department store, including Joe E. Nash, the Fanning manager. But the deal has really been in process of growth for some days.

Nash To Manage The Paragon owners announced the following plans: That Joe E. Nash will be the manager of the new store; That the old stock will be sold off at a big general sale, after which a thorough re-stocking will take place.

At the time he was the head of the enterprise operating big department stores in Shelby and Hickory. Recently the announcement was made of the sale of the Hickory store to the Efrid's chain. William Lineberger is given the credit for engineering that transaction, and it is believed that it was through this deal that Mr. Lineberger himself became interested, and later interested his associates, in the purchase of the local store.

Asked what the name of the new store will be, William Lineberger speaking for the purchasing group said this is a moot question that has not yet been decided. Privately Mr. Lineberger is said to have

remarked that maybe the same name as the furniture store—The Paragon—will be used. However, this is a point to be settled later.

The big store was closed at noon. When it is re-opened, which will occur in a few days, the sale will be held. Then, following the sale the re-stocking will commence.

The Paragon owners are said to be planning a high class department store, one of the best in North Carolina, and one that will reflect credit upon the town.

Fanning's Good Name This morning's transaction brings to an end, for the time being at least, the W. L. Fanning regime in Shelby, a name long and highly honorably associated with Shelby business. Mr. Fanning, some months back was taken ill with a malady of the nature that will require a lengthy process of cure, and under the circumstances it was deemed wisest by his family and advisers that he relinquish active business until such time as he is securely upon his feet.

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Typhoid Epidemic At Lawndale About Over—No Water Infection In Shelby

PUPS SUBJECT TO LARCENY OR NOT. QUERY COMES UP

Whether Or Not Man Can Be Charged With Larceny For Stealing Young Dog Is Debated

If you have a dog and the canine is not six months old and some one should steal him, could he be charged with larceny? Is a dog under six months of age subject to larceny if he is not listed for taxes?

Those questions have developed into a minor debate at the court house here as an aftermath of a country court case wherein such details came up. The decision will be of interest generally in the county where fox hounds are rated highly.

In the meantime County Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner is awaiting a reply from the attorney general who has been asked about it. The solicitor's advice is to list all dogs for taxation whether or not they are six months of age.

According to the solicitor the law does not require that a dog be listed for taxation until six months of age. But the law goes ahead and says that a dog not listed for taxation is not subject to larceny. That applies, of course, to the grown dog not listed by his owner. Whether or not it applies to the pup is the matter of debate. The solicitor thinks so and believes that when a man steals a dog under six months of age that he is guilty only of a misdemeanor unless the dog has been listed, which is not required but is voluntary.

To Celebrate His 88th Birthday Soon

Squire J. Y. Hord doesn't move and think and act like a man who has passed eighty-eight winters, but on the 28th of July he will have reached this milestone along life's journey and he is still hale and hardy. There will be a birthday dinner and celebration in his honor at the J. Y. Beulah farm where B. F. Hord now lives east of Shelby on July 31. The public is cordially invited to be present and share the occasion with Mr. Hord.

The wave of typhoid fever about Lawndale seems to have about spent itself, according to reports from the textile town this morning.

No new cases have been reported this week, and general information is that all those down with typhoid are improving. There are, it is said, only one or two serious cases now in the section and some hope is held out in both cases. The fever patients at the hospital are also said to be recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Vaccine has played a big role in heading the epidemic. Practically all county physicians are being kept busy giving the vaccine, and on Saturday nights especially the doctors are rushed with patients wanting to be vaccinated.

Traveling men say that reports over the state have left the impression that there is fever in Shelby but health officers say such reports without foundation. One or two cases were said to have been reported near the city limits but proved not to be fever. The city water, which is purified daily with chlorine gas, is free from any germs and infection the regular tests show. Each day R. V. Toms, water superintendent, makes a test and has done so since the establishment of the new pump station. In addition to this the state chemists test the city water twice each month and the latest report from the state analysis shows that there is no germ coli in the city water. In fact, the city water here ranks as about the purest in the state, few towns and cities having better or more sanitary water.

Cotton Afire On A Transfer Truck

Eight bales of cotton being hauled on one of the Ellis Transfer Co. trucks yesterday caught fire along the road near Metcalf's and about 200 pounds of cotton was destroyed. The cotton was being hauled from the Dover to Lawndale mill and on the highway beside the railroad, the cotton was covered in flames from some cause. Seeing the truck in distress, the crew on the Lawndale train which was passing at the time, stopped and with water from the engine tender, the flames were extinguished, after the bagging had been burned off and the truck cab damaged.

Miss Grace Padgett of Spartanburg Was A Shelby Visitor On Tuesday

Miss Grace Padgett of Spartanburg was a Shelby visitor on Tuesday. Mrs. May Wells Connor has returned home after attending summer school at the Normal, Asheville, N. C.

THREE DAYS OF CRIMINAL CASES INSTEAD OF TWO

One Mistrial So Far. Odessa Wilson, Kings Mountain Girl, Fails To Show Up.

The current term of Superior court will likely complete the criminal docket before late today or Thursday. It was originally thought the criminal cases would be disposed of with two days work, but more actions have been contested than was expected.

Criminal cases disposed of so far were not of major interest and dealt with liquor matters and other minor crimes for the most part, including appeals from the recorder.

The jury trying the liquor and booze manufacturing charges against Genous McKinney, John Arrowood, and Ben Lail, could not reach a decision after a half day of consultation with each other and late Tuesday evening Judge Schenk ordered a mistrial and the case was continued to the next term of court with the defendants under bond, it appearing to the court that the jurors would not be able to reach a decision.

Odessa Wilson, young, Kings Mountain girl, about whom entered much of the gallery interest at the term failed to answer to her name this morning when the case was called. The judge ordered that the bondsmen be notified and it may be that the case will come up during the term. The girl is officially charged with concealing the birth of her child. Newspaper readers will remember the sordid story of the finding of the child's body in an outhouse. Officers Irvin Allen and Greel Ware told the court that they understood the girl and her family moved to Marion from Kings Mountain some weeks ago.

Boosting Booze Price Judge Schenk added a bit of philosophy on illicit handling of liquor in commenting on a case in court today. Attorneys for the defendant plead for a fine or suspended sentence, whereupon the Hendersonville jurist remarked that for "20 years we have been trying to curb the sale of liquor by fines and suspended sentences."

"Every time a man is let off with a fine for handling liquor the price of bootleg goes up and the quality goes down," he remarked. Numerous divorce cases—and the Cleveland county court is getting quite a number of heavy divorce dockets—were shuffled along for trial later in the week owing to the unexpected length of the criminal docket. Several divorces were billed for Tuesday but the court did not find time to get to them. And in response to a plea for hearing the divorces Judge Schenk remarked "that if the witnesses are anxious enough to come such a long distance to get a divorce they should be content enough to wait a day or so."

STORE BREAKER GETS BIG TERM

Negro Who Broke In Store On Night Freed From Gang Gets Five Years In Prison.

Some months back Doug Ray, colored, was freed from the county chain gang one evening after serving his sentence for stealing chickens. That night he broke into the store of P. M. Mauey and carried away some goods, nor so he admitted in court yesterday. It will be five years now before Doug will be freed from the state prison so that he may break into something again that night when it does come along. That was the sentence—five years at labor—imposed upon him by Judge Schenk. Ray came into the court without a lawyer and plead guilty to the storebreaking charge, but claimed that he only entered the store one time.

Vacation Ahead For Mill People

Several hundred employees of the Shelby Cotton Mills will next week enjoy their annual vacation, it is learned. The big mills, following a custom, will close Saturday and remain closed for a week, enabling all employees to take a week of rest and vacation.

Convicts Get Venereal Diseases From Others, They Tell Grand Jury

Claim Some Enter With No Disease And Catch Same After Entering Camp. Judge Orders Solicitor To Investigate. Full Grand Jury Report.

Convicts on the No. 6 road gang claim that some of them have entered camp free from venereal diseases and have caught such diseases after entering camp, or so it is to be judged from the report of the grand jury submitted yesterday afternoon to Judge Michael Schenk.

The judge called the matter to the attention of Solicitor Spurling and asked that he investigate and make such regulations as deemed necessary and that a report of the recommendations and how carried out be submitted at the next court. He also called the attention of the solicitor to the notation by the grand jury that guardians of several minors in the county have not made the reports required of them by law.

Like Convict Bosses According to the report the convicts are satisfied with their bosses, sleeping quarters and eating, and had no kicks to make except in regard to venereal diseases and medical attention, and kicking on having to sleep with the diseased. Although they did add that they did not get all the good things to eat they would like, but were well fed.

The jail was found to be sanitary and prisoners well cared for, a similar good report being made of the county home and county records.

The body of the grand jury report as signed by the foreman, Moffitt Ware, follows: "We found the county jail sanitary, well kept, and the prisoners well cared for. The court house and grounds are in good condition."

"We also found the county home in good condition, having talked to all inmates. They are treated kindly, well fed, well cared for, and take great pleasure in having such a place to spend their last days. The grounds are well kept. All crops and livestock are in good condition. We do recommend that the walls be painted and some of the rooms refloored."

"The county records are neatly kept. In regard to the guardianship of minors, we found that the reports have been very inadequate. There are 13 guardians who have not reported since appointed. Seven who are due one report; six who are due two reports, and four who are due three reports. We recommend that the clerk in charge be asked to notify guardians in a reasonable time after reports are due."

"After inspecting the convicts near the river at work we went to the convict camp and found the following conditions: The men as a whole are doing well with the labor end. All seems to be doing very well with their respective jobs. The men report that they are not getting as many good things to eat as they like, but that the food end of it is all O. K. They reported that the treatment received from the boss men is good, and that the sleeping compartments are as good as could be expected. But as to the medical end of this inspection, we found quite a lot of kicking, as to the medical attention, and as to the amount of the boys that were infected with the different kinds of venereal diseases. They claim that some of them come into the camp with no disease and that they catch some after entering camp. They also claim that they are all mixed up in their

sleeping compartments. They claim that they should be separated—that is, that the diseased men should be placed in one end of the compartment and the well in the other end. We found the camp quarters in good condition. We therefore recommend that these men have proper medical attention and that the diseased be separated from those not diseased."

Drop Shown In Personal Properties

Increased Land Values In County May Just Take Care Of Personal Property Decrease

An increase in taxable land over Cleveland county was expected this year and advance information from the county tax board is that the expectations will be fulfilled, but along comes the additional information that the increased land values may barely take care of a decrease in value of personal property over the county.

A. E. Cline, county accountant, stated yesterday that he understood from preliminary reports that personal property had slumped considerably below values last year. In fact the slump, according to advance, is almost equal to the increase in general property assessments.

Just what decline in personal property is accountable cannot be determined so far from the assessment reports, it is said.

It is also understood that only two townships, Nos. 1 and 2 perhaps, have personal property values up to that of last year. This decline in personal property will offset the predicted general increase of county property values. Just how much remains to be seen.

Football Prospects Here Appear Good

Tilden Falls To Assist Coach Casey Morris In Rebuilding Gridiron Team

With the opening of school not so many weeks off football fans about town have begun discussing prospects for the Shelby High eleven. Regardless of other assessments the Shelby High football teams have ranked as one of the main features of the year in Shelby for a half dozen or more years.

Although many sterling performers on last year's squad graduated hopes for a good team are high. Numerous youngsters have added to their poundage since last year and will make strong bids for team berths. This year Tilden Falls, former Lattimore coach, will assist Coach Casey Morris in building up the Shelby High eleven. Falls enjoyed a marked success with his athletic teams at Lattimore and is expected to prove very valuable as an aid to Morris, who in recent years has been taxed to handle all athletics and physical culture in the schools. Coach Morris is now at Harvard taking a course in physical education.

10-Year-Old Boy Admits He Sold Bootleg For Dad—Father Gets Term

They start them young these days of fast living.

That is they teach 'em an old trade when they are quite young. The old trade is that of bootlegging. The reason that it is evident that they start young came out in Superior court here Monday afternoon when the court was trying a man for bootlegging.

He plead guilty and the evidence that was brought up included the man's ten year old son. He was the third witness in the case. The court called him up, and he sat at the foot of the judge and his hono rasked him about his little bootlegging experience. The boy told of how a man came to his house one night and wanted to buy some liquor. The

boy said that he found the liquor and that it was hid near the house. He gave the buyer a quart and collected the four dollars.

The judge sentenced the father of the boy to six months on the county road.

The boy after he left the stand went out in the corridor of the courthouse and here his courage left him, and began to cry. It was reported that he fainted from the excitement of his first experience before the big court.

The judge remarked that he could show no mercy to a man that would bring his child up and start him off that early in life selling whiskey.

So, it seems that they get younger every court term.

CHAPPELL NAMED FOR PRINCIPAL SHELBY SCHOOL

Noted University Debater And Student Body Reform Head Coming To Shelby.

S. G. Chappell, one of the best known students at the University of North Carolina in recent years, will be the next principal of the Shelby high school, it was announced today as an aftermath of a meeting of the school board Saturday night with Supt. I. C. Griffin. Mr. Chappell succeeds Prof. A. C. Lovelace who resigned to become superintendent at Henrietta.

Many Applicants. There were 22 applications before the board at its meeting Saturday night, Mrs. Chappell being selected from the large list. Public announcement of the selection was withheld for consultation with the newly elected principal. The election was unanimous, it is said.

Experienced Teacher. The new principal is an experienced teacher and leader, it is said. He graduated from Mars Hill college in 1921 and then served three years as a high school principal. Resigning as principal, he entered the University of North Carolina and completed the requirements there for an A. B. degree. He continued his studies in the graduate school.

Last year Mr. Chappell was president of the Carolina student body and acquired a national reputation in the field of student government by his work with the student body there. Newspaper readers will remember that he became well known through his stand against gambling at the University.

Mr. Chappell represented the university in several inter-collegiate debates. His success in this field won for him the position as manager of inter-collegiate debating in 1926. He now holds an executive position in the School of Education there and has been assisting in the summer school this year. His application came before the board highly recommended by Dean Walker, of the University, and all the members of the faculty in the School of Education.

War Vet Teaches New Song To Blind Guitar Performer. Court Square Scene Of Unusual Incident As Court Week Crowds Swarm Round About.

There are various ways of helping a blind man.

For the most part the public lends a helping hand by dropping a coin into the extended hat of the blind songster after he finishes strumming his guitar. That is deep as the average person goes behind those sightless eyes.

Have you ever wondered how the blind learn the songs they sing for a livelihood? Who takes time to teach them, and hum over time and again a song until the harmony lodges in the brain of the blind man? The blind songster must necessarily strum his guitar and sing "by ear." Written notes are as useless to them as cough drops to President Coolidge.

Over on the court square yesterday was a blind man strumming his guitar and singing the few songs he knew for the spare change of the court stragglers. His repertoire was limited and exhausted with about three selections, and the old tunes were rendered over and over. Finally a veteran of the Civil war felt a touch of pity for the songster, and passersby stopped for a time, and gazed at the unusual as the veteran sat by the blind man's side and hummed over and over again a favorite "snake-down" tune of the old days when the boys in gray were really boys in years. After two or three verses the blind man caught air and his voice followed that of the veteran. In an hour or so the blind man knew a new tune and a smile lit his face—not a smile like ordinary men smile for the sightless eyes could not play their part.

Had you ever thought before who took the time to teach songs to blind men?

SAMPSONS WILL TAKE OVER COURTVIEW HOTEL. Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Sampson, home from a trip into Virginia, announced Tuesday they had leased the Courtview hotel, which they will conduct as a first class rooming establishment.

Mr. Sampson said he had bought new furnishings for the Courtview, which they will take over about the first of the month. The Courtview has formerly been run by Mrs. Alice Boland.