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STRUCK BY FALLING POLE, W. L. LUCAS, NIGHT SUPER, DEAD

Walker L. Lucas, Night Superintendent of Shelby Oil Mill Dies From Injury.

Struck in the head by a falling pole while working at the Shelby Oil Mill Friday morning, Mr. Walker L. Lucas received an injury from which he died Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the Shelby hospital to which he was rushed for medical attention immediately after the accident.

Struck By Falling Beam Mr. Lucas was working with a force of men Saturday putting in steel supports for the screw conveyor which carried seed overhead from the seed house to the oil mill.

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Helped Build Plant Mr. Lucas helped build the oil mill here and has been one of its most trusted and faithful employees for 25 years. Most of this time has been as night superintendent. He was a quiet unassuming man, diligent, loyal, thorough and capable. He was not a man to shirk or dodge and these splendid qualities were recognized not only by his company but by his fellows from the "big boss" to the common laborers. Several times his company offered him promotions at other mills, but he preferred to avoid the work of greater responsibilities and live in Shelby. He was a man who never bothered himself about things that did not concern him, finding great joy in giving service to his company and to its customers.

Among the throng attending the funeral Sunday were the following from out-of-town: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Pressly, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. and Miss Katie Pressly, of Chester, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hartness, of Sharon, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moll of Morganton; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hambricht, Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin, Chas Mullinax, Chas Belle, Carl Hambricht and Ben Wells of Grover. Mrs. Pickney Froneberger of Bessemer City, Mr. and Mrs. Gill Hambricht of Kings Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grant, of Chester, S. C.

Boy Dies Of Fever In Shanghai Section Clarence Goode, son of Charlie Goode of the Shanghai section of the county, died Saturday morning, Young Goode, who was about 16 years of age, was a typhoid fever victim, it is said. It was reported that he strained himself some time prior to his death in lifting a heavy object, but a physician attributes the demise to fever. He had been in bed about one week, it was stated. Funeral services were held at Rolling Springs Sunday.

The young man with his father liven on the Peyton McSwain plantation and well known and held in high regard.

Political Dopesters Want Cheaper Marriage License

Will Put It Up To Next Candidates For Legislature To Introduce Bill Lowering Marriage Costs. State Loses Coin

The political dopesters of Cleveland county are going to put a question up to the next candidate, or candidates, for legislature from this county. It's going to have to do with wedding bells, or, rather, the lack of wedding bells in North Carolina counties.

The query may be about like this: "Will you introduce a bill in legislature, if elected, for the reduction of the cost of marriage license in this state?"

If the candidate refuses he will not get all the votes, the dopesters say. They reason that such a measure is for the best interests of the community, for the state, and also for the scores of love-lorn youngsters who get married every year—either at home or in South Carolina, but mostly, nowadays, in South Carolina.

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What chance is there of reducing physical handicaps in youth, they ask, "just by a requirement that is on the books and not carried out because they're not getting married at home?"

Of course, the dopesters on marriage statistics reason that a goodly percentage of the Tar Heel marriages in South Carolina are to dodge the required physical examination, but the big percentage, they contend, goes there because of the price.

In South Carolina a couple might be married for a total cost of \$5. In North Carolina the first "obey"—if any remain—could not be reached for that paltry sum. The average marriage cost in this state is about \$13, as the dopesters figure it—\$5 for the license, \$3 for physical examination of the contracting parties, and another five-spot for the parson or 'squire.

North Carolina counties need this marriage money, and the state needs it, the dopesters argue. The income from sale of marriage license in the state has decreased by leaps and bounds since the beginning of the \$5 license and physical examination.

UNEXPECTED DEATH OF MRS. M'MURRY CASTS GLOOM HERE

Beloved Wife of Mr. J. J. McMurry Dies in Charlotte Sanatorium—Buried Here Sunday.

A shadow of gloom was cast over the community during the week-end on account of the unexpected death of Mrs. Jessie McMurry, wife of Shelby's modern patriarch, Mr. Jesse J. McMurry, prominent textile manufacturer and cotton broker. Mrs. McMurry died in the Charlotte Sanatorium Saturday morning at 5 o'clock following a three-day illness with an acute stomach trouble. Her health had been bad for nearly a year and she had been under the care of specialists, apparently responding to the treatment, but last week she was taken suddenly worse and rushed to the sanatorium to find that relief was impossible.

Elderly daughter of the late Dr. O. P. Gardner, an outstanding mind of early Shelby, Mrs. McMurry possessed a brilliance of mind, a grace and manner that characterized the women who typified the old South. Thirty nine years ago she was married to Mr. J. J. McMurry and their beautiful companionship and sweet devotion were a benediction to all who knew them. She was a woman of outstanding influence and usefulness in the home life, church life and social life of the community and will be greatly missed by young as well as old. She always enjoyed her contact with young people and exerted a true mother's influence upon their lives. Her mother died early in life leaving a number of small children and being the eldest in the family, it fell her lot to take the part of mother. This great responsibility was crowned with wonderful success, not only with her brothers and sisters, but with her step-sons, Messrs. Avery W. McMurry and S. A. McMurry and her grandson, Jesse Washburn, who lived in the home since he was orphaned in childhood.

Family of Influence Besides her husband and two stepsons, A. W. and S. A. McMurry, the following brothers and sisters survive, O. Max Gardner, who will probably be the state's next governor; Mrs. Bessie Hoey, wife of Ex-Congressman Clyde R. Hoey; Mrs. Ollie Anthony, wife of late Hon. J. A. Anthony, of Shelby; Mrs. R. M. Farthing, of Canada; Mrs. T. A. Robertson, of New York City; Mr. Bate Gardner, of Gastonia and Mr. Will Gardner, of Oregon. She was also a sister of the lamented Colonel J. T. Gardner, of Shelby.

With no funeral oration, the last rites were conducted from the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Zeno Wall, her pastor. Appropriate verses of scripture were read and a quartet sang three of Mrs. McMurry's favorite hymns. Words of praise would have sounded out of place. The beautiful life she has lived has been an open book and as an evidence of esteem in which she was held, the large auditorium was crowded to overflowing with sad-hearted friends. Daughters of the Confederacy, a dozen or more honorary pall bearers and a score or more of floral bearers formed a cordon for the steel gray casket to be carried through by the following active bearers: Chas. L. Eskridge, Carl Tompson, Forrest Eskridge, Joe Suttle, George Blanton, George Hoyle and Lee E. Weathers. A large truck and several cars were required to carry the many pretty floral offerings that numbered nearly a half hundred. Her remains were peacefully laid to rest in Sunset cemetery with only a brief service at the grave.

The following out-of-town relatives were here for the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Will Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Bate Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Miss Sara Gardner, Mrs. R. C. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Long, of Gastonia; Mrs. J. F. Alexander, Mrs. Sue Biggerstaff, Misses Margaret and Nch Young, Mrs. W. C. Falvey, of Forest City, Mrs. W. K. DuPre and Miss Reeka Gardner of New York.

Hotel Feeds 2881 Meals During July Cleveland Springs hotel under the capable management of Mr. George Eaton is enjoying a splendid summer. During June he served 1411 meals. In July the patronage was more than doubled, when a total of 2881 meals were served. The splendid meals are being talked far and wide and especially during the week-ends the hotel is crowded. Mr. Eaton now has two splendid young men as clerks, W. W. Orr, jr. and J. R. Warner both of Charlotte.

Slash County Tax Rate Two Cents Despite Personal Property Slump

Total County Tax Levy Now 88 Cents On Property. Was 90 Cents. School Property Tax 57 Cents, General County 31 Cents. Tax Total Not Complete

TEACHES CHILDREN OF FORMER PUPILS

In Cleveland county now there is a school head who is teaching the children of other children he taught long years ago. This man is a Scotchman. Otherwise he may never have carried on and established such a well known school as Piedmont at Lawndale. His life history is interesting and unique, and in his 30 years as principal at Piedmont he has molded the lives and characters of many noble and successful men and women. The story of the Burns career appears in a special feature article in today's Star written by Miss Selma Warwick, a Cleveland county girl who is now a student in journalism at Duke university, but spending the summer writing features for The Star. Read her story of the Scotch professor.

SHELBY CANINES WILL BE TAGGED

City Tax Of Two Dollars On All Dogs Must Be Paid Sept. 1 Says Chief

You may not be able to teach and old dog new tricks, but you can at least get him accustomed to wearing a little tag on his collar, showing that he is taxed. In today's Star Police Chief Richards announces that a city special privilege tax must be paid on all dogs in Shelby by September 1. The tax is \$2 per male dog and \$5 per female dog. The tax is required by the city code of 1921 and is not an action by the present administration. For some time the county has been requiring a special tax of \$1 per dog and the fund has been going to the school treasury. Furthermore, the chief notes that the code says that after the required date all dogs seen on the streets without the proper tag are to be shot; also dogs remaining on the premises of the owner will subject the owner to a penalty of \$5 if the tax is not paid. So, "Fido," or whatever the pet dog may be named, must have a shiny new tag on his collar by September 1 or a halo over his head in dog heaven. The tags, by the way, are given dog owners when the tax is paid at the City Hall.

MYSTERY STENOGRAPHER IN HUDSON CASE

Shelby Woman Claims Husband's Partner Paid Stenographer \$16,000 Per Month.

Washington.—Her name was "Mae," and, according to the records, she probably was the highest-priced stenographer on this or any other planet, drawing \$16,000 a month. But "Mae's" last name was not disclosed in the suit brought by Mrs. Fannie W. Hudson, of Shelby, and John E. Crabtree, of Yonkers, N. Y., against Charles J. Brown, of Washington, and the North Carolina woman and the New York man doubt that, if she existed, she drew such a fabulous salary. They said also testifying at the trial of their action intended to force Brown to give an accounting of a partnership in which he, Crabtree and Mrs. Hudson's husband formerly were partners. Mrs. Hudson is now the administratrix of her husband's estate. Books of the firm, directed under Brown's auspices, show payment of \$16,500 for salaries, whereas, according to the complainants, only one stenographer—the mysterious "Mae"—was on the payroll. The District of Columbia equity court has reserved decision. The "remains" of the firm have been placed in the hands of a receiver, Robert McNeil of Washington. Upon discovering Mr. McNeil in his office, Brown is said to have used abusive language and threatening gestures, as if he would throw the receiver out.

BOLL WEEVILS NOT DANGEROUS HERE

County Agent Says No Local Fear Of Pest This Year. County Cotton Near Picking

"The boll weevil isn't going to hurt Cleveland county this year—or, it isn't going unless a change comes mighty quick. So, there need be no big fear on the part of county farmers." That's the statement of Alvin Hardin, county agent, made right after a big rain, and rain, y'know, is paradise for the weevil. "No, I haven't seen or heard of any additional boll weevil signs in the county recently," the agent replied to a query. "There never was much evidence this year of the boll weevil in this county." "What I mean by no danger this year can be explained by saying that before long our cotton here will be near enough made not to be hurt by the weevil. The pest, you understand, work on the squares. After the boll hardens there is very little danger from the weevil. Many bolls have already hardened in the county, and some cotton is open. Within four weeks practically all of our bolls, a big percentage at least, should be hard enough to make them immune from a weevil attack if it should come, and there is no evidence yet that such an attack is coming." "It won't be long now" you can't get away from that refrain even with ew ew—"until the picking season in this county is here," Mr. Hardin stated.

Nine Death Reported Over The Week End

Undertakers Run Into a Series of Deaths During The Past Few Days.

Local undertakers report a series of deaths over the week-end—nine in all with five funerals on Sunday conducted by the two local undertaking establishments. There may have been more over the county, handled by undertakers elsewhere. In addition to Mrs. J. J. McMurry, Mr. Walker L. Lucas and Mr. Clarence Emory reported in today's Star, it is learned that Mr. Leonard McSwain, a substantial and esteemed farmer of the Double Springs community died Sunday and is being buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Double Springs. Everett Beheler, 18 years old, son of Will Beheler, of R-5 Kings Mountain was a typhoid fever victim, passing Saturday. He was buried Sunday at Patterson Grove church. Everett Ledbetter, jr., two months old son of Everett Ledbetter died on Buffalo Sunday and was buried this morning at Cherryville. Cora, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bridges of West Shelby was found dead in bed today and will be buried Tuesday at 11 o'clock at Elizabeth church. Mrs. J. A. Stringfellow of near Buffalo Mill died Sunday night and will be buried this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. H. E. Waldrop, conducting the services. A colored man, named Williams, well known locally was buried Sunday.

Shelby Insurance Man Is Honored

Carl Webb has been handed another bouquet.

This one is orchids. He has been presented with honeysuckle, sunflowers, and even roses. But this compliment is liked. He figures among the all-star insurance salesmen of the United States, as composing the convention of the all the star salesmen of all the companies recently assembled at Indianapolis. Which is to say that Shelby has amongst her citizenry one of the all-star insurance salesmen of the United States. And the list of them all is not so very long. Mr. Webb, who represents the Pilot, sold \$930,000 (nearly a million dollars worth of life insurance) during the fiscal year of his company. Which is stepping on the gas, or the sole leather, as the case may be.

WRECK HEARING

The story of the preliminary hearing of the fatal Buff wreck may be found on page 8.

Cotton Up, Rain Falls, Dances Jig

A sure cure for the blues if you happen to be a farmer: Cotton prices moving up, and the rain falling amid a perfect season. Saturday the uptown business section of Shelby enjoyed a little novelty—a farmer dancing a jig and not caring a "whoop" who saw him. While men act like that they haven't the blues. The explanation given for the clog dancing was that he had just heard that cotton was still going up, had just seen how nice his crop looked after the rains of the week, and just couldn't help it. Who could?

Colored Men Rich Did you know that a former school man of this county is now wealthy owing to his oil well? Read page two.