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Frank Hoyle, at the end of the straw hat season, throws his sombrero in the political ring for sheriff.

Cotton loses \$5 a bale on boll weevil report of the government census bureau.

Two rural letter carriers out from Shelby will have finished 25 years of continuous service on September 1st.

A new real estate and insurance firm; barber shop changes ownership and one merchant finds that publicity helps stop worthless check evil.

County farmers mutual fire insurance company record is tribute to success of mutual organizations.

House numbers and mail receptacles are necessary to get city mail delivery service extended over 24 city blocks.

You see in The Star today a picture of little Miss Roberts who has six living grandmothers.

FRANK HOYLE OUT FOR HIGH SHERIFF

Another Candidate Announces Himself to Succeed Retiring Sheriff Hugh Logan.

"Are you running for sheriff?" The Star asked Frank L. Hoyle yesterday in the postoffice when The Star undertook to check up on rumors that Mr. Hoyle who served for 12 years as clerk of the Superior court was in politics again.

"That's my intention now," announced Mr. Hoyle. "I have had lots of people urging me to run for several months and within the past few weeks I have made up my mind positively to be a candidate and have so announced the fact to a few friends who have talked to me about the matter," says Mr. Hoyle.

This makes the fourth candidate already out for the position of high sheriff of Cleveland county and still there are others in whose names the sheriff's office is buzzing.

Mr. Hoyle is one of the county's most influential men. After serving as deputy clerk of court under his beloved father the late Capt. Lemuel J. Hoyle, Frank was elected as clerk and held the position for a dozen years. His last term of office expired nine years ago and then he quit. He was not defeated but he quit in the good graces of the people whom he served so faithfully for a dozen years.

His knowledge of law placed him in position to render the public a splendid service which they fully appreciated.

Mr. Hoyle says it is a bit early to announce but that since others are in the race, he has made up his mind to enter the fight early. The primary is not until next year and the election a year from this fall.

Puts Bad Checks In Show Window

Quinn's Drug Store Finds This Effective Way to Stop Bad Check Practice.

If you see a "cooney" of people peeping in the window at Quinn's drug store, you may think they are looking at an advertisement of a bargain offer, but no, they are scanning a frame-full of worthless checks which the store accepted in good faith from its customers and found them to be "without sufficient funds" when presented to the bank.

Quinn says the display of the worthless checks in the windows showing the signatures of men who gave them, caused a number of "signers" to come in and redeem them. Since he had adopted this method of exposure of worthless checks his experience is that all the checks now accepted are good, because the people who give them make sure they have the funds in bank in order to keep their names out of the public frame in the window. Quinn says he thinks they will stop the worthless check practice during the past year. Other merchants could use his method to great advantage. "It may drive a few customers away," says Quinn, "but I do not want the business of an individual who will take my merchandise away and give me nothing but a worthless check in return."

Mrs. Jane Stewart To Be Buried Thursday

Mrs. Jane Stewart, mother of Mrs. Franklin Harrill, died at the Shelby hospital this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the age of 73 years and will be buried at Double Springs Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services to be conducted by Rev. H. D. Harrill and Rev. D. G. Washburn. Mrs. Stewart had been making her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Franklin Harrill, since Harrill was married.

HOW 40C TAX CAN RUN SCHOOLS IN COUNTY 8 MONTHS

Prof. Grigg Says District Special Would Be Abolished And New Tax Voted For Extra

Some misunderstanding resulted from the recent proposal by County Supt. J. Horace Grigg for a county-wide eight months school term before the Kiwanis club when Mr. Grigg was quoted as saying that a "forty cent county-wide tax" would finance the schools. The proposition has created considerable interest and Mr. Grigg says "numerous questions concerning the eight months term indicate a genuine interest in the plan." In seeking more light on the "forty cents" county-wide tax, Mr. Grigg tells The Star:

"At present we have a county-wide tax of 57 cents levied by the commissioners for the support of the six months school term required by our State constitution. Inasmuch as many districts have found it expedient to operate their schools for a longer period than six months they have voted local taxes as high as 50 cents in order to run their schools two months longer. Shelby and Kings Mountain operate three months longer or a total of nine months.

"Since some districts have only a small amount of taxable property, comparatively speaking, they experience much difficulty in operating an eight months term even with a rather high rate of local tax. Other districts which fortunately have a large amount of taxable property are able to operate their schools for eight or nine months with a local tax rate much lower than the weaker districts.

"Under the proposed plan all of the local taxes in the various districts would be abolished and a county-wide tax be voted to operate the schools two months longer than the required six months. Then there would be the 57 cents to support the present six months term and possibly 40 cents to

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McWhirter Boys Buy Palace Barber Shop

Ambrose and Roscoe McWhirter, two of Shelby's most popular barbers have purchased the Palace Barber shop from Cook & Boyles and took charge this morning. Ambrose has been one of the tonsorial artists at Jim Austell's shop for five years, while Roscoe has been identified with the Austell shop for over a continuous period of ten years. The Palace barber shop which they have acquired is located in the basement of the Union Trust company building and is ideally located for a business of this kind. It is understood that Messrs. Cook and Boyles have purchased shops at Valdese and Taylorsville to which places they will move.

Audit Of County School Books Ready

Prof. F. A. Edmundson who has been making an audit of the county school finances for the past year came up Saturday from Charlotte and completed his report, according to County Superintendent J. H. Grigg and a summary of the audit will be published in a few days for the information of the tax payers. Mr. Edmundson, when he began the audit, was connected with the state department of education, but recently accepted position as superintendent of the county schools of Mecklenburg. Since the schools require the greater part of the county's tax revenue, the information will be interesting to the tax payers.

Short Term Schools To Start In October

All of the rural schools of the county that operate eight months are already running and the city schools at Kings Mountain will start September 5th and the city schools of Shelby will start September 12th. The schools that run only six months will start between the middle of October and the first of November, depending on the harvest season. If harvest is late, schools will be late opening, and vice versa. When the county board of education meets Monday, a tentative date for the opening of the six months school will probably be set, but this date will be subject to change to suit the convenience of the farm patrons of the schools.

The Chaplins



These are new pictures of Charlie Chaplin and Lita Gray Chaplin, whose divorce suit has been the year's choicest morsel of news in the Hollywood movie colony. The lines in Chaplin's face indicate he has aged considerably in the last year.

Burleson-Dula Suit Reaches Compromise

Dula Pays One Penny And Costs In Settling Action For Alleged Libel.

Blowing Rock.—The \$30,000 damage suit of Commodore Burleson, of Morganton, against C. L. Dula, of Blowing Rock, has been settled out of court for one cent it was said by Mr. Dula here.

Mr. Dula said his attorneys and those of Burleson reached a compromise by which the suit would be discontinued if Dula would pay five cents and a nominal amount of damages to Burleson. Thereupon Mr. Dula gave Mr. Burleson one cent and the case ended.

Burleson filed the suit seeking damages because Dula had been quoted in newspapers as saying that Broadus Miller, negro slayer of Gladys Kincaid of Morganton, had been slain apparently while he offered no resistance. Burleson maintained that Miller fired on him first with a shotgun, and that he killed Miller in self-defense. On this ground Burleson demanded the \$30,000 damages.

Farmers Mutual Fire Has Only \$4,000 Loss Last Year

A loss of only \$4,400 was sustained by fire during the past year, it was reported Saturday at the annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association of Cleveland county held in the court house. The company is in fine financial condition due to the splendid management accorded it by W. R. Newton who has served as secretary-treasurer there was no reserve fund, but in these years, a reserve fund of \$12,000 has been accumulated by laying aside a little money year after year. This reserve is kept to meet any contingency that might arise.

Mull Succeeds Wray

O. M. Mull, who has served as vice president for many years was elected president, succeeding the late John S. Wray who was president for thirty years. To the tireless efforts of Mr. Wray is also due much of the credit of the success of the company and a committee composed of O. M. Mull, Joe E. Blanton and W. R. Newton was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in memory of the dead president.

The Officers

E. C. Borders has been elected vice president, Joe E. Blanton, county agent. There is a director from each township and these were elected from the townships in the order named: J. A. McCraw, W. C. Hamrick, W. A. Gladden, J. Bur Patterson, M. P. Harnelson, Lafayette Roberts, A. B. Jones, Andrew A. Elliott, P. L. Peeler, A. T. Mull and George W. Peeler.

The success of this mutual fire insurance company has been phenomenal and has been the object of praise all over North Carolina. There are only a few mutual fire insurance companies in the state and none has been quite as successful as the one in Cleveland.

CITY MAIL WAITS DOOR RECEPTACLES

Mail Service cannot be Extended Until Citizens Have Provided Mail Receptacles.

In order to get the city delivery of mails extended over 25 city blocks, the patrons in the new territory to be served, must do two things, number their houses with permanent figures and provide receptacles in which the carrier can deposit the mail, says Postmaster J. H. Quinn. The failure of patrons to co-operate in this way is delaying the inauguration of the service which cannot be started until these two things are done.

Some weeks ago a survey of the city was made by an inspector from the postoffice department and he recommended that extension of the service to cover 24 city blocks. The additional territory proposed is:

One block North Clegg street, one-half block West Gardner street, one-half block North LaFayette street, four blocks East Marion street, three blocks Crescent avenue, one block West Blanton street, six and one-half blocks South LaFayette street, one block North Washington street, two blocks, Belvedere avenue, four blocks Linberger street.

Other streets failed to get the desired service for the reason that they did not have proper side walks. There is no hope for city service in a territory that does not have good side-walks, either paved or graveled.

Boxes and Numbers.

Postmaster Quinn in urging that each house be provided with boxes and numbers has the following to say about the new service:

"By order of the city authorities, all houses on the proposed additions to the area of city delivery in Shelby have been numbered and the numbers written on houses in crayon. The occupants of the houses are requested to provide and place proper numbers and to provide some kind of receptacles for mail at once. A slot in or near a door is satisfactory. The department will not install the service within the new territory until this order is complied with. Let every resident of the new territory act promptly in this matter and see that his neighbors do not overlook it. The patrons can now hasten or retard the starting of the service over the new territory as they choose."

Farmer Enters Suit Against Power Line

W. J. Riley, through his attorney Peyton McSwain has entered a civil action for damages against the Fallston Electric Light and Power company, alleging that his son Paul Riley, was seriously injured on July 14th this year when the youth was shocked by the electric current of the said power company when he was ploughing in a cotton field where one of the defendant's poles is located. The complaint alleges that when young Riley was ploughing in the field, the force of the electric current drew to the pole, knocked him unconscious and that as a result of the shock he was ill in bed for 15 days and is still unable to work. Damages in the sum of \$10,000 for alleged permanent injury of the youth and \$10,000 for the cost of the action is asked for in the complaint.

Little Lady, Janice Roberts, With Six Living Grandmothers



Reading left to right, standing: Mrs. E. C. Borders, a great grandmother; Mrs. R. E. Roberts, grandmother; Mrs. J. N. Smith, grandmother; Mrs. Sara Huffstetler, great grandmother; Mrs. Elizabeth Houser, great grandmother, 96 years old. Mrs. Sara Roberts, great grandmother. Baby in lap of Mrs. Elizabeth Houser is Miss Janice Roberts, 9-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Roberts.

Boll Weevil Report Sends Cotton Down \$5 A Bale

New Orleans, Aug. 30.—The cotton market broke 100 to 108 points, or \$5 to \$5.25 a bale on the government weevil report today. Fifteen minutes reception of the weevil report the market was still dropping with no indication of a cessation in the selling movement.

An opening rally, which had carried October to 23.30, December to 23.60 and January to 23.67 already been checked by profit taking when the weight of the weevil report made itself felt. Under the added impetus to the downward movement, October dropped to 22.30, December to 22.52 and January to 22.65.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The eleventh boll weevil report of the department of agriculture issued today includes the following:

Texas, Eastern section, had far more boll weevil injury than usual according to reports from 59 counties for the period August 1 to 15. In Central Texas there appears to be an area of 8 or 10 counties where boll weevils have not been abundant except in wooded sections. The crop in this area is a little better than average.

Arkansas reports on August 16 say boll weevils appear to be more abundant in Western portions of the State this year than in any year since 1923. Records for the Eastern portion of the State are not so complete as usual, but apparently the boll weevil is not proportionately as serious as in Western portions. Louisiana: Tallulah reported August 8 to 13 average infestation 65.9 per cent, infestation ranging from 56.8 to 75.0 per cent. Baton Rouge on August 20 reported infestation has been complete in many fields for at least ten days and is rapidly reaching complete infestation in majority of undusted fields.

Infestation has been so spotted in the earlier part of the season that some fields are still making cotton. Mississippi reported on August 20 that boll weevils in that State broke all previous records of the season during the previous week, with an average of 40 per cent of the squares punctured in the hill counties. This marked an increase over the preceding week when the infestation average was 30 per cent, and that of 18 per cent two weeks ago. The weevils are four times as abundant as on this date last year. The flooded area of the delta is still practically free of weevils.

Alabama: On August 16th boll weevils had continued to multiply in enormous number in Central and South Alabama. In some of the Piedmont region cotton fields there will not be over 50 bolls of cotton to the acre. Of 6,489 squares counted on undusted plants 65 per cent were punctured.

South Carolina: The average infestation on 12 plantations in the vicinity of Florence on August 10 was 77.36 per cent as compared with 66.64 on August 22, the report said. Clemson College on August 15 reported weevil infestation light and found only in scattered areas in the lower and middle Piedmont sections. No weevils have been reported in the extreme up-

Two Shelby Rural Carriers Round Out 25 Years Service

George A. Elam, rural letter carrier on Shelby Route 1 and G. V. Hawkins on Shelby Route 2 will round out 25 years of service with the department on September 1st. They have been carrying continuously since the routes were established a quarter century ago rarely missing their schedules through all kinds of weather. "Both have always been and still are faithful and efficient carriers and very popular with their patrons," says Postmaster Quinn. When the first rural service was inaugurated from Shelby, three routes were established. In addition to routes, one and two carried by Elam and Hawkins, Meredith White started Route 3. Mr. White resigned a number of years ago and was succeeded by George Dover, present carrier.

It is thought Carrier Goforth on Kings Mountain Route 1 is the oldest carrier in point of service in Cleveland county. His route was authorized a short time before the Shelby routes, and he has been in continuous service.

With horse and baggy over almost impassable roads, that required almost a full day to make a trip, the men contrast those days with today when they ride in cars over good roads and complete their trip in three hours or less time.

HOME OF DELEGATES FOR BAPTIST ASSO.

Kings Mountain Baptist Association to Meet at Double Shoals October 4th and 5th.

(Special to The Star.) The Kings Mountain Baptist association will meet with the Double Shoals church October 4th and 5th. Below is the list of the homes for the delegates of the different churches:

- Beaver Dam—T. W. Spangler. Bethlehem—J. W. Costner. Bolling Springs—H. C. Royster. Buffalo—Ed. Spangler. Casar—J. R. Peeler. Carpenters Grove—Andy Warlick. Double Springs—S. C. Wilson. Dover—R. L. Eskridge. Elizabeth—W. S. Spangler. Eastside—G. C. Eskridge. Fallston—Cletus Royster. Flint Hill—C. D. Seism. Grover—W. F. Yelton and A. L. Spangler. Kings Mountain, (1st)—A. D. Spangler. Kings Mountain, (2nd)—Joe Lankford. Lattimore—J. T. Spangler. Lawndale—Mrs. Mary Deltz. Macedonia—Mrs. J. W. Spangler. Mt. Sinai—H. L. Francis. New Bethel—J. W. Eskridge. New Hope—C. R. Spangler. New Prospect—W. E. Cornwell. Normans Grove—Everett Spangler. North Brook—Alex Costner. Oake Grove—S. B. Eskridge. Patterson Grove—W. C. Seism. Poplar Springs—Lee Eskridge. Pleasant Hill—A. P. Spangler. Pleasant Ridge—C. D. Spangler. Pleasant Grove—Plato Champion. Ross Grove—Clem Royster. Sandy Plains—L. G. Bowen. Shelby (1st)—J. A. Horn. Shelby (2nd)—Mrs. A. A. Toney. Union—G. L. Cornwell. Waco—Clyde Cornwell. Wallace Grove—Evans and Frank Lankford. Zion—Mischaed Harrill. Zoar—J. M. Wilson.

Gardner Says War Spirit Still There

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—The war spirit is still dominant in Geneva and "I have grave apprehension for the future peace of Europe," reads a letter from O. Max Gardner, prominent Shelby lawyer, who is now touring Europe, to the News and Observer.

Accompanying the published letter is a photograph of Mr. Gardner and Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, also of Shelby, showing them standing before the Woodrow Wilson tablet at the Palace of the League of Nations at Geneva.

"The tablet of Wilson made me proud of him," Mr. Gardner wrote "but it is my judgment that our failure to become a party to the pact accounts for its instability."

Mrs. Claude Grigg Ill In Richmond Hospital

Dr. W. T. Grigg of Lawndale left early this week for Richmond, Va. to be at the bedside of his daughter-in-law Mrs. Claude Grigg who is seriously ill in a hospital there. Mrs. Grigg lives at Freemont, this state, and was taken to a Richmond hospital where a serious operation was found necessary. Friends of the family are alarmed over her condition. Mr. Claude Grigg has been elected superintendent of the Kings Mountain graded schools which open September 5th.

UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB ON SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Chapel Hill, Aug. 30.—(INS.—) The University of North Carolina Glee club, at present on a tour of Europe, apparently is meeting with the same success that ranked them among the leading glee clubs of this country.

R. B. House, executive secretary of the university, has received from Carroll Downes, a member of the American club in London, a letter stating the Glee Club.

"With 'Lindy' Bobby Jones and your boys," Downes wrote "we are indeed sending to the Old World acceptable ambassadors of good will."

WITNESS SAYS TOWNSEND AND WIDOW "DRUNK"

Preacher Tells Of Seeing Couple In Dark Room 'Close Together'—Intimacy Told Of.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Ethel Willis and Henry Townsend, the latter apparently intoxicated, were riding together ten days before Sheriff Sam D. Willis was killed, W. A. Green testified today at their trial for the murder.

Green said they drove up to his filling station, 11 miles from Greenville on the Woodruff Road, and after Mrs. Willis had bought gasoline, she asked the way to Spartanburg and they left in that direction.

Townsend, he said, was slumped down in their closed automobile and seemed to have been "drinking hard."

The Rev. J. A. Willis, preacher deputy, recalled as a witness, told of seeing Mrs. Willis and Townsend together in a semi-dark room at the Willis home in 1924. They separated quickly, he said, when he called Mrs. Willis, leaving a message for her from her husband who was ill in bed.

Townsend visited the Willis home frequently when the sheriff was absent, according to C. C. Cloud, automobile mechanic, who testified he occupied an apartment in the Willis home in July and August last year. The witness said the two often went to the rear of the garage ostensibly to feed a dog which Townsend kept at the Willis home.

One time, he testified, they went to feed the dog at midnight. Footprints and cigarette stumps found at the rear of the garage were not there four hours after the killing, Reuben Gosnell, real estate dealer and former prohibition officer, testified. Gosnell said he made an investigation back of the garage, as so on as it was day light, and saw no signs.

Gosnell also told of seeing the two defendants together on numerous occasions. One time Townsend had his arms around Mrs. Willis, he said. The witness said Mrs. Willis remarked while visiting at his home about three years ago that her husband had told her she would be talked about if she continued to stay out until midnight with Townsend.

W. R. Neely, Gosnell's partner, corroborated the testimony about seeing the defendants together often.

Former Deputy Ben Paris recalled, testified Townsend at different times had owned several .32 calibre pistols. Sheriff Willis was shot with a weapon of that calibre, which has never been located, according to Detective W. W. Rogers testimony.

Indications that the State may rest its case today prompted the defense to prepare for introduction of fifty to sixty witnesses.

Testimony yesterday by almost every State witness centered around the alleged intimacy between the two defendants, principally during the several months preceding the slaying. Coroner John L. Parks testified to seeing the two together in an automobile on two occasions, and declared also that the defendants were together frequently in conversation behind the courthouse, where her husband's offices were located. Townsend was his chief deputy and the sheriff's comrade overseas during the World War.

Other witnesses on the stand told of seeing the defendants together on Mrs. Willis' bed in her home, and being constantly in each other's company.

Shelby Electric Co. Closes Up Business

Makes Voluntary Assignment. Mr. George Tompkins Will Remain in Shelby.

The Shelby Electric company made a voluntary assignment yesterday for the benefit of its creditors and W. C. Boggs Southern representative of the National Credit association has been made assignee. George Tompkins who has been the manager of this business on W. Marion street since it began business about two years ago says there are no local creditors holding unpaid claims against the concern. Mr. Tompkins will remain in Shelby and do general electric contracting. It is not known just how Mr. Boggs, the assignee will dispose of the stock on hand, whether he will sell as a whole or in part, but he will arrive within the next few days to dispose of the business.