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RECOVER BODY OF RUTHERFORD BOY FROM LAKE LURE

James Wilkie, of Rutherfordton, Loses Life in Mountain Lake. Cousin Along.

Rutherfordton.—The body of James Wilkie, 19-year-old Rutherfordton boy, who was drowned late Tuesday night when the canoe in which he was riding on Lake Lure capsized, was recovered Saturday by parties dragging the lake. The body had been in the water 87 hours.

Glen Wilkie, of Gaffney, S. C., a cousin of the drowned boy, was out on bond tonight charged with attempted theft of the boat and an outboard motor with which James Wilkie is thought to have lost his life. Glen Wilkie, it was said, denied the charge and claimed the boat was taken by James Wilkie.

Glen Wilkie's story was that the boys took a canoe tied up at the beach, secured a motor from another boat and started around the lake. Later while trying to change seats the canoe capsized and Glen Wilkie managed to reach a rock and later get ashore. He said the last he saw of his cousin he was struggling with the boat. Glen said James' last words as they struggled in the water were "Don't tell about this."

Funeral services for the drowned boy will be held here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

His father, Ladd Wilkie, is seriously ill at his home here.

Cleveland County's First Court House



CLEVELAND'S FIRST COURT HOUSE WAS HOME OF SQUIRE BILLY WEATHERS NEAR ZION

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WILL BE ENFORCED

J. B. Smith, Welfare Officer, Makes An Appeal To Parents To Abide By Law.

Declaring that he would enforce the compulsory school law, J. B. Smith, superintendent of public welfare, in a statement issued Saturday, urged all parents of children of school age to observe the regulation in all its provisions.

Mr. Smith asserted that inasmuch as the law was fair and just to all there was no excuse for failure to follow it out. His signed statement is given below: "To All Parents of Children of Compulsory School Age.

"The law with reference to school attendance seems fair and just to all parties concerned, and I am responsible for the execution of this law in Cleveland county. I hereby make this public appeal to you in the interest of your children and the State for whose interest the law was enacted. I urge you one and all to enter your children at the beginning of the school term in your district and to keep them in school regularly for the full term. In all cases of absence or tardiness, report the excuse to the teacher at once and thus save trouble. It is my duty to enforce the law without respect of person. I pledge you that I will perform this duty to the best of my ability.

Signed: J. B. SMITH, Supt. Public Welfare.

Young Wife Weeps As Husband Gets Sentence On Road

An empty home brew bottle, a fast moving car and a crash on South LaFayette street meant six months on the roads to a young defendant before Recorder Mull today. The sentence came after the defendant protested that he had not been drinking, and when the sentence was passed the young wife of the prisoner began weeping while a sister watched her small child. The defendant lives nine miles from Charlotte he told the court and had come to Shelby after his brother. The broken-hearted wife continued weeping until a lawyer suggested an appeal.

The county court today was the usual week-end run of minor crimes and drunken affairs.

Three young Shelby boys, arrested in Chesnee, were charged with breaking in R. B. Keeter's store in West Shelby and bound over to Superior court. The allegation was that they took numerous packages of cigarettes. The youths pled guilty through their attorney, but the state scored when one of the defendants testified that the cigarettes found on them were purchased in South Carolina and it was found that the cigarettes did not have on them the well-known South Carolina license stamp.

Fair Date Near Cars Now Carry Banner Of Event

With the big Cleveland County fair only a little more than three weeks ahead county automobiles are now carrying the regular fair banners proclaiming the date of the annual event.

Considerable preparatory work is now under way at the fair grounds and the fair secretary with his assistants are busy arranging details for the big week.

The fact that the Johnny Jones exposition shows are coming seems to be the big point of interest with the general public as the fair is discussed.

BY SELMA WARLICK What do you suppose would happen in these post-Volsteadian days to steady, law-abiding Clevelandians and Shelbyites should they discover that liquor and justice were dispensed from the same building—even a bar room on the first floor of that venerable temple of law and order, the court house? Yet, precisely this occurred in the early history of Cleveland county.

Originally, what is now Cleveland county was a part of Rutherford county which at the time comprised what is now the greater part of Cleveland and Lincoln counties. In the late 30's due to the fact that the country was becoming more populous and that transportation facilities were almost totally lacking as well as to the desire for the right of local government instilled by English forbears, it was decided to divide the territory then comprising Rutherford county into Rutherford, Lincoln and Cleveland counties. According to 1841 Cleveland county was formed and named in honor of Colonel Cleveland of Revolutionary fame who distinguished himself particularly at the battle of Kings Mountain when the hillmen responding nobly and bravely to the call of their commander in the "settlement," literally swept down in hords to play havoc with the plans of Cornwallis and his red-coated Brits.

After the formation of the county, there was a considerable furor raised over the location of the county seat, since there was no village or town of established pre-eminence. For two years or more there was delay and deliberation. In the meantime, the affairs of the newly created county had to go on. Court had to convene for the administration of justice.

The plantation of Squire Billy Weathers, as he was familiarly known, prominent merchant and slaveholder, was somewhat centrally located and had the advantage of being at the point of intersection of the main arteries of travel between the adjoining counties and the eastern and western portion of the state. It was natural that the commodious home of the genial squire should be temporarily chosen as Cleveland county's first court house and officially used as such for two years.

Bar-Room At Court Squire Weathers, as well as many of his neighbors manufactured and sold liquor and brandy in those days, exporting great quantities of it to cities in South Carolina renowned for their gaiety and pleasure-loving in the times "befo' de war." This eau de vie, as the French say, also found a local market. Rumor has it that there was a barroom on the first floor of the house in which the judge convened court. No doubt it was an easy and convenient system of disposing of customers who insisted on drinking more than was good for their health and well being. Perhaps the canny and practical minded Scotch of the locality had due influence in this choice. But, as Mr. Monroe Wilson, one of the oldest citizens of the community, hastened to explain when queried on this point—distilling liquor was considered a legitimate business in those days just as raising corn and cotton. It furthermore provided a means of converting their grain and fruits into salable products at a time when transportation facilities were practically non-existent. Confirmed drunkards, though, were rare. Men took time to live and drank little as a matter of course.

Not far away from the temporary court house and near Zion's church was the old "muster ground" where the men within the limits of a certain territory met for military drill and practice under the dictation of the local captain at

BURY VICTIM OF GRUESOME CRIME OF BURIED BODY

Mrs. Gatlin, Wife of Reidsville Fire Chief, Cheerful Though Charged With Murder

Reidsville, Sept. 4.—A great throng of people attended the funeral services here this afternoon at 3 o'clock for R. Smith Petty, whose body was found yesterday buried in the basement of a house in which he formally lived.

Rev. Thomas F. Pardue, Primitive Baptist minister, to whom Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin is alleged to have confessed that she killed her father, conducted the services. Interment was made in Greenview cemetery.

Disappointment awaited those who expected the minister, who instigated the investigation into the mysterious disappearance of Smith Petty, to add something to what he had already said about the sensational case. The minister preached a short sermon, building it around judgment. It was a fitting theme and the preacher bore down in his exhortation of the wayward to "get right with your God."

John Petty, of Union, S. C., aged father of the deceased, attended, as did three brothers and four children of Smith Petty.

The brother made it clear that he would demand a full and vigorous investigation into the entire case. He said he believed there were more than one person involved in the tragedy.

It is known that officers, both city and county, are carrying on a relentless investigation. It would not surprise the community if other arrests are made within the next day or two.

Mrs. Gatlin Cheerful. Meanwhile, Mrs. Gatlin, who was popular in the community until her arrest Saturday, is in good spirits in the Wentworth jail. She talked with various persons today, but declined to add anything material to the case. She said however, that she would make a statement later. She stoutly denies that she killed her father, and furthermore, denies that she confessed anything to Rev. Mr. Pardue.

Mrs. Gatlin, bride of three months will probably be given a preliminary hearing this week. There is much speculation here as to what will develop at the hearing. Will the girl stick to her story? If she breaks will she involve others? These are the questions freely discussed.

It will be recalled that Mr. Pardue upset the community yesterday when he disclosed the alleged confession of Mrs. Gatlin. The confession, the minister said, was made last May, following a sermon delivered by him. He said the girl confessed that she killed her 50-year-old father with an axe while he was eating breakfast. The motive given by the girl in her alleged confession was that her father had mistreated her mother and also had soundly beaten her. There is another motive hinted, but as yet officers have failed to develop it. Other arrests may follow if the authorities are able to develop this latter motive.

Mr. And Mrs. Shytle Lose Their Baby Son

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shytle sympathize with them in their bereavement over the death of their baby son, Jack Stevens, six weeks old who passed away at the Shelby hospital Saturday afternoon. The little one had not been strong since birth. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Revs. Zeno Wall and T. B. Johnson and interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Release 2 In Simmons Death

Fayetteville Sept. 3.—Held in jail for five months as witnesses in a murder case, Charles Martin and Arthur Dominick, Fort Bragg soldiers, were released from custody by Judge W. M. Bond today, three months after the defendant in the case had escaped from jail.

Dominick and Martin were with Roscoe Simmons, another soldier shortly before he was killed here last spring. They were ordered held as witnesses, and Nan Evans, a negro woman, was charged with the crime and arrested. She escaped toward the last of May, by operating an elevator in the jail. The two witnesses seem to have been overlooked until today.

If You Think This Easy, Try It!



This scene from the world's champion rodeo in Chicago shows one of the most difficult bits of roping ever attempted. Leonard Stroud is shown tossing the lariat about four galloping horses while he stands on his head.

Brother Of Charlie Ross Sells Stock Market Seat For Quarter Of Million

Page Julius Dellinger, he that lived at one time at the town of Denver in Lincoln county and had The Star startle the world with the information that he was the long-lost Charley Ross.

In those days the question was asked: Why does Dellinger care so much about proving himself to be Ross? Is there any money to it? No, no, not that. But, listen. When Messrs. Mosher and Douglas, of whom Star readers have heard heretofore drove up in front of the Ross mansion in Philadelphia long years ago they kidnapped both Charley Ross and his brother Walter. Later on they turned Walter loose. Charley, by the way, is still loose, and Dellinger, who visited Shelby and put this section on the newspaper map for several weeks is still attempting to prove that he's the loose and long-lost Charley Ross.

But this story has to deal with Walter. If the former Lincoln county man can prove himself to be Charley Ross he will not go back to an empty cupboard. The father of the Ross boys may have spent all he had trying to find Charley, but Walter—and this is the big news—has at least a quarter of a million packed away in his jeans.

Just glimpse the following if you care for the details and if you're kind hearted mail it to Charley Ross alias Julius Dellinger, somewhere in Georgia the state Sherman marched through.

The dispatch is under a New York date line of the past week and reads:

"Walter L. Ross, brother of Charley Ross, kidnapped in Philadelphia July 1, 1874, and never found, yesterday sold his New York Stock Exchange membership for a record high price of \$226,000.

When Mosher and Douglas, peddlers, drove up in Germantown, fifty-three years ago last July, they seized both Walter and Charley Ross, but after driving to a remote part of Philadelphia, they put Walter out of the carriage. After observing that he was old enough to watch their movements, Walter then was six, while Charley, whom a world-wide search never found, was four.

Although the kidnapers demanded a \$20,000 ransom—negotiations for which failed—the Rosses never were certain of the motive that actuated the kidnaping. The father, Christian K. Ross, now dead, spent \$60,000 in vain search for his stolen boy.

Walter Ross, who bought his Exchange seat in 1889, when memberships were selling at \$29,500 to \$40,000, or at least \$186,000 below yesterday's quotation, is a floor trader, with headquarters at Post and Flogg's, No. 49 Broad street. He commutes from his Philadelphia residence, 33d Street and Moreland avenue, to this city daily.

The buver of the Ross membership is Malcolm C. Falk, a broker at No. 20 Broad Street. Mr. Falk, now forty-three, came to this country at the age of fourteen and entered the financial district

NINE DIVORCE CASES FEATURE COURT NEXT WEEK

Special Term of Court Called to Clear up a Congested Docket. Civil Cases Only.

Nine divorce cases feature the civil calendar of Cleveland superior court, which opens here Monday September 12. Fifty four cases are listed for trial, all of them being of a civil nature.

The special session has been called to clear up a congested civil docket, and no criminal cases will be tried. Court is expected to last two weeks, according to the calendar.

The calendar for the special session follows:

Monday September 12. J. G. Hord vs. W. E. Richs et als.

Mrs. Roberts vs. Bryant et als Bunkley vs. Bunkley. Cleveland Motor Co. vs. Joe Williams.

Candike vs. Blackwell. Adolphus Wilson vs. F. Y. Hicks, Adolphus Wilson vs. F. Y. Hicks, R. B. Falls vs. Highlander (News Pub. Co.).

Z. J. Thompson vs. C. C. Beam, Morrison vs. Morrison.

Tuesday Sept. 13th. Arrowood vs. Anderson.

In re: C. W. McCraw's will. Meginson vs. O. C. McSwain. Morrison & Son vs. Dudley. Ellis D. Cook vs. Hamrick et als, F. W. Baber et als, vs. Nifty Jiffy stores, Inc.

Wednesday September 14. D. D. Edwards vs. Cleveland Mill & Power Co.

Stewart vs. Boll-we-go Co. National Surety Co., vs. Krawcheck.

Campbell's Department store vs. J. W. Spangler.

Thursday September 15. Town of Shelby and S. Gardner et als vs. Thompson.

W. A. Pendleton vs. J. D. Led and wife.

Davis vs. Davis.

Friday September 16. J. M. Elliott vs. C. F. Gantt. Wall vs. Cahaniss.

Patterson vs. Price and Gladden, Gladden et als vs. Beam et al. Reinhardt vs. Silver.

Canipe et ux vs. Coley et ux. Saturday September 17. Rick vs. Rick.

Hord vs. Hord. Hopper vs. Hopper.

Cook vs. Cook.

Monday September 19. J. T. McGill et als vs. Kings Mountain.

Ben. D. Phifer vs. Kings Mountain and Margrace mill.

Laura D. Phifer vs. Kings Mountain and Margrace mill.

J. D. Phifer vs. Kings Mountain and Margrace mill.

Thos. B. Ware vs. Kings Mountain and Margrace mill.

Tuesday September 20. Brown vs. Brown.

Booze vs. Western Union. Hord vs. Roberts et als.

Wednesday September 21. Rex Cigar Co., vs. Weaver et als, Weathers & Son vs. Carpenter. Bank vs. Vandike.

Hannah vs. Hannah.

Thursday September 22. McEntire executors vs. Hamrick, McEntire executors vs. Grayson and Hamrick.

Barrett vs. Buffalo Cotton Mills, Hord vs. Mayberry.

Friday, September 23. Stockman vs. Harbison. Buchanan vs. Western Union. Barrett vs. Hord. Elliott vs. Stames. Elliott vs. Royster.

State Makes Gain In Revenue Receipts

North Carolina gained \$152,644 for July and August, 1927, over the same months in 1926 and the hop in revenues raised by the State indicates to the fiscalists that North Carolina will have more money next year than it hoped for. Collections during August were classified as follows: Income, \$1,580; inheritance, \$42,580; schedule B, \$180,337; schedule C, \$267,819; bus \$18,558; insurance, \$353,635.

ATTENTION W. O. W. TO MEETING THURSDAY

There will be a special meeting of Hickory camp No. 518 W. O. W. held next Thursday night September 8 at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of making arrangements for a barbecue and picnic to be given to the members of our camp and the degree team that won honors for us at encampment last month.

Every member interested in the growth of our camp is requested to be present at this meeting. T. O. GRIGG, Clerk S. M. MORRISON, Capt.

TOM WEBB ADDS TO FARM WHICH NOW HAS 1,300 ACRES

Upper Cleveland Farm Within 30 Miles of Five County Seat Towns.

Tom Webb, contractor is about to become the largest individual land owner in Cleveland county. From the way in which he is buying land, it would seem that he is headed in this direction, not to boast of the distinction of being the largest land owner, however, but because he has faith in this section. After finding that land back in the mountain counties is priced at fancy figures, Tom decided to buy down in the foothill section where the possibilities are greatest for enhancement of values. He has just purchased 287 acres from Mr. George L. English of Rochester, N. Y. This acreage joins his Buffalo mountain farm on the upper rim of Cleveland and gives him a total of about 1,300 acres in a single body. Some of it lies in Lincoln, but most of it is in Cleveland county.

Within a radius of 30 miles are five county seats. Three state-highways converge at his farm and in the counties surrounding it, there are fertile farming sections and prosperous industrial centers. Asked what he intends to do with so much land, he says he expects to farm it, growing the kinds of crops that are suited. Already he has an orchard with over a thousand trees and is planning to build a clear-water mountain stream dam which will be stocked with trout and bass from the government fish hatcheries.

NEWTON ROAD CASE FIGHT IS SETTLED

Long And Bitter Fight Over Routing Of State Highway In Catawba Settled.

The end of the celebrated fight between the town of Newton and the North Carolina State highway commission came to a close at Hickory Saturday when representatives of both factions agreed on a compromise route to run from the Catawba River Bridge West of Blakesville into Newton, by way of the town of Catawba. The settlement was reached at noon and representatives from both sides were instructed to draw up the paper of agreement which, it is confidently expected, will be officially signed and the long and tedious controversy ended.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby was the only attorney appearing for Newton who lives outside of Catawba county and the settlement was reached on the same basis which Mr. Hoey and Attorney W. C. Feimster of Newton proposed a settlement to the state highway commission a year ago. At that time the road commission would not agree.

The compromise in Hickory brings to an end a dispute that has been in progress between the town of Newton and the State highway commission for more than a year, with the Supreme Court

Largest Shopping Crowds Saturday In Many Months

Shelby merchants state that the past Saturday was one of the best shopping days of 1927 here.

From early in the morning until late at night the streets and stores were packed with shoppers. Several merchants report Saturday's business as the best since the holiday shopping rush of last fall and winter.

The near approach of the cotton selling season together with the likelihood of good cotton prices have added to the business morale of the section.

twice being called upon hand down opinions.

The town of Newton objected to the routing of the road by the highway commission that made highway 10 touch Newton only on one corner, the town contending that the legislature had meant the center of a town when it specified that county seats were to be touched by main highways.

After twice being in the Supreme court, the dispute was scheduled to go there again when last week Newton announced its intention of fighting it further, and the highway commission stated that Catawba would lose all highway construction for the year because of the opposition.

Judge Schenck was to hold a hearing in Hendersonville Saturday morning on the case, but it was postponed pending the discussion in Hickory.

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