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The popularity of Al Smith in his home state of New York was evinced again yesterday when a proposed amendment for a four-year governorship term, and fought by Smith, was defeated. Scattered Kentucky returns had the Democratic candidate for governor slightly in the lead, while in Philadelphia Republican candidates are reported ahead. Two people were killed in an election row in Kentucky.

A special term of Gaston county court has been called for November 15, by Governor McLean to try the charges against James H. White, former tax collector, on misappropriation of tax funds.

COMMITTEES FOR SCHOOL SELECTED BY COUNTY BOARD

Board of Education Takes Up Plans For Erecting Handsome New Building In No. 8.

One of the features of the meeting of the county board of education here this week was the taking up of the plans for the proposed new consolidated school in No. 8 township. This school will be one of the most up-to-date in the county and is a matter of some interest in that section as well as the county in general.

At the meeting a building committee was appointed by the board as well as school committee for the new district. The building committee is made up of J. W. Bridges, S. C. Lattimore and J. P. Elliott. The district committee includes the building committee and Will Davis and M. E. Eaker. Today these two committees together with the county board and county superintendent met and selected the site for the new school, which will be near the cross-roads at Frank Lee's garage. The board also made an application to the state department for a loan with which to erect the building.

The building will contain from 12 to 15 rooms with an auditorium, it is said, and will be one of the best school structures in the county. Work will start on the building just as soon as the weather permits in the Spring and it will be complete for use by the next school term. L. Berge Beam, former Lincoln county superintendent and now assistant superintendent in Rowan, together with Percy Bloxam, architect, attended the meeting of the board conferring about plans for the new building.

W. L. Padgett, 82 Year Veteran Dies

Beloved Confederate Veteran of the Beaver Dam Section to be Buried Thursday.

Mr. W. L. Padgett, 82-year-old veteran of the Civil war, passed away Wednesday morning at five o'clock at the home of his son Abie Padgett in the Beaver Dam community after an illness of 12 weeks. Mr. Padgett will be buried Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Beaver Dam church, the funeral services to be conducted by Rev. D. F. Putnam and Rev. Zeno Wall.

Mr. Padgett was one of the heroic old men of the county who was greatly beloved by his host of friends and neighbors. He joined the church about 60 years ago and had been married about the same number of years. Surviving are his wife and two sons, Abie and Alvin Padgett, one sister, Mrs. Acie Lovelace, 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Shelby Girl In Lead In Contest

Charlotte, Nov. 9.—Miss Ouida Mundy, of Shelby, led the field at the end of the elimination contest for the title of "Miss Carolina" to be bestowed upon the young woman receiving the largest number of votes in connection with the popularity contest of "El Club de la Noche" to be given the week of November 21, by the Elks club in order to promote the Christmas charity fund of the organization.

Other contestants placing at the end of the elimination are Miss Ellen Hines, Miss Ernestine Bennett, Miss Bobbie Horgett, Miss Helen Butler, Miss Gladys Croft, Miss Mirell Armstrong and Miss Pauline Ripper, all of this city.

The young woman will act as emcee during the night club here and the one receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented an automobile. A ring and a wrist watch will be offered as other prizes.

County Teachers To Meet On Saturday

A meeting of the school teachers of Cleveland county will be held at the Central high school building here Saturday morning, beginning at 8 o'clock, according to J. H. Grigg, county school head.

Routine matters, including a suggested plan for reading circle work, will be taken up.

COTTON DROPS ON REPORT RAISING YIELD ESTIMATE

Government Crop Report Figures Are Higher Than Supposed They Would Be.

December cotton sold down 130 points and January 150 points today just after the government's bureau report was issued, but recovered rapidly and at noon/December was 82 points lower than Monday's close. The government raised the estimated yield of cotton from 12,678,000 to 12,842,000, approximately 160,000 more bales than was indicated a month ago. Many had expected the government to reduce its estimate, but having raised it about 160,000 bales, the market opened very erratic, lost and recovered.

There had been ginned up to November 1, 9,925,795 bales. Around ten million bales had been expected. The indicated yield per acre as made by the U. S. census bureau is 151.2 pounds per acre.

Monday's close of the active months was December 20.85, January 20.92 and March 21.06. At noon today the quotations were December 20.04; January 20.05; March 20.27.

Weather in central and eastern belt shows rain, 2.04 in Memphis. Forecast Oklahoma and West Texas, fair. East Texas partly cloudy, balance of belt rain or showers.

New England mill officials minimize damage to mill property because of floods. Fair business in Worth street, the yarn and cloth market.

Blacksburg To Play At Boiling Springs

Boiling Springs plays as her next opponent Blacksburg high at Boiling Springs Friday November 11, at 3:30 p. m. Boiling Springs wants to continue her winning streak by winning the sixth consecutive high school game. Boiling Springs seems to have collected a bunch of stars in such men as Haynes, one of the best ends in the state, the Moore brothers who smear plays at all times, Powell at center, and Hammett, Tipton, Walker and Irvin in the backfield. All of these men are in good shape and will see action Friday in the last home game.

Mrs. Shull's Grand Mother Dead, At 100

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shull were called to Greensboro Sunday on account of the death of Mrs. Shull's grand-mother, Mrs. Margaret Kine Ledbetter. The interment was Monday at the old home church 14 miles from Greensboro. Mrs. Ledbetter would have been one hundred years old the 2nd of this month. Two weeks ago she fell while walking on the lawn and pneumonia developed from her injury, which hastened her death.

Judge Webb Visits His Ill Daughter

Washington, Nov. 8.—Judge E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, was here yesterday to visit his daughter, who has been ill, and returned to the state last night. He spent all of his time here with his daughter.

He is well known in Washington having served in congress and was co-author of the Webb-Kenyon bill, and one of the leaders in the fight for the prohibition amendment.

Under Operation—Miss Kay Whisnand had her tonsils taken out at the Shelby hospital last Tuesday and is reported to be getting very well.

Auto In Cleveland For Every Half Dozen People

County Ranks Very Little Better Than State Average For Cars, Department Figures.

Cleveland county has an automobile for every six and one half persons statistics issued by the department of revenue show. This was estimated by The Star some weeks back by a preliminary report and is now definite by the actual figures. This average of a car for every 6.5 inhabitants is only a little better than the state average. In the state as a whole there is an automobile for every 6.8 inhabitants.

Number Of Cars Cleveland county, according to the

Pastor, in Bed, Uses Radio



Illness failed to keep Rev. W. C. Keeler of the Methodist Episcopal church of Iowa City, Ia., from addressing his congregation. The pastor is shown with the microphone, a loud speaker in the pulpit carried the pastor's sermon.

Minister's Old Horse Dina Dies

Companion Of Rev. D. G. Washburn For 20 Years—Traveled 50,000 Miles.

Dina, the good old faithful bay driving horse of Rev. D. G. Washburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 1. She had seen almost 37 years of faithful service. She was brought here from Tennessee when she was young.

Mr. Washburn drove her for 20 years, in his ministry, to all his church services, marriages and funerals and all his visits to the sick. She was always hearty and ready for the road in all kinds of weather, good and bad, and any time of the day or night. In all he drove her more than 25,000 miles. In addition to this, Mr. Washburn's father-in-law, Mr. E. R. Hamrick hauled cream to the Mooresboro creamery for 12 years. In this she traveled around 25,000 miles, making a total of more than 50,000 miles. People throughout the county knew the horse.

A few years ago she was supplanted by the automobile coming into use.

When she became aged and infirm he did not dispose of her, to be abused and half-starved but instead in recognition for the services she had rendered him in his ministry he kept her and gave her kind treatment until she died.

Coy McSwain Home Totally Destroyed

Planning To Rebuild Later—Loss \$4,000 With \$2,000 Fire Insurance.

Mr. Coy McSwain who lost his home just west of the Ora mill by fire, estimates his loss at \$4,000 with only \$2,000 insurance. Mr. McSwain was at the Dover gin at the time the fire started and his wife was in the yard washing when she turned and saw the flame had reached unmanageable proportions on the roof of the house. The building and its entire contents were destroyed. For the present Mr. and Mrs. McSwain are "boarding with the scholars" but will build on the site of the burned home perhaps next year. They have a home on the farm, but that is occupied. When it is vacated, they will move to it, says Mr. McSwain until some other arrangements are made. Both Mr. and Mrs. McSwain are very grateful to their friends and neighbors for the many expressions of sympathy in the loss of their home and household effects.

Mrs. Sara Williams Dies In No. Four

Mrs. Sara Williams, wife of W. P. Williams, died Monday morning at 1 o'clock at her home in No. 4 township, at the age of 78 years. She is an aunt of Mr. Sam Morrison, transfer man of Shelby. The funeral was held Wednesday and the interment was at Mount Zion Baptist church near Cherryville. Mrs. Williams had a host of friends and her passing is a source of deep sorrow.

COMMISSION HEARS OF BRIDGE AGAIN

Less important business than any meeting in many months was transacted this week by the county commissioners, it is reported. However, the commissioners were as usual faced with a considerable amount of routine work and business to pass upon.

Among the other features of the meeting was another delegation about the Ellis Ferry bridge, which was widely discussed by the southern section of the county and before the commissioners. The delegation this week was made up of three men. Nothing definite in the bridge matter was decided, it is understood.

SENATOR SIMMONS TELLS HIS STAND ON GOV. AL SMITH

Says He Is Opposed To Smith But Heads No Movement Against Smith Race.

Washington—"I am exercising my right as a citizen and a Democrat in opposing the nomination of Mr. Smith by the Democratic party," says Senator Simmons in a letter to Henry Suydam, Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, which is in reply to a letter from Mr. Suydam inquiring as to the truth of a statement recently made by Frank Kent in the Baltimore Sun to the effect that Senator Simmons was organizing a bloc of delegates to oppose the nomination of Governor Smith.

"Replying to your letter," states Senator Simmons, "I have not up to this time made any comment upon Mr. Kent's article for the reason that I was not disturbed by it and for the further reason that I realize that such charges and speculations are to be expected in a political campaign. Mr. Kent did not interview me and, so far as I know, made no attempt to communicate with me, and, therefore, it would appear that what he undertook to state as a fact was based, only, upon his own speculations and opinions, or perhaps, the speculations and opinion of others.

"I am opposing the candidacy of Governor Smith for the Democratic nomination for president upon the ground of unavailability. I gave to the public in a short statement issued in North Carolina a few weeks ago, my reasons for regarding him as unavailable as a presidential candidate and it is not necessary now to re-state them. Opposing a presidential candidate upon the ground of unavailability is not a new idea. It is upon the ground of unavailability different from those present in the case of Governor Smith—that the South, for more than half a century, has refrained from demanding the nomination of a candidate on the Democratic national ticket. This has been so, notwithstanding the fact that the South has, during that whole period with one or two exceptions, furnished the party the bulk of its electoral votes and the greater part of its strength in Congress. The unavailability alleged for 60 years past against nominating a Southern man was grounded, as everyone knows, in sectional prejudice, supposed to have been entertained by, not all, but a considerable part of the voters of the North and West. The South, of course, regarded that prejudice as unreasonable and undeserving of sympathy; but, in order to promote National harmony in the party, Southern Democrats have repeatedly made their sacrifice and nevertheless, in every election, have loyally supported the party's candidates.

"I am exercising my right as a citizen and a Democrat to oppose the nomination of Mr. Smith by the Democratic party, and I shall do whatever may seem to me proper in support of the views I entertain upon the subject of the presidential nomination. Mr. Kent is mistaken, however, I have not undertaken the enterprise of leading or organizing the opposition to Mr. Smith's nomination."

Miss Cornelius Is Named Home Expert

Miss Elizabeth Cornelius, for a number of years home demonstration agent in Cleveland county, more recently holding the same position for Davidson county, has been elected home agent for Iredell county, succeeding Mrs. Virginia Parrott, who resigned effective December 1.

Miss Cornelius will take up her duties January 1, 1928. Miss Cornelius is a graduate of Salem academy taught school for several years and has had eight years of experience in home demonstration work in Kentucky and North Carolina.

Miss Roberts Takes Charge Of Courtview

Miss Kate Roberts has leased Courtview hotel property belonging to Mr. R. E. Campbell and will on Thursday of this week open a first class hotel and dining room. Miss Roberts has had considerable experience in the hotel business, having been with Mrs. F. C. Coleman at the Hotel Victor for four years. For the past two months she has been with the Central hotel. Miss Roberts has been busy for several days renovating the hotel and putting it in tip-top condition for the opening.

Election Board Adjourns Meeting On Recall Count

"Adjourned Indefinitely," Members Of Board Say, Awaiting Further Recall Petitions.

The county board of elections in session off and on for the past week or so to count the names on the city recall petitions has adjourned "indefinitely."

Such was the statement made yesterday by Bynum Weathers and D. P. Byers, members of the board. Asked as to the meaning of "indefinitely" it was said that the board would not meet again until the other petition, or petitions, came in.

"The eleven petitions already in have been checked and re-checked with the registration books and we have nothing more to do until more names come in," it was added. Just when the other petition, said to be out, will be turned in is not known and the board will await that time to meet again.

Some Controversy On the eleven petitions already turned in there were approximately 880 names, it is said, about half of those signed checking with the registration books, which left the recall strength a little shy of the required one-fourth of the registration to make the recall possible.

In connection with the check it is said there is some controversy as to the eligibility of signers. So far the names on the petitions have been checked against actual registration. In the recall group it is believed that those who have "come of age," or are otherwise eligible to vote now, should count as a part of the qualified registration.

Anyhow, with the election board adjourned no new fireworks are expected in the recall movement until another petition is forwarded.

CHURCH CHANGES OF INTEREST TO METHODISTS HERE

Rev. A. L. Stanford Goes From Charlotte to Broad Street at Statesville. Forbis Here.

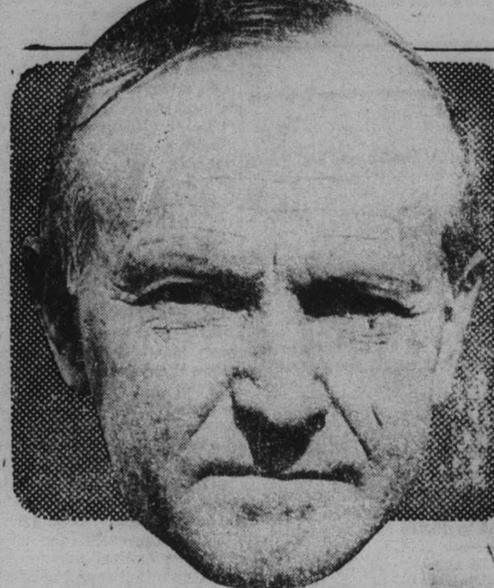
With only one change in Methodist ministers in this section numerous other changes made by the Methodist conference Monday are of interest to Methodists in this section.

Rev. H. K. Boyer returns to Central church, Rev. I. B. Johnson to LaFayette church, Rev. S. M. Needham to Polkville, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald to Belwood, but Rev. D. P. Waters leaves the Shelby circuit and is replaced by Rev. R. L. Forbis. Rev. Mr. Waters, popular about the local circuit, goes to the New London charge in the Salisbury district. Otherwise no changes were made in this section.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor here at the time the new Central church was erected, and pastor at Charlotte during the erection of the handsome new first church, has moved to the big "Broad street church at Statesville. Rev. B. Wilson, who at one time was on the Shelby circuit and is well remembered here, remains at Catawba in the Statesville district. Rev. A. S. Raper, at one time LaFayette pastor, is at Erlanger.

Rev. W. A. Newell, the new presiding elder of the district is a native of the Concord section and well known here.

The President—a New Picture



This new picture of President Coolidge seems to bear out the claim that the presidency means worries aplenty. The lines about President Coolidge's eyes and mouth have deepened during his administration of the highest office in the land. While his "do not choose to run for the presidency in 1928" has been couched in various ways, the picture seems to get over the impression that he really is tired and "wants a rest."

Methodists Against "Wet" Candidate, Object To Smoking By Women And Clergy

Many Girls Started Smoking During World War. Rule Against Clergy's Tobacco.

Asheville.—Unanimous adoption of a resolution emphatically protesting the nomination of any "wet" candidate for the presidency in 1928 and adoption of another measure strongly condemning the "evils of the tobacco habit, and especially the cigarette habit," were actions of the final session of the Methodist conference here being, in interest and importance with reading of the preachers' appointments for the ensuing year.

Presentation of the resolution protesting nomination of a "wet" presidential candidate was greeted with hand-clapping and with a lusty chorus of "amens." The text of the resolution said:

"In the interest of safety for our constitution, security for our homes, and sobriety of our people, this, the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, would record a most emphatic protest against the nomination in 1928 by either of the two great political parties of any candidate for president of the United States who is not outright and altogether in accord with the eighteenth amendment, and in favor of reinforcing and enforcing the Volstead law."

The measure condemning the use of tobacco was introduced by Rev. E. Myers and Rev. M. G. Erwin. It provides that the entire forces of the western conference "do all we can to teach our people, especially the youth of the church, the evils of the tobacco habit, and especially the cigarette habit."

Bishop Mouzon deplored the fact that many women have become tobacco users. "We made a great mistake during the World War, brethren," he said, "in sending our young girls over the country to give out cigars to the soldiers. Many young women began smoking as a result of this, the bishop said. "You might be surprised to know," he continued, "that many of your daughters are smoking cigarettes. Or, perhaps you know it. No good ever came from the use of tobacco in any form."

In discussing the use of tobacco the bishop reminded the preachers that a rule forbidding Methodist preachers from using tobacco was passed some time ago by the general conference. He said it had come to his attention that some of the preachers have been violating this law of the church.

At the closing session of the conference which ended a six-day session this afternoon statistical reports revealing large gains in membership and in the value of church properties were presented. The total membership this year, it was shown, was greater by 2,498 than the membership reported at the Gastonia conference last year. The number of pastoral charges increased from 303 to 308 during the past year in the eleven conference districts.

—In Florida—According to reports received here Shaw Sarratt, big guard who played on the Shelby High western champ eleven four year ago, is now playing with a big professional team representing Hollywood, Fla. Young Sarratt is a son of W. C. Sarratt of the county and was a line star in high school here.

BUFF DEATH CASE SETTLED TODAY IN SUPERIOR COURT

\$15,000 Damages Asked for Death of Woman on Highway, Attorney Waging Big Battle.

The Buff death case came to a close at 3 this afternoon when attorneys for the defense and plaintiff agreed upon a settlement of \$300 to be given the Buff estate by C. F. Silvers and Miss Lena Williams. Judge Webb had already instructed a nonsuit as to Kim Williams, father of Miss Williams, and after hearing the evidence all criminal action in the death of Mrs. Buff was not pressed by Judge Webb. The \$300 is to be paid the Buff estate, George Buff administrator, by Silvers and Miss Williams. This action entirely closes the affair.

A tragedy of North Carolina's boasted highways stalked the Superior court room here today as a son of Mrs. Easter Buff sought to secure through the court \$15,000 damages for the death of his mother in a highway mishap at Beams Mill in August, the suit being directed against C. F. Silvers, Miss Lena Williams and her father, Kim Williams.

At one o'clock this afternoon the court recessed for lunch and at 2:15 will take up again to hear the evidence to be offered by the defense. Will Not Dismiss.

During the morning the complaints were read and all the evidence for the plaintiff was introduced. When the plaintiff rested a motion was made by attorneys for the defendants that the suit be dismissed. The motion was overruled by Judge Webb with the result that the case will continue this afternoon and will likely run up into the day tomorrow. D. Z. Newton and J. C. Newton are attorneys for George Buff, son and administrator of Easter Buff, while C. R. Hoey represents Miss Lena Williams and her father, and Peyton McSwain is attorney for C. F. Silvers.

Tell of Fatality. The list of numerous witnesses introduced by the plaintiff related in detail and amid considerable objections the incidents of the crash in which the up-county woman was fatally injured. Mrs. Buff, it will be remembered, was walking along the highway when she was struck by a car driven by Miss Williams, Belwood school teacher, it being stated at the time that several cars were passing at the point at about the same time. The stricken woman was rushed to the hospital here and died a short time later from the injuries received.

Contentions of the plaintiff were that Miss Williams was not an experienced car driver and that Silver contributed to the mishap by passing at the time he did. These contentions in the complaint included several other points, which according to the plaintiff tended to place the blame for the mishap on the two defendants. Mr. Williams, father of the young school teacher, was made co-defendant it seems because Miss Williams at the time was driving her father's car.

Unlawful Walking. Both defense attorneys, for Silvers and the Williams, in making answer to the complaint stated that the late Mrs. Buff contributed to her own death because she was walking on the wrong side of the road as interpreted by law at the time she was struck. The contention being that Mrs. Buff was walking on the right side going north, which would make it hard for her to see a car coming up on her side from behind.

As the plaintiff's testimony was introduced it was evident that the two defense lawyers were working on separate ends. McSwain, Silvers' attorney, worked to bring it out that Silvers had already passed the Thompson car before meeting Miss Williams and that his client did not go between the two cars forcing Miss Williams to the side ditch where Mrs. Buff was walking. On the other hand Hoey, Williams' attorney, sought to bring out the opposite from the prosecuting witnesses by showing that the three cars passed each other about the same time. It was brought out by the double defense, through witnesses, that the road is so banked that when a car pulls to the right the slope makes it hard to pull back in the road.

Prosecuting witnesses testified that Miss Williams' car was going from 12 to 15 miles per hour when noticed and that the Thompson car was going around 10 to 15. There was a difference in opinion as to the Silvers car, speed estimates by witnesses ranging from "pretty fast" to 30 miles an hour and one witness estimated it at around 40.

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