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CUT OFF SCORES OF LIGHT USERS, BILLS YET UNPAID

With 15 Days Grace 148 Light And Patrons Cut Off By City Over Bills

Water and light users of the city of Shelby will have to pay their bills by the 15th of each month or be cut off, according to a definite statement made today by Mayor W. N. Dorsey.

The statement followed the announcement that 148 patrons, who have not paid their bills this month, were cut off this morning.

"Fifteen days of grace is long enough and every one has been properly notified," Mayor Dorsey said. "We've got to close down some or through carelessness we would never collect all the money due the city. Nobody is being favored and when a patron has not paid his bill by the evening of the 15th his light and water will be cut off the next morning. There is a charge of 50 cents for cutting back on."

Orders Are Given

"Many people," according to the mayor, "bother the meter reader, or whoever goes to cut them off. This isn't proper for the man sent to do the work is only carrying out orders and it is not his business to collect—many want to pay him as he goes around."

"Another trouble we experience with the water and light bills is a continuous arguing with the meter reader about this month's bill being larger than last month's. The meter reader cannot help it and it merely takes up his time. Likewise the city clerk, even in his biggest rush, is bothered by people who wish to argue over the bill. The clerk never sees the meters, or has anything to do with them until the meter readings are turned over to him. He has nothing to do with the amount charged and it is unfair to take up his time. If there is some complaint it may be taken up with me," Mayor Dorsey said.

No Favorites

"Many folks when we go around to cut them off say 'you know I'm good for my bills so why don't you let them run on and I'll pay them?' But over at the city office we don't have time to look over everybody's bill. Many of those cut off do not pay their bills promptly or, if they do, we have no method of telling and we cannot afford to cut off one man because his bill is unpaid and leave another one on because he 'is good for it.' We are playing no favorites and intend hereafter, beginning today, to cut off every water and light user who has not paid his bill by the 15th. Fifteen days is time enough. Many people would impose on us if the period of grace was 20 or 30 days. But that is not business, and hereafter the water and light bills must be paid promptly, or in the 15 days, else there will be others cut off as were the 148 today," Mayor Dorsey concluded.

Incidentally the 50 cents that must be paid by each patron to get back on will bring in \$74 from the 148 cut off. There are 1,710 water and light users with 3,500 meters in the city now, it is said.

In connection with payment of water and light bills it is urged by Mayor Dorsey that the city hall office hours be observed—these hours are from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. in the afternoon. "After 5 o'clock the clerk must start balancing his books and this cannot be done if money continues to dribble in. If you cannot come to pay your bill within these hours, send it by someone," the mayor requests.

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FLOWER SHOW ON FOR SHELBY MILL

The ladies of the Shelby mill village will stage a flower show in the big basement of the mill on Saturday evening, November 19, from 6 o'clock until 8 o'clock. It is announced. Prizes will be given in the various classes of flowers and visitors from all sections of the city are invited, especially flower lovers.

Some time back the Shelby mill officials encouraged flowers and gardening in the village and the women of the village now have a fine collection of flowers and plants. These flowers are stored in the heated and lighted basement of the mill during the winter months and it is there that the show will be held.

FIDDLERS CONVENTION AT HOLLIS SATURDAY NIGHT

The biggest fiddlers convention held in this section in years will be at Hollis Saturday night, Nov. 19. If you enjoy good music, come.

Woman Shuns Drugs In All Forms And Dies At 83 Years

Rutherfordton, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Catherine Cook, with a distaste for medicine in all forms that caused her to shun it completely for the past 70 years, died at her home here last night at the age of 83.

Agile until a few days before her death, she worked in the fields all of last summer and had been active about her home this fall.

Hard work, she often said, was the secret of her long and healthy life.

PIEDMONT PUPILS PICK PRETTIEST GIRL IN SCHOOL

Lawndale School Names Superlatives of Senior Class. Beauty Is Flirt.

(Special to The Star.)

Lawndale, Nov. 15.—The prettiest girl in the senior class at the Piedmont High school was also voted as the biggest flirt by her fellow students in picking their superlatives recently.

Meredith Carpenter was the girl and in addition to being voted the prettiest she was also voted the most attractive. Lula Vay Elmore was voted the best-looking and it now remains up to some debating society to explain the difference between "prettiest" and "best-looking."

Popular and Pretty.

In picking the superlatives the Piedmont class of '28 picked almost every thing from looks to big feet. Harvey Warlick was rated as the most popular boy and Lula Vay Elmore, the best looking girl, was voted the most popular girl—which goes to show that the other girls were not jealous of Miss Elmore's good looks.

Here goes the entire list of the Piedmont superlatives:

Most popular boy, Harvey Warlick; most popular girl, Lula Vay Elmore; most influential, Kathleen Miller; most attractive, Meredith Carpenter; most lovable, Pauline Buff; most dignified, Roy Propst; quietest, Gazzie Putnam; most reserved, Lawrence Lattimore; most athletic, Oren Champion; wittiest boy, Harvey Warlick; wittiest girl, Meredith Beam; happiest girl, Madge Whisnant; prettiest girl, Meredith Carpenter; most talkative, Kathleen Miller; best natured, Pauline Buff; man hater, Kathleen Miller; woman hater, John Philbeck, Jr.; best all-around, Pauline Buff; most ambitious, Madge Lattimore; best looking girl, Lula Vay Elmore; best looking boy, Roy Propst; shiek, Harvey Warlick; Sheikess, Irene Sallee; Cutest, Madge Whisnant; silliest, Lawrence Lee; biggest feet, Oren Champion; baby of class, Madge Whisnant; biggest flirt, Meredith Carpenter; most dependable, Madge Lattimore.

Clyde Thackson Weds Miss Waldrop

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Waldrop announce the marriage of their daughter, Muriel Waldrop to Mr. Clyde Davis Thackson on September 4th at Cowpens, S. C. While their marriage took place over two months ago, it was kept a profound secret until yesterday when Mr. Thackson came home from Chapel Hill for the week-end where he is a student. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Martin. The bride is a most popular young lady with a host of friends. She is taking teacher training course at the high school here. She was graduated here last May. Mr. Thackson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thackson of Shelby and is now attending the University of North Carolina where he is a member of the Delta Sigma Pi fraternity and president of the Cleveland county club. Both young people are finishing their education.

WATAUGA TO SHIP 15,000 TURKEYS FOR HOLIDAYS

Boone.—Watauga county will probably furnish 15,000 turkeys for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner tables of the country, but the breeder is strongly advised by dealers in produce not to market them all at once.

Farmers are advised to send only a few turkeys to market each week during the season, so that the market will not be flooded.

Watauga turkeys usually move through North Wilkesboro to northern and eastern markets and through Lenoir to southern markets.

COTTON CROP YIELDS STATE PEN \$125,000

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—The state prints on North Carolina's biggest farmer took 1,600 bales of cotton to market today. Tonight the institution was flashing a \$125,000 bank roll.

The sale of cotton was authorized as a detail of the regular monthly meeting of the prison board of directors. Registering good grades, the cotton brought approximately 21 cents a pound.

Dr. W. F. Moore and Mr. Robert Hord visited at Lake Lure Sunday.

Gold Resigns From Board, Arrange For Bond Issue

Technical Arrangement Made For \$175,000 Bond Issue. Will Not Be Sold Now. New Parking Regulations Made.

The Shelby city board meeting last night experienced an unusual evening for a regular session of "city fathers." For the first time since the new board has entered office not a single delegation, or individual appeared before the board.

However, there were several important incidents at the meeting. One was the technical arrangements made for a \$175,000 bond issue to be floated when deemed necessary by the aldermen. It was stated this morning that although the aldermen voted for the issue and had it placed on the minutes that it was understood and assured the bonds were not to be sold at the present time or in the near future. The issue was formally voted and placed on the minutes, it is said, because it was the last meeting at which the full board elected would meet and through technicalities it is best for the sale of bonds that four aldermen vote for them.

Dr. G. M. Gold, veteran physician and member of the board, resigned at the meeting last night as some time back he retired for the practice of medicine in South Shelby and has moved to his new country home in the Polkville section. A successor to Dr. Gold will be appointed right away, according to Mayor Dorsey. Bond experts informed the board that bonds voted over by three elected aldermen and an appointed alderman would not sell as easily as an issue voted by the full board as elected and for this reason, it is stated, the issue was voted last night. At the city hall today it was urged that it be made plain to the people that the bond issue would not go out any time soon, and not until the repaving of certain sewage points is necessitated by the State Board of Health.

One Hour Parking. During the meeting Chief of Police Richards, appeared before the board and asked for a one-hour parking regulation in the busiest section of up-town. This request was granted by the board and autoists hereafter are advised to follow the regulation.

The regulation says that from 9 o'clock in the morning until 8 in the evening each week day automobiles may be parked for one hour only on the west side of LaFayette street from Campbell's store south to the Episcopal church at the Graham street corner, and on the east side of LaFayette street from Graham street up to Swofford's grocery. In other words, three blocks on the west side of LaFayette will be covered by the regulation and one block on the east side in the southern part of the business section.

CLASS FOOTBALL AND GOLF GAME START HERE SOON

Coach Morris Starts Developing Young Players With Class Contests. Basketball On

With the football season near a close Coach Casey Morris, of the Shelby High school, this week began preparations for two new branches of athletics in the school—class football and basketball.

According to the plans every class in the High school will have an eleven and play for the class title. Members of the High eleven will be barred from this play and the boys of the varsity will assist Coaches Morris and Falls in training the class elevens. Several good games are anticipated in the class program and many boys who have not heretofore participated in athletics will be given a chance. Likewise the coaches hope to find some new material of promise in the class elevens.

Good Cage Team.

Prospects for a winning basketball quint are high at the present time. The majority of last year's fast-moving cage team is again in school and will be re-enforced by such stars as McSwain and Cline. McSwain, who played last year for Tilden Falls at Lattimore, is regarded as one of the best basketball players in Western Carolina. With Gold, Beam, Grigg, McSwain, Wall, Cline and a half dozen other fast youngsters the Shelby coaches hope to make a big splash in the basketball title race.

Practice in basketball will begin at an early date in the "tin can" gymnasium and ere long the regular schedule will open.

GAFFNEY COTTON PRICES CONTINUE FAR IN LEAD

Gaffney, Nov. 15.—The Gaffney cotton market continues to be higher by at least a half cent than the neighboring markets.

This may be attributable to the fact that the local mills are paying higher for cotton because the staple of Cherokee cotton is better than the ordinary staple, and is therefore more valuable, as shippers from a distance are coming to Cherokee for the purpose of purchasing the staple.

Senator W. C. Hamrick was the pioneer in making higher prices for Cherokee county cotton, and confines his purchases as near as may be to cotton raised here.

TOWN CUTS WEDDING FEE TO MEET "COMPETITION"

Piggot, Ark.—Because it cost fifty cents more to procure a marriage license in Clay county, Arkansas, in a neighboring county in Missouri, the Clay county quorum court decided to meet the competition and as a result ordered that licenses to wed be reduced from \$3.60 to \$3.10.

Mr. Meredith Hennessy, visited High Point Tuesday on a buying trip for the Paragon Furniture company, with which he is associated.

From Idaho



The senator from Idaho, William E. Borah, does not desire the nomination for presidency, his friends say, but just the same he has a presidential possibility.

Get Boys Here For Greenville Police

One Said To Have Taken Money From Roommate Here. Both Boys Very Young

The Shelby police department yesterday turned over two youths, Odell Doster and Eugene Hill, to Greenville, S. C., police who came here for them on an alleged charge of house-breaking, or larceny there.

The boys were apprehended here yesterday after it was claimed one of them stole some money from his roommate in a local boarding house Monday night.

Doster, whose family moved here just a few days back, is said to be around 16, while the other youth is even younger.

Wants More Large Checks For Fund

Raleigh.—O. Max Gardner, Shelby, general chairman of the Baptist Centennial Campaign, has challenged 500 of his friends in the state to join him in giving \$1,000 each to the campaign, thus forming a "Thousand Dollar Centennial Club."

Already quite a number have joined this club, and the way is still open for many more.

Several weeks ago Mr. Gardner mailed Dr. Charles E. Maddry, general director of the campaign, a check for his \$1,000, at the same time challenging 500 others to do likewise. However, the managers of the campaign are not asking for cash, but for subscriptions to be paid in 10 quarterly payments, closing the campaign by the time the centennial of the Baptist State Convention will be celebrated in 1930.

Mr. Gardner, who has shown great interest in the campaign from the beginning, will preside over the session of the Baptist State Convention in Durham Wednesday night when the subject of Christian education will be discussed. He will also make an address, the first he has ever made before the convention in recent years. This is expected to be one of the high peaks in the forthcoming convention.

LIQUOR SPILLS ON STREET AS RUM CAR HITS HEARSE

Goldboro.—One hundred gallons of whiskey, en route through the "Big Funnel" in a car driven by Richard Roycroft of Raleigh, were scattered on the streets of La Grange when the car smashed into a hearse.

Roycroft was bruised and was taken to a hospital in Kinston and left under guard.

Drove First Auto To Raleigh, Returns Now In An Airplane

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—As a lad, Andrew Crinkley drove the first automobile in Raleigh. Later he thrilled the natives with daredevil stunts with racing motorcycles. Then the war came and he went away with the Naval Aviation Corps. Yesterday he came home in about the biggest and noisiest airplane ever to land here.

Enroute from Hampton Roads Air Station to Pensacola, Fla., Lieutenant Crickley swooped down on the Marshburn-Robbers field shortly before dusk yesterday. He shook hands with old acquaintances, staked down his ship, and came into town to spend the night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Crinkley, 18810 Glenwood avenue.

This morning at nine o'clock he is scheduled to take off on the next leg of his journey. Another Navy ship, piloted by Lieutenant Cornwell, is due to come down from Hampton Roads, circle the city, and join the Raleigh pilot for the hop South. If all goes well they will lunch and

Talk Morris For Coach At Wake Forest College

For several days now there has been talk on the sport pages of various newspapers in the state concerning the likelihood of a new football coach at Wake Forest college. Among those mentioned for the post have been Nemo Coleman, Bingham coach; Harry Rabenhorst, former Wake star, and others.

Of interest here is the following dispatch from Raleigh today stating that Casey Morris is also being mentioned for the berth:

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—The News and Observer published a letter today from a prominent Shelby football observer who stated that "prominent Baptists of this (Shelby) section, who are great Wake Forest supporters are very much enthused over getting Roy Morris to join the Deacon's coaching staff." Morris, now coaching Shelby high school, is a former football and baseball captain at the University of North Carolina.

HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE PLAY FRIDAY

Three-act Farce Directed by Miss Upshaw Will Be Shown at Auditorium Friday.

The whole town is talking "The Whole Town's Talking"—so say the school children, if you can figure it out.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock the dramatic department of the Shelby school will present a three-act farce "The Whole Town's Talking." This play was written by Anita Loos, author of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and John Emerson. The play has been directed by Miss Ora Upshaw, head of the dramatic department, and is said to be one of the most entertaining performances ever offered by Shelby High students.

Around 15 high school students will participate in the lead parts of the play and for several weeks these students have been carefully drilled each day for Friday night's performance.

Music for the evening will be furnished by the well known Shelby High school orchestra. There will be no reserved seats and patrons of the school and those who desire to see the play are urged to attend and come early.

Swiped Bride But Wedding Was Flop

Sunday afternoon Squire Sylvanus Gardner had a call from the City Hall stating that a colored couple wished to be married. When Squire Gardner arrived the anxious groom-to-be dashed to his feet, pulled the bride up and wanted to get it over with. Yet the marrying magistrate refused to perform until the license made an appearance. When produced by the shaking colored youth it was found that the license came from Rutherford county and could not be used here.

"You'll have to get married back in Rutherford county, where you secured the license," Gardner informed him.

"Oh My! Boss, can't you do the thing here. Yo see Ah stole dis here gal and wanted ter git mahied quick," the frantic groom pleaded.

The pleading was in vain and the dusky couple set their faces to the west in an attempt to slip back in Rutherford, get married and get out again "befo de old folks finds put anything."

SCHOOL BOY HIT BY CAR IS BADLY HURT IN CRASH

Devenney Boy Struck Near Beth-Ware School by Car Said to Be Driven by J. A. Amos

Reports from the Shelby hospital today stated that D. C. Devenney, young school boy struck by an auto near Beth-Ware school Monday, was resting better and had regained consciousness.

According to information received here the youth was hit by an automobile driven by a man said to be J. A. Amos, of the Ellenboro section. Amos was today still being held in jail here pending the outcome of the youth's condition, and Recorder John Mull stated this morning that no one had consulted him about bond for Amos.

School Was Out

The boy was struck just about the time the Beth-Ware school turned out Monday afternoon, it is said. Just how it all happened could not be definitely learned here. From the best information it seems that the boy, who is about seven years of age and the son of A. L. Devenney, well known here, was crossing the highway when the Amos car started to pass a jitney and struck him. Just where the fault was that brought about the injury to the boy was not known.

Leg Is Broken

Immediately after it happened the boy was rushed to the hospital here and for a time it was thought that his skull was fractured. However, reports today stated that his right leg was broken below the knee and that he had injuries about the head, but hospital officials were of the opinion that there was no skull fracture none having shown up so far. Since he has regained consciousness the condition of the youth is considered far more promising.

The Beth-Ware school is located on Highway 20 between Kings Mountain and Shelby and is near the highway, over which there is a constant stream of traffic.

HIGHS TO GOVERN SELVES IS PLAN

Shelby High Students Plan To Operate With Student Government, Own Laws.

An interesting experiment has been introduced into the Shelby high school by way of student government. The initial idea is to teach the undergraduates social responsibility and the early stages of citizenship. The plan is that of Mr. Chappell, the new principal. He was the president of the student government at Chapel Hill last year and is therefore familiar with its workings. He believes it will help in the morale of the local school.

The institution dates back to the early days of England's Rugby and is in use in many of the more up-to-date schools of today in this country. The effectiveness of the plan depends entirely on the sincerity of the spirit in which it is taken up.

To date the only action that has been taken was the election of eighteen students who will draw up a constitution by which the government will act. Later another election will be held to choose the president and other acting officers. The following students were elected for the former duty:

Zeno Wall, Bill Grigg, Ralph Gardner, Ed Harris, Billy McKnight, William Webb, John Lineberger, Milan Bridges, I. C. Giffin, Lalage Shull, Sara Best, Sara Rob-burg, Alice Saunders, Ruth Hamrick, Virginia Hunt, Minnie King, Lula Agnes Arey, and Elsie Gidney.

Nolan Auction Set Saturday Afternoon

The Nolans are planning to ring the welkin with another big auction—this one of unusual proportions, the date set for this coming Saturday afternoon. Eighty vacant city lots are going on the block, the location of the group being on the Janet hosiery mill property.

There will be prizes (one of which is especially attractive), a band concert, and much hurrah, fuss and feathers. Cois. John and Jim Rush are coming over from Tennessee to put the start over, and the Nolans are generally boosting the big sale.

This firm has had such success with auction sales of late that they are staging them at more or less regular intervals. This one, they assert, is of unusual merit.

COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY IS OFF

Twenty-Seven Percent Cleveland Valuation Is Personal. Disappears From Tax Books.

There will be no personal property tax in North Carolina in 1925 if it continues to disappear from the tax books at the rate it has for the past 15 years, according to a dispatch from Raleigh.

During the recent tax listing in this county the decline in personal property values was noticeable as it pulled down the total county values. According to figures from Raleigh 27 percent of the Cleveland tax listed is personal. This is higher than in many counties, 25 percent of the Rutherford tax is personal and 30 percent of the Lincoln county tax covers personal property. Other counties in this section fall below the 20 percent mark in personal property tax.

The personal property decline becomes evident as a result of a study just completed by LeRoy Martin, secretary of the state board of equalization, in which he has worked out the percent of the total tax borne in each of the various counties by personal property and a table showing how rapidly personal property and has escaped taxation in the last fifteen years. In 1910 more than half of the property tax—64 percent to be exact—was upon personal property. In 1915, the yield from the tax on personal property had dropped to 57 percent, and by 1920 it had decreased to 41 percent. By 1925, the tax on personal property was yielding only 30 percent of the revenue—a decrease of 11 percent in six years—and at the same rate of decrease, an average of 9 1-2 per cent decrease every five years, indications are that in 1930 the personal property tax will yield not more than 21 1-2 percent of the total yield from property taxes. By 1940 the income from taxes on personal property will have decreased to only 5 1-2 percent and by 1945, the yield from personal property will have been wiped-out altogether.

But the alarming thing about the situation, according to Mr. Martin, is that whatever loss of revenue results from a decrease in the amount of personal property being taxed, is added onto the tax which is levied against real property. This is shown by the fact that while in 1921 there was \$848,320.645 worth of personal property listed, and \$1,255,663,767 worth of real property, in 1926 the personal property listed amounted to only \$595,756,803, while the real property listed had increased to \$1,899,094,133 which shows a decrease in personal property listings of \$74,539,022, and an increase in real property assessments of \$274,000,366 in five years.

The wide divergence in the percentage of personal property on the tax books of the various counties—a property tax is levied only by the counties in North Carolina now—is shown by the study which Mr. Martin has made, the percentage ranging from only 12 per cent in Pamlico county, the lowest, to 87 percent in Forsyth county, the highest.

The only counties with 40 per cent or more of the property listed as personal property are as follows: Durham, 60; Forsyth, 87; Graham, 76; Henderson, 41; Randolph, 46. This study merely serves to show the wide divergence in the different counties with regard to the amount of personal property listed and assessed for taxation. And in those counties where the percentage is small, a higher tax on real property must of course be levied, in order to provide the revenue for which the county budget calls.

W. L. DAVIS DIES WHILE ASCENDING MOUNTAIN

Rutherfordton, Nov. 15.—W. L. Davis, 75, of Chimney Rock, died suddenly while ascending Bald Mountain, near here.

Reports reaching here said that he and his wife were walking along the mountain road when he suddenly fell to the ground and died quickly. Over-exertion was given as the cause of death.