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CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CONFEDERATE VETS AND WIDOWS

Court Clerk Gets Nearly \$20,000 in Pension Checks For Boys in Gray and Mates

The State of North Carolina is already playing Santa Claus to the Confederate veterans who remain and their widows.

Among those being remembered by the state with pension checks, just as the Christmas season opens are nearly 200 veterans and widows of Cleveland county.

A. M. Hamrick, Superior court clerk, here has received 187 checks to be distributed among veterans and their widows in this county.

Seventy-six of the checks are for veterans themselves, and 107 checks are for widows.

Is A Big Sum The 187 checks coming in to the clerk's office here total approximately \$19,620—a right tidy sum for the veterans as cold weather sets in and the youngsters are clamoring for a present from "granddaddy."

For Body Servants And along with the others the old negro body servants who followed "Massa" loyally during the war are also remembered. Four of the checks coming in are for these loyal old negroes, the checks being \$100 each.

CODE SIGNALS FOR CITY FIRE ALARMS New System Being Installed in City Hall to Facilitate Fire Alarms in Shelby

A new system for fire alarms is being installed in the city hall. The city has been divided into ten zones, known as fire zones and each zone is given a number.

Mayor Dorsey says this is done to notify the volunteer firemen especially and the public generally as to the location of the fire.

Beam Picked For Another Star Team Laymon Beam, Shelby High football star, received another honor this week when he was selected on an "all opponent eleven" to Charlotte.

Sees Death Reflected. "But more troubles were to follow," said the next oldest child, "she was washing the dishes when her mother saw a reflection in the glass-water—a picture of mother lying in a coffin and the coffin being lowered to the ground."

Mother Dies. Yesterday her mother died. She had phoned the officials at Morganton and they reported that she was apparently well enough to go home. And she came. There was that humble home she saw in Shelby when she had seen in her coffin, her mother in the coffin.

After those few days? What has been in store? As much of the Christmas fund as is possible with relation to other cases will go here and the fund the more for

\$132.50 Added To Charity Fund--Growing Rapidly

Kiwanis and Individual Givers Boost Santa Fund For Unfortunates. Time Is Short

Since Wednesday \$132.50 has been added to The Star's Christmas Charity fund, the biggest gain within two days since the fund campaign opened.

Only nine more days remain before Christmas and the fund is still somewhat shy of the goal set for relief work in the section. The present fund, large as it is, will not take care of all the needs of Shelby's poor and unfortunate.

The welfare committee making an canvass of the city finds that when Christmas arrives here, unless the fund is larger, Santa Claus will have a hard run to reach many doors before the wolf of poverty and sickness.

Such scenes—children unable to attend school in rough weather because of a lack of warm clothing, tuberculosis taking its toll with no money to ward off the dread disease.

Give a hand and help boost the fund in the few days remaining. Giving to such a cause will bring a bigger and deeper thrill than receiving the gift you covet most for yourself.

How it Came. Individual checks, merchandise, and a helthy helping hand from the Kiwanis club gave the fund its big shove this week.

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name, Amount. Total fund: \$472.15

License To Eleven Up To Mid-December Colored Couples Lead in Securing Christmas Marriage Papers Here.

Up to December 15 Register of Deeds A. F. Newton had issued license during the month for the marriage of eleven couples, seven being colored couples.

Raincoats Handy During First Half Of December "Rain today and tomorrow" has not been the set weather prophecy for the weather observers during December, but it should have been.

From the first day of the present month up through the afternoon of Dec. 15 according to Postmaster J. H. Quinn who keeps tab for the government, 7.56 inches of rain fell in Shelby, which is near a record for the section.

From the first day of the Christmas month up to mid-month raincoats, umbrellas and galoshes have been almost a necessary part of the daily apparel. On the second and third rainfall was the heaviest of the

PLANT MAKING HAND WASHING MACHINES HERE

Carl Thompson and I. G. Watson Manufacturing Patent of Mr. Watson. Fine Features

Shelby's newest industrial enterprise is a plant for the manufacture of steam hand washing machines, an invention by I. G. Watson. The plant is located in the second story of the Carl Thompson building on W. Warren street and shipments are already being made to territories in and around Shelby.

For a number of years Mr. Watson an experienced tinner and heating expert of Anderson, S. C., and Shelby worked out his idea of a steam hand-washing machine. It was perfected several years ago but no definite steps were taken leading toward its manufacture until it was fully tried out and found to be satisfactory in the household.

The machine is modelled after the steam laundry washer and works very much on the same principle, although the machine is built to take care of a family washing of ordinary size. Those who have examined it, declare it to be the most practical washer on the market and the only machine that will sterilize the clothes as they are washed.

For the present the plant known as the Steam Hand-Washing Co., is making only one size, one style and one price—\$49. While the present machines are hand driven, the washer can be equipped with an electric drive. A wringer is attached.

Montrose Berryhill Passes In Florida Relatives here have received information from Florida telling of the death in Jacksonville Thursday of Mr. Montrose Berryhill, aged about 40 years.

TO PROBE DEATH SCHOOL TEACHER Will be Held as Soon as Girl's Condition Permits. Aftermath to Ellenboro Tragedy.

An investigation into the causes of the fatal automobile accident near Ellenboro Tuesday night, in which Paul Hampton, young high school teacher of Ellenboro was killed, will be held just as soon as the condition of Miss Gertrude Philbeck, high school student who was injured in the crash, will permit.

Attenshun! Service Men Of The Section All ex-service men of Cleveland county and this section who have not filed application for adjusted compensation should do so at once, it was announced today by Mike H. Austel, head of the Warren Hoyle legion post.

Auction Sale Put Off To Tuesday Because of rain Thursday, the auction sale of the Hopper-Putnam property in front of the Washington street school on North LaFayette street, has been postponed until Tuesday of next week says Beam & Dosgett, real estate dealers. The sale will be conducted in the afternoon of Tuesday, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. Sixty valuable and well located lots will be sold and a ton of sugar given away at the sale, according to an announcement in today's issue of The Star.

9 Days Until Christmas 7 Shopping Days

BOTTLERS ELECT OFFICERS TODAY IN ANNUAL MEET

National Officers Are Chief Speakers at North Carolina Convention at Cleveland

The new officers for the North Carolina Bottlers' association will be named today during the second day session of the state convention being held at Cleveland Springs hotel here.

Following the opening program the afternoon was largely devoted to business routine as the convention settled down to work. President W. J. Richardson, of Raleigh, presided over the meeting and the address of welcome was made by Attorney O. M. Mull. One of the features of the afternoon was the annual report of the secretary-treasurer, M. S. Brown, of Tarboro. Early in the program three committees were appointed to handle convention details.

One of the nominating committees composed of Dan Melchor, B. E. Herman and H. K. Rand, the resolutions committee was R. L. Ellis, D. E. Honeycutt and J. L. Snyder, and the auditing committee was made up of Arch Taylor, P. O. Skidmore and J. T. Gibbons.

N. N. Beadles reporting for the legislative committee stated that the committee had secured F. O. Jovman, Raleigh attorney, as attorney handle the association's legislative program. Mr. Bowman is also attorney for the retail druggists of the state. A proposal for changes in three laws was presented by Frank L. Johnson, of Statesville, and adopted by the convention after some discussion. The changes centered about membership dues, increasing of board members, and the selection of convention sites.

Following the business session Mr. Johnson introduced as the chief speaker of the afternoon, Tom Moore of Minneapolis, a member of the executive board of the National association of Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, and Mr. Moore spoke of the cost survey now being taken up by the national organization. Junior Owens, of Washington, national secretary for the bottlers was the next speaker.

The annual banquet with the usual banquet program and entertainments was held during the evening in the dining room of the hotel. At the session today new officers will be elected and it is likely that the next convention site will be selected.

D. E. Honeycutt, head of the Shelby Coca-Cola Bottling company, is the local representative at the meeting and has done much to assure the convention being a success.

NEW HEARING IN HUNSINGER SUIT According to news dispatches the state supreme court has granted a new trial here in the suit of Hunsinger vs. C. C. & O. railroad.

The Hunsinger case, coming to this county from Forest City in Rutherford county, was tried before Judge McElroy, the new trial being granted, it is said, on some part of the jury charge. The suit, it will be remembered was that in which the widow of Hunsinger sued the railroad for his death on the railroad tracks, securing a verdict of \$15,000 damages. The contention of the railroad in the trial was that Hunsinger was murdered and his body placed on the tracks to indicate that he was killed by the train. Clyde R. Hoey appeared for the plaintiff in the first trial.

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Booze Cause Of More Than Third Cases in County Court In Three Years

A Letter to—Guess Who!



It shouldn't take more than three guesses to know what mother and Johnny and Mary are up to now. They're writing a letter to a very distinguished gentleman who comes around once a year.

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Recorder Has Disposed of 3,697 Cases in Three Years. Averages Three Per Day In the three years that he has been county recorder John P. Mull has disposed of 3,697 criminal cases and 160 civil matters, it was revealed here yesterday when a check-up was made by him on his court record.

Judge Mull took office on December 1, 1924, when Judge B. T. Falls resigned to become county representative in the state legislature. In the period from December 1, 1924, up to December 1, 1927, Judge Mull in addition to trying 3,697 cases had collected \$47,061 in fines, costs and forfeitures.

About 90 per cent of this sum collected by the county court goes to the county school fund—that is, after operating costs, jail fees, etc., are deducted. This is an average of \$1,307.27 per month over the three-year period.

Is Big Saving Just how much the county court has been worth to the county in saving jail fees by speedy trials is hard to estimate, but generally speaking the court dockets of the county are less crowded than the average county in the state and court costs are less.

Rum Main Enemy Bootleg liquor proves to be the biggest source of annoyance in the county, according to the three-year court review. In the three-year period Judge Mull estimates that 35 to 40 per cent of the cases heard by him were brought about through some liquor connection. About 15 per cent of the cases arose over bad checks. Fighting ranked third and accounted for about 10 per cent of the cases, while stealing ranked a close fourth. An estimate made by the recorder was that somewhere near 10 per cent of those facing the court were acquitted.

Many to Gang Although approximately three cases are tried daily before the recorder and a large sum is turned over to the school fund monthly, the county court lacks quite a bit in being a money court. Just what percentage of the defendants are sent to the chain gang in the course of a year cannot be estimated, but the county court keeps from 25 to 30 people on the No. 6 gang the year through.

Crime During Fair The biggest business season of the year for the county court is during October, "fair month," according to the record. Four months since Judge Mull has been in office the total income for a month has exceeded \$2,000. The month with the largest collection of fines and costs was December 1924. October of the three succeeding years ranked next and Judge Mull attributes this big month of the year to the county fairs and cases arising from the weeks gathering at the fair grounds.

Shows Hard Times The fines and costs paid in the county court offers a very good barometer to economical conditions. The "hard time" summer of 1926 is evident in the financial report for the three years of court. From February to August of that year the court income was less than a thousand dollars every month except May, which was barely above the \$1,000 mark.

How It Came In The monthly receipts of the county recorder's court from fines, costs and forfeitures during the three years Judge Mull has been in office are as follows: 1924—December, \$2,103.55; 1925—January, \$1,537.30; February, \$1,720.35; March, 1,463.70; April, \$1,573.00; May, \$1,199.85; June, \$1,414.85; July, \$1,280.50; August, \$1,171.30; September, \$979.55; October, \$2,095.40; November, \$1,033.85; December, \$1,833.20. 1926—January, \$1,020.95; February, \$1,024.85; March, \$996.40; April, \$974.40; May, \$1,068.50; June, \$902.00; July, \$872.30; August, \$1,077.40; September, \$1,399.50; October, \$1,973.33; November, \$2,017.60; December, \$1,224.40. 1927—January, \$1,013.50; February, \$1,051.40; March, \$1,248.55; April, \$835.20; May, \$1,064.80; June, \$1,004.80; July, \$1,681.10; August, \$1,141.25; September, \$1,144.10; October, \$2,067.90; November, \$1,443.70; Total—\$47,661.93.