

# Dies From Fangs Of A Rattler

## Mother Frank Lewis Succumbs To Rattlesnake Bite.

Mrs. Letha Lewis, aged woman of the South Mountain section, died about 1 o'clock this morning from the effects of a rattlesnake bite.

The dead woman was the mother of Frank Lewis, Princess Pat war veteran and colorful character of the mountains who attained a measure of fame by his harp-blowing. The son is now confined in the insane department of the state prison, where he was taken following an examination made here when he was returned to jail after escaping from the county chain gang.

Cutting Grass.

Mrs. Lewis, according to reports, was cutting grass with a scythe Sunday in securing feed for her mule when she angered the snake and the rattler bit her on the hand. Going into the house she told others of the snake, but making a search they were unable to locate the rattler, which Mrs. Lewis said she tried to kill.

Death from the bit occurred in the early hours this morning at the home in No. 11 township.

### TRADE WEEK BARGAINS

IN THIS ISSUE OF STAR

Merchants of Shelby are advertising special bargains in this issue of The Star to interest the visiting crowds.

Many are offering free Fair Tickets with purchases. Many special Trade Week bargains are featured.

Read the ads. It will repay you.

### Frost Is Likely

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Cooler on the coast and probably light frost in west portion tonight. Slightly rising temperature Tuesday.

### Bargain Week For County On; "Free Tickets"

Merchants Of Shelby Will Make Week A Double Treat For Visitors.

Merchants who are cooperating in the Fair Week Advertising Campaign can obtain Fair tickets from Henry Mills, at the Kelly Clothing company.

The campaign launched by the Merchants Fair Week Association is going over with a bang. Merchants all over the city, from the smallest to the largest, are uniting in offering special bargains for Fair Week to attract shoppers to the town; and are stressing the Free-Ticket-To-Fair feature, for a five dollar purchase or more.

The Fair Association extended the privilege (and courtesy) to the merchants in an effort to bring trade to the city during the big show.

And The Star would say to its readers, by way of aiding to put over what seems to be an excellent plan, if you have any shopping to do (and most have) do it now, and give the merchants a run for their money.

They are making a special endeavor to interest you in Fair Week bargains. Come to Shelby, during your spare time from the Fair grounds and go through the stores.

This is the first endeavor of this kind which has ever been made in the city. If it is successful, and it is generally believed it will be, it will establish a precedent for other trading events, featuring cooperative efforts to put Shelby across in an increasingly big way.

The merchants, and the townspeople generally, are becoming wise to truth that it is high time Shelby was sold to a big public. This, as has been said, is the first step in a general get-together campaign of this sort.

So it may be said to be up to us all to see that it goes over with a whoop.

Henry Mills, chairman of the Merchants Fair Week Association, is entrusted with distribution of the free tickets to the merchants. Call on him and get your supply. The only question you will be asked is, Are you cooperating in this Fair Week Campaign?

The Star begs to call its readers attention to the dozens of advertisements appearing in this issue, stressing Fair Week bargains. And remember, for each purchase of five dollars or more you secure a free ticket to the Fair.

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## County "All Set" For Big Fair Opening Tuesday

### Daughter Of County For Smith

Tom Dixon's Daughter Says She Is "Democrat Without Modification." Crowd Cheers.

A daughter of Cleveland county's most famous pioneer Baptist minister came back to her home town Saturday and, by using the inherent speaking qualities of a Dixon, staged a typical Dixon revival except that her plea was for the Democratic ticket "whole."

"I am a Democrat—a Democrat without modification of any kind," Dr. Della Carroll, daughter of the late Rev. Tom Dixon, told a packed court house as it cheered her declaration.

The court house five minutes after Mrs. Carroll began speaking was filled and the crowd, about sixty per cent women, overflowed into the balcony. From all sections of the county they came to hear Tom Dixon's daughter—the daughter who left home to become a doctor in the days when women doctors were curiosities. They came to hear her because they knew she inherited from her father the same eloquence and brilliant brain as did her brothers, Clarence, Tom and Frank; and they came, too, to hear how the daughter of the man who founded more Baptist churches in Western Carolina than any other would meet the religious issues that has been inserted in this campaign.

Votes Ticket Straight.

What they heard was that women declare that she, like her sainted father before her, would vote her ticket straight, fold it and stick it in the box unscathed. And with that statement she made a plea for the women of her native county to do likewise.

### For Or Against.

"The man may shirk and split up but it is up to you women to come out and vote on November 6. You may think that by not voting you will not hurt anything. You do. If you don't vote, you Democratic women, then you are making votes for Hoover—do you want Hoover and his continuation of the Coolidge policies; the shut-mouth policy that says nothing of the corruption and graft that has shocked a decent world? Do you? I do not

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### SEVEN SCHOOLS CLOSE THIS WEEK

Hundreds Of Students Will Go Into White Cotton Fields To Work.

An army of hundreds of school children will leave Cleveland county school rooms Friday of this week and march into the cotton fields of the county to devote four or five weeks of their time to the picking of the county cotton crop.

Friday, September 28, seven of the big county schools will close for the cotton picking season and will remain closed for a month or longer. These schools started either in the second or third of August so that the period this month and next might be given over to cotton picking.

The schools closing for a month's recess Friday are Mooresboro, Lattimore, Piedmont, Fallston, Belwood, No. 8 consolidated and Waco. The Casar school will likely close for a time a week or so later.

### Brown Derbies Go Like "Hot Cakes"

Smithies Buy Out George's Order. More Are Coming In. He Says.

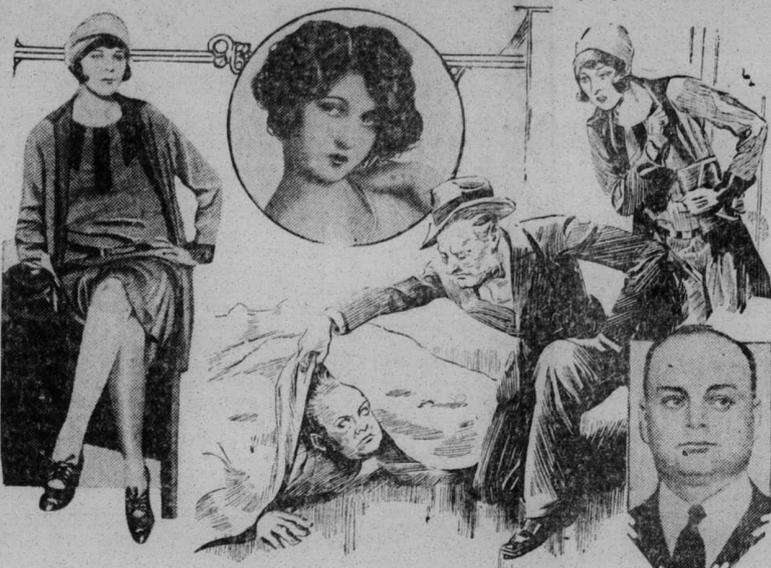
George Gray, one of mercantile A. V.'s half dozen, does not claim to be a political prognosticator, but if the demand for brown derbies means anything Cleveland county will—well, go Democratic this fall.

Last week young Wray noting that brown derbies, such as a certain New York governor wears, were in fashion ordered a shipment. Before Saturday they were sold out to the young and middle-aged fellows of the town and county and Saturday afternoon the customers kept coming in for more.

"Guess I'll have to order more," says George.

"You better," say the derby boys.

### "She Was an Unbridled Tigress So I Married Her to Cure Her"



Playwright Arthur Richman (right), who told court that beautiful Madeline Marshall Richman, two poses of whom are shown above, was an "unbridled tigress" when he crossed her path. Above is an artist's drawing of the actress.

### Win Or Lose, Gardner Will Stand By Party's Standard

Raleigh.—O. Max Gardner, Democratic candidate for governor, on record as declaring, "I survive or perish with the ticket."

His statement was applauded by the crowd that packed the county courthouse.

The candidate repeated his criticism of Herbert Hoover for alleged desertion of Woodrow Wilson, and declared the Republican party had no state issues upon which to challenge the Democratic party in North Carolina.

### BIG SHOWS GET READY FOR FAIR

One Show Will Be Most Unusual Ever Exhibited Here. Go Up Today.

The big Nat Reiss shows, which will play the county fair here this week, arrived last night and today the shows are being moved to and going up on the fair grounds.

Mr. Rogers, show publicity representative, stated at noon today that by dark practically every part of the big show would be in place, and that by the opening hour tomorrow morning Nat Reiss, nigger and better than ever, would be ready to entertain the thousands who attend Cleveland fair.

"The Fountain of Youth," a spectacular illusion, and a show never shown in the world prior to this season, is expected to be the big attraction of the lot. No mirrors are used in the almost impossible scenes, the entire illusion being by the artistry of the lighting effects.

The Reiss shows are entirely different from what they were when last here, it is said, the only act returning being the "Motordome." In this Earl Purtle, daring motorcycle rider who has thrilled this county before, will appear again despite the fact that one of his eyes was chewed out by his pet lioness months back. The lioness will be in the dome speedway again with him this year and he has only one eye to watch the lioness and his death-defying turns about the bowl.

The midway is 30 percent larger and there will be 18 different shows and eight riding devices.

### Grover Gins First Bale Last Friday

The first bale of cotton to be ginned at Grover this season was ginned there last Friday morning by the Grover Gin company. The bale was raised by J. A. Roark and was sold to J. L. Herndon for 15 1-2 cents per pound.

Do your shopping on fair week. A \$5 purchase with a Shelby merchant, gets a free ticket.

### Girl Knives Pas Over Her Fellow

Doctor Takes 12 Stitches To Sew Up Rival. Boy Friend Saw It.

They might not "fight every night" over one young fellow in the Elm tonville village, but they certainly fought Friday night—that is, two of his girls did.

When the fight was over one of the girls had to have 12 stitches taken in her neck and head to sew up the gashes left by the other girl's knife.

Luby Hardin wielded the knife and Lucky Tucker was the victim. According to information that came out in the trial Saturday before Judge John Mull one of the girls derived the opinion that the other was posing too much of "her fellow," and during work hours in the mill Friday night they met, it was said, with the young man in the case as a bystander, and the knife flashed after some words between them.

The girl who used a knife and taking care of her love affairs was fined \$10 and the costs, and the other girl in the case was fined with the costs.

Judge Mull rendered no decision as to which should have the boy, he doesn't make any boast of being a Solomon in affairs of the heart.

### YOUNG DEMOCRATS CONTINUE WORK

Nine New Young Voters Club Organized. Much Interest Shown.

The activity of young Democrats of Cleveland county indicates that the county this fall will likely vote its greatest Democratic majority.

A. R. Bennett, county organizer of young voters' clubs, has already organized near a dozen which are working enthusiastically getting Democratic votes lined up, and the work of organizing committees continues.

At Lawndale, where Todd R. Caldwell is chairman, the committee is made up of: F. L. Rollins, S. A. Parker, John Carpenter, Dr. W. T. Grigg, Dr. A. C. Edwards, W. J. Whitsant, Frank Cline, Will Blanton, Joe Swezey and Grude Fox.

C. S. Howard has been appointed assistant chairman for Dover Mill in precinct four of the Shelby organization and in one day he established a new record in signing up 26 new Democrats.

New clubs where chairmen have been named and committees are being formed follow: Mooresboro, R. E. Bridges; Fallston, W. A. Gault; Sharon, H. G. Moore; Belling Springs, Cecil Goode; Holly Springs, Chester Hamrick; Mull's Fork, J. H. Royle; Casar, Clyde Warlick; Rockyville, W. H. Covington; and Boyd Lattimore.

### Dr. Royster Placed On Charity Board

Reappointed In Recognition Of His Services For Past Three Years.

Dr. S. S. Royster, of Shelby, has been reappointed a member of the Cleveland county board of charities and public welfare in recognition of his services during his former term. The appointment is for three years and was made by the state board of charities and public welfare at Raleigh. Other members of the Cleveland county board are Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and W. A. Ridenour, of Kings Mountain, whose terms do not expire until 1929 and 1930.

The duties of the county board are to advise with and assist the state board in the work in the county, and to act in a general advisory capacity to the county and municipal authorities in dealing with questions of dependency and delinquency, distribution of the poor funds and social conditions generally.

The law provides for a meeting of the county board of charities and public welfare at least once a month. The term for appointment is three years.

### Banks Will Close On Two Afternoons

All of the Shelby banking institutions will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of this week, according to an official announcement. This is done for the benefit of the county fair, the county's "Fifth and Finest."

### Extension Meeting For County Teachers

School teachers of Cleveland county who are interested in extension work are asked to meet at the Central high school building here on Saturday morning, Sept. 29, at 10 o'clock. M. G. Little, of the university extension department, will be here to talk to teacher extension courses with the teachers and J. H. Grigg, county superintendent.

### Mrs. McSwain Is Buried On Sunday

Mrs. Cordelia McSwain, wife of Mr. W. M. McSwain of the Beaver Dam section died Saturday following a protracted illness with cancer of the stomach. For two years she had been in declining health, but bore her suffering with wonderful fortitude. She was a fine Christian woman and a member of the Lattimore Baptist church. Her remains were buried Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. D. F. Putnam.

### PIONEER OPERATOR, MISS DURHAM, DEAD

Pioneer Telephone Operator Succumbs To Protracted Illness. Buried Sunday.

Miss Mattie Durham, Shelby's pioneer telephone switchboard operator who sat at the board for 23 years, died here Saturday morning at her home in West Shelby and was buried Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted from her home at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Zeno Wall, assisted by Rev. Rush Padgett.

### Attendance Will Show It Best Yet, Secretary Declares

### Dorton Gives Last Minute "Tips" On Watching Pocketbooks And Children. Thousands Of School Children Will Pass In Free Tomorrow And Tomorrow Night. Fair Grounds Abustle.

Cleveland county's "Fifth and Finest Fair," the big county fair of the Carolinas, will get underway Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when the big fair gates swing open to what is expected to be the largest crowd to pass through any fair gates in the state in one day.

Today the big fair tract is a scene of feverish activity as hurriedly scores of workmen complete last minute details in building up a little city over tonight. Where there were only bare acres and vacant buildings a week ago there will be a city of 30,000 happy, frolicking people tomorrow. The transformation is underway now, and early in the morning all highways and traffic channels leading to Shelby will be packed with thousands in the neighboring countryside who have made it a habit of attending Cleveland fairs since they started five years ago.

Some Dorton Tips.

J. S. Dorton, fair secretary, in a last minute interview reviewed briefly some things whereby the public may be of much assistance to fair officials and gatekeepers and they to the public.

"First, and above all things, don't get in too big a hurry; don't get worried, and don't get mad. If for any reason there is any controversy about any matters don't argue with the ticket men or the gatekeepers, pay them the regular admission take a receipt for same and call at the secretary's office where we can go over the matter with you and all adjustments can be easily made," he said.

Next he advises that fair goers do not bring too much money to the fair. "In large crowds, all in a hurry and a jam, money can be easily lost. A good time can be had at the fair on little money. All the races and free acts including the fireworks are free; if one cares to be more comfortable the grandstand is for that purpose at a small charge.

First Aid Stations.

"There has been provided at several places on the grounds first aid stations with competent nurses in charge, these are for your convenience and the service is freely and gladly given, take all cases of minor ailments, or accidents to these stations. Ambulance service is also available at these stations or emergency cases. Here mothers will find all conveniences for them and their babies. We are particularly anxious that you take advantage of this service.

Children's Playground.

"We also call your attention to the children's playground under the grandstand. Admission to this is through the ladies rest room only. The playground is securely fenced in so that there will be no danger of the children getting out or getting hurt. We have also enclosed this place so that the mothers of small children may take them there and see the races and free acts while the kiddies play in safety. Another service that we are very desirous of having you use.

Lost Children.

"One of the things that cause more anxiety than all other problems combined that we have plenty fair week is lost children. If one of your children strays away while you are looking at some attraction, don't get excited. Remember that you are among your own friends and that we are all looking after the interest of our neighbor. First, let the fact be known at the secretary's office. From there the information will be sent out to every man in any capacity working for the fair to be on the look-out for a lost child. In case a lost child is found either bring him or her to the secretary's office or to one of the first aid stations, where they will be cared for until their parents are located.

Matter Of Passes.

"Just one more thing, and the one that causes more grief than all other things combined about a fair: that of passes. Everybody would like to have a free pass to the fair. That's natural, but I just wonder if some of the people that request passes know just how much

money it actually costs to stage a fair such as we have had in Cleveland county for the past four years (approximately \$15,000 each year.) Naturally all of our admissions cannot be free or on passes, however, I know that it is absolutely necessary that passes be issued to individuals that are entitled to them through the fact that they are exhibitors of livestock that they must care for, to the people who have charge of the various community exhibits, to the many people who are exhibitors in the manufacturers' building, to the officials both city and county, to those who have eating stands and other concessions, to the press, to visiting fair officials, and others that, through some capacity with the fair or for service rendered are entitled to a pass. To all of these the pass is given complimentary and we expect our gatekeepers to honor them without question when presented by the party to whom they are issued, and who is entitled to them, but there are others that feel that because of personal friendship, or for other causes, they should have a pass. We ask that they do not embarrass us by requesting that they be given passes, which request will of course be refused.

"We enter into this our "fifth and finest fair" with the determination to live up to our slogan. We believe that you will agree when it is over that we have never had a better fair from all angles, that every department is "finer" than before. And when the curtain rolls down on next Saturday night we will have made "fair history" from all the angles that a successful fair is judged."

### 75 HORSES WILL BE IN FAIR RACES

Pacers And Trotters Already Here And Training For Track Events. Greyhound Races.

Seventy-five race horses have been entered and are already here to take part in the daily races of the Cleveland county fair.

The majority of the big list of horses came in Saturday or during the week-end and today the track is filled with horses and drivers warming up for the first heats tomorrow afternoon.

Two Dog Races Daily.

There will be two greyhound races each afternoon, according to Fair Secretary J. S. Dorton. The greyhounds, handled by Chas. L. Cook, of Pinconning, Pa., are already here and ready to fill over the track Tuesday afternoon. Each greyhound race will be for one-eighth of a mile just in front of the racetrack grandstand.

### FEDERAL COURT GOING ON HERE

District court of United States district court opened here today with Federal Judge E. Yates Webb presiding.

Early in the morning the court got down to the customary rapid grind with which Judge Webb moves the docket along.

The majority of the cases center about violation of prohibition laws in this and adjoining counties in the court district.

200 new subscribers added to The Star within the past two weeks.

The Star's circulation now 4,800. The Star leads in news and circulation.