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Warmer Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and slightly colder tonight on the coast. Saturday fair with slowly rising temperature.

Business Rush. Shelby merchants are making preparations to handle tomorrow, Saturday, one of the largest shopping crowds in the business history of the town.

NEGRESS CUT BY FATHER IS DEAD

Slayer Of Daughter Still Missing Since Cutting Tuesday Night. Martha Megginson, colored woman, whose throat was cut Tuesday night and whose 65-year-old father, Henry McLellie, was accused of the cutting, died this morning about 8:30 o'clock in the Shelby hospital.

The woman was brought to the hospital here Wednesday morning, having remained without medical care all night although she bled profusely. The cutting took place at the home of the woman's brother on the farm of Jim Camp. The negress, it is said, left the home of her father in Gaffney, because he abused her and was said to have attempted intimacies with her, and came to her brother's home on the Camp place.

Court Idle, Booze Being Hoarded For Yuletide Egg-Nog

Judge Mull, However, Describes It As The Calm Before A Storm. Judge John Mull picked up the docket book of the county recorder's court this morning, looked it over, slammed it shut and did not go to the court house. No cases were docketed. Which is quite an oddity for Shelby—a day to go by and no court, and it amid the holiday season, too.

Young Matron Is Dead In Hospital

Mrs. Rose L. Johnson who died in the Shelby hospital Wednesday night at the age of 20 years, is being taken today to Coco, Florida, for interment Sunday. Mrs. Johnson leaves her husband and a baby about ten weeks old. They came to Shelby a short time ago. Mr. Johnson being engaged in the construction of the Hotel Charles building, owned by the Blanton estate.

No Star Out On Next Wednesday

There will be no issue of The Cleveland Star on Wednesday, December 26. Following a custom of omitting one issue in order that employees who get out the paper may have a short holiday vacation the paper issued Monday will be the last one until Friday's issue.

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"PEOPLE WANT IT, LET THEM SHOOT", MAYOR DECLARES

Mayor Dorsey In Statement About Fireworks, Law Stays On Books.

seem to think that the law seem to think that the law against the shooting of firecrackers in public places in Shelby should not be enforced, and since they feel that way I suppose it will be that way this year," Mayor W. N. Dorsey told The Star yesterday when asked to what measure the fireworks ordinance would be enforced in the city this year.

"What are we going to do about the firecracker shooting uptown this year," he was asked. "That's the very question I asked the board of aldermen recently," the mayor answered.

Talked With Aldermen. "Their reply," he continued, "was that the people seemed to desire that the boys be permitted to shoot their firecrackers uptown." At that point the mayor stated that he told the board that he believed if the law was not to be enforced it should be taken from the books. After talking it over, however, it was decided that the firecracker ban should remain on the books so that if citizens became tired of the promiscuous shooting of fireworks and asked that it be stopped the law would still be there so that the officers could enforce it.

Twelve Deaths In Five Days In This Section Of County

More Sickness And Deaths Now Than Any Time Since Ten Years Ago. Judging by the death records and reports of physicians there is far more sickness and more deaths occurring now over Cleveland county at any time since the influenza epidemic during the World war period back in 1918. A check over the files of The Star for two issues this week shows that twelve deaths were reported in a five-day period in and about Shelby. On Saturday there were four deaths, Sunday one, Monday three, and one up until press time Wednesday.

Influenza Worse. No large percentage of the deaths this week and last, however, was due to the influenza epidemic, although the physicians say that the cases seem to be getting more severe. Rainy, cold weather during the week has added to the influenza toll, but the major danger of the epidemic now is that due to the holiday season many people who have partly recovered from the "flu" will get out, expose themselves and have a relapse. This relapse from influenza, is very dangerous physicians say and they urge those who have been sick to take good care of themselves for at least two weeks.

Legion Members To Have Holiday Feed

Officials of the Warren Hoyle American Legion post here announce that the members of the post will stage a Christmas barbecue supper in the Company K armory on Friday night, December 28, beginning at 6:30. W. S. Beam, vice-commander of the post will have charge of the program.

Should Get Pension Checks Right Away

A. M. Hamrick, superior court clerk here, warns veterans and widows that they should call for their semi-annual Confederate pension checks as early as possible. The warning is issued due to the fact that the checks will not be payable at Raleigh after 60 days.

Cementing Friendship in Ecuador



Friendly, affectionate even, was reception of crowds in Guayaquil, Ecuador, as President-elect Hoover (arrow) passed between cheering lines on his way to the presidential palace. The photo below shows Mr Hoover's car in front of the American legation in Ayora, of Ecuador, and Mrs. Hoover.

\$10,000 In Savings For Holidays Here

The three Shelby banks week and last turned loose approximately \$10,000 in Christmas saving checks to local people for their holiday shopping, it is announced. The majority of the sum was saved through the Christmas saving clubs.

GILMERS IN LAST WEEK HERE NOW

Local Store Of Chain Will Close Doors Here Monday Night, Announced. Gilmers, Inc., announces the closing of the department store Monday night. With the close of the Christmas shopping season comes the close of this well known store, which has been a fixture in Shelby for many years.

When the corporation announced the withdrawal from the Shelby field, a definite drive was made to induce them to change the plan. And for a time it appeared the appeal would be successful. But later, a definite and final announcement was made that they would remove to another field.

It is understood that both the present manager, Mr. Gabriel, and the advertising manager, A. H. Galloway, will remain with the corporation. And it is said that several other of the employees will have places in the new store, when it shall have been established, if they do desire.

Cutting Not At Jim's House, He Announces

Jim Camp, respected colored man of lower Cleveland, announces that the cutting scrape Tuesday night in which Martha Megginson, colored, was slashed about the throat by her father was not at his house. The Megginson woman and her father were in a house on Jim's place, but not in his home as was announced in the paper. "I don't have any such scandalous doing at my house," Jim declared in making the announcement.

JORDON-CHEVROLET AGENCY SOLD TO A KINGS MT. MAN

New Year Brings Business Changes. Buick Agency To Be Moved January 1st.

The approaching new year brings the usual changes in business ownership and location and the first to be announced is the purchase by the Crawford Chevrolet company of the Jordan Chevrolet company. Mr. J. E. Crawford of Kings Mountain has taken the position held by Mr. W. E. Jordan for three years in the agency for this popular priced car, made by General Motors Corporation.

Buick Agency To Move. Mr. Crawford took charge this week and retains the same personnel that worked for Mr. Jordan including Tom Osborne, and Lem Elmore, salesmen, Frank Kendall, parts department head, Sumney Garver and Dewey Jones, mechanics. On January 1st, the Chevrolet agency will vacate the Gardner building and will move simultaneously with the Chevrolet.

Mr. Jordan came to Shelby three years ago and has become one of Shelby's best citizens. He identified himself with the civic and religious life of the community and it is hoped by his many friends that the sale of his business does not mean that he will leave Shelby. He was not ready to announce any plans as to his future yesterday.

New Building Soon. Mr. Crawford has associated with him Mr. Ernest Burwell, Buick dealer at present at Spartanburg. Mr. Burwell will remain with the agency here, while Mr. Crawford will be in charge of their interests here. They have been associated together for 12 years in the automobile business, first as Ford dealers, then as Chevrolet and Buick dealers. Both are standing with the General Motors company.

Mr. Crawford will bring his wife to Shelby shortly. They have been living at Kings Mountain where he was Chevrolet dealer, but he sold that agency before closing the deal here. Their location in the Lackey building after the first of the year expects to be only temporary. They are planning to erect a new building that will be modern in every particular and just suited for the use to which they will place it. This building will be announced later when plans are completed.

Captain Mattison Arrived In Shelby Today For Holiday

Brother-in-law Of Mrs. L. C. Bost Engaged In Making Survey Of Florida Coast. Capt. G. C. Mattison, brother of Mrs. L. C. Bost who arrives in Shelby today, accompanied by his wife, has been engaged for a number of years as master of the United States Survey Yacht Lydia, which arrived in the port at Jacksonville a few days ago. Capt. Mattison is completing his survey charts of the Florida coast for the government in an attempt to obtain a true shore line.

Two Injured In Car Crash Improved Now

"Doc" Wescon and Calvin Adams, severely injured Monday night when their car was struck on highway 20 by an auto said to have been driven by Alan Simpson of Waxhaw, were much improved today and were able to leave the hospital. Reports from the hospital also stated that "Dutch" Whisnant, former baseball star, whose leg was amputated due to a bullet wound, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Dunn Gets Four Months In Jail Here

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn, the gray-haired white woman in whose bed a quantity of whiskey was found last week by city officers, this week received a four months jail sentence in county court.

Santa Will Visit Homes Of Shelby's Poor—Star Fund Is Now Near \$600, More Coming



W. E. Jordan, popular auto dealer here, has sold his agency to a Kings Mountain purchaser. Mr. Jordan's plans for the future have not been definitely announced.

COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TODAY

Many Had Already Closed Due To "Flu" Epidemic. Open On December 31.

All rural schools in Cleveland county, which have not already closed, will close today for the Christmas holidays. The schools will open again on December 31, it is announced by J. H. Grigg, county superintendent. Schools closing early in the week or last week included Piedmont, Waco, Grover, Bethware and Bolling Springs. A number of the smaller schools closed last week due to the epidemic but opened again Monday of this week.

COTTON STEALING CASES ARE TIRED

In the session of county court held yesterday at Kings Mountain by Judge John P. Mull, Leonidas Hoover was sentenced to six months on the gang and James Rook was given two months upon a cotton stealing charge. Both are colored men. The cotton was stolen from J. B. Patterson, Hunter Ware, and a Mr. Arrowood.

Gaffney Negro Loses Hand By Firecracker

Gaffney.—The urge to "see what would happen" cost a 10-year-old Gaffney negro his left hand last Friday when he applied a lighted match to an unexploded piece of fireworks found on the Cherokee county fair grounds. The firecracker, or whatever it was exploded with such violence that Wallace Jordan's hand was badly mangled. He was taken to the City hospital where surgeons found amputation necessary. The boy is a son of Julia Jordan, who lives near the fair grounds. It is supposed the explosive was a part of the fireworks used at the county fair in October, although this was not known definitely.

Mrs. Hamrick Shows Some Improvement

Mrs. Hudson Hamrick who lives at Salem church on the Shelby-Kings Mountain road is a little better this morning with pneumonia, it is learned from her brother, Squire Sylvanus Gardner of Shelby. Her husband who died of paralysis at the age of 48 years, following an attack of influenza, was buried Thursday in a down pour of rain at Salem Methodist church where he was a member. Mr. Hamrick was 48 years of age and one of the leading men in his community. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Forbis and Rev. G. P. Abernethy.

Mrs. Glenn Moore Cloworthy and cousin of Atlanta, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Williams, of Jacksonville, Florida, will arrive in Shelby tomorrow to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamrick. Mrs. Williams will be remembered in Shelby as Miss Marguerite Hale.

Over \$100 Contributed To Community Since Wednesday. Committee Meets.

Old Kris Kringle, the merry, kind-hearted old fellow who will shoulder his pack and make calls at the more humble homes of Shelby Monday evening, is this afternoon arranging his pack for the rounds. Which is to say that the executive committee handling The Star's community Christmas fund for the more unfortunates is meeting this afternoon to decide just how the money and merchandise will be distributed among the many needy cases in the town.

The committee is composed of J. B. Smith, welfare officer; Mrs. Fred Morgan, and Ruth Hamrick. This afternoon members of the committee will investigate the actual needs in each poverty-stricken, unfortunate home and the fund will be properly divided among them in shoes, clothing, groceries, coal, wood, medicine and other necessities of life.

Response Is Good. The response to the fund this year has been unusual considering that the appeal was sent out late due to the influenza epidemic. Up until Wednesday noon \$478.50 had been contributed in merchandise and money. In the two day period since \$115 has been added, making a total of \$593.50 until noon today. Among the late givers were numerous people and one Sunday school from the rural sections who did their bit in alleviating the Yuletide sufferings of the county's largest center of population.

Just what the \$600 fund will mean to those who will benefit will perhaps never be fully known by those who gave. One little fellow, aged seven years, just hoped that he would get a pair of shoes if nothing else. He didn't even ask for a rifle, or toys—he hasn't been accustomed to such. But in addition to the shoes he will get stockings and a coat, and what's more his mother will be given groceries and coal so that he and his brothers and sisters may eat and be warm Christmas day although they will not have toys and trinkets as will other children. Medicine badly needed in one home will be purchased; an overworked mother will get a little present for herself; a sick father who wondered, as sorrow haunted his eyes, would play Santa to his tots will be enabled to look from his bed and smile as the charity fund's Santa comes joggling by Monday evening. Here, there, and all over town the fund will spread its bit of cheer on the evening before.

Those Who Gave

- Contributions turned in prior to noon today are published below, while those reported later in the day will appear Monday. Previously acknowledged \$478.50. Montgomery Ward Co. \$30. A. Blanton Grocers \$10. Women's Club \$25. Ishpeming Club \$5. Tom Moore \$5. J. R. Dover \$10. H. P. Wolfe \$1. A Friend \$1. A Helper \$5. Miss Mattie Adams \$1. Kadesh S. S. \$5. Sherrill Bible Class, Central church \$5. Carolina Fruit and Produce Company \$10. F. O. Gee \$5. J. P. Toms \$1. Total \$593.50.

Telephone Pole Cut In Two By An Auto; Driver Not Hurt Bad

Colored Man Weeks Nat Bowman's Buick On West Warren Street Thursday. Allie Turner, colored man, had a narrow escape from death yesterday about noon while driving the Buick sedan of Mr. Nat Bowman east on West Warren street. Turner, it is presumed, slipped on the brakes and with the pavement wet the car swerved from the road to the right and crashed into a telephone pole and tree. The telephone and the tree tore up, while the body portion of the car was a complete wreck.

Turner was cut about the head, but as the full blow of the pole was right against the driver's seat his escape with that injury seems miraculous. After the wreck a warrant was issued for Turner charging him with temporary larceny of the car.