

Annual Dover Mill Banquet Held On Saturday Here

PIVOT MEN, THREE MILLS HEADED BY DOVER, IN BANQUET

Governor Max Gardner Gets Cheer When He Declares For Workmen's Compensation Act.

Pivot men, 150 in number, of the three Mills of Eastside, Dover and Ora, headed by Shelby's popular industrial leader, John R. Dover, enjoyed their 15th annual banquet at the high school auditorium Saturday night and gave Max Gardner, the state's next governor a cheer of approval when he announced that as governor, he would strive to have the general assembly pass a workmen's compensation act.

This was Mr. Gardner's first public speech since his election in November and his declaration for the workmen's compensation act was the first time he has pointed out any particular law which he aimed he seek its passage.

"I want to see the time come when a working man won't have to go to some lawyer and threaten or start suit and pay a heavy law fee to get paid for an injury and lost time, whether he was negligent or not. A law like this which many states have, lets him know just what sort of settlement to expect without going to law." He was speaking to working men and the applause was a generous one when he made this declaration.

Mr. Dover Welcomes Them.

An eloquent welcome was extended the guests by Mr. Dover, regarded as the best "lay" speaker in this part of the state. He thanked the men for their loyalty and co-operation and urged them to lean neither to the right nor to the left in doing their duty at all times. "I recently started to live on borrowed time," said Mr. Dover, "and the hope is that when I leave these organizations with which I have been identified, that the organizations will stay in tact and the same faces of the same men will carry on."

Eight 19 Years Ago.

Mr. Dover went back 19 years he presided at the first banquet of a textile of which he was head in Shelby. That was the Ella Mill. Six men were present then; 150 men were present Saturday night and as Max Gardner said in his speech, Mr. Dover's great ambition

and plan in life is not to make money for himself, but to build industries to give men and women employment and the privilege of earning a livelihood under the best of living conditions.

"Every industrial enterprise is but the long shadow of some man," said Mr. Gardner. "The Ora, Dover and Eastside plants are but the lengthening shadow of John R. Dover whose life has been an inspiration because he came up through poverty, hardships and disappointments." Mr. Gardner held up Mr. Dover as a genuine leader of his employees, one who knows how to sympathize and relate with them and always has their interests at heart.

Loyalty was stressed by Mr. Gardner as the first quality in human life. Ability and capacity don't compare with loyalty—loyalty to employer, to church, to community, state and nation.

Mr. Gardner expressed fear at the coming of foreigners South with the movement of textile plants from New England, bringing with them their hate, bitterness, distrust and discontent.

Gold Is Given.

A \$10 gold coin was given by Mr. Dover, the toastmaster to J. H. Southern of the Dover who was selected in passing a ball to deliver an impromptu address at the next annual banquet, while E. L. Coe of Eastside, Joe Williams of Dover and S. M. Foster of Ora drew \$10 gold pieces given by the heads of the several mills.

The meeting was not without its fun. When Charlie Roberts started to auction a large doll with Mike Ansell as auctioneer, the proceeds to go to the charity fund, bidding had reached \$25. There was a pause when Mike asked any one who would give \$20 to a good cause to stand up. An electric spark under the chair of Worth Mitchem brought him to his feet with a yell. Laughter filled the large room.

An orchestra furnished music, while Carl Jordan sang a Mr. Carner gave a mountain folklore and a quartet composed of Glenn White, W. F. Newton, Worth Mitchem and W. D. Stockton added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Max Gardner was presented with a handsome golf bag and sticks and short talks were made by John Fox, Aaron Quinn and Arthur Jarratt.

Miss Marion Lemons, who has been at St. Leo hospital training school at Cresboro, is home for the holidays and will return Wednesday.

All Roads Lead To Bethlehem

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building in which Judas Iscariot betrayed his Lord for 30 pieces of silver. Then the procession swings round a hill and reaches Bethlehem itself.

Easy Little Escape.

Bethlehem is a little town with its white stone houses huddled closely about narrow, winding streets through which autos and wagons can scarcely pass. The houses, with flat roofs, latticed windows and central courtyards, occasionally arch overhead to shut the sun off of the pavement below; countrified booths and bazaars line the narrow streets where women and girls sell carved crosses, rosaries and other religious objects to the pilgrims. There is always the noisy hubbub of the shopkeepers, crying out their wares.

Suddenly three appear at the head of the procession the three Patriarchs of the Christian faith in Jerusalem—dignitaries of the Catholic church, resplendent in their jeweled vestments, in their train are attendant archbishops, bishops or archbishops, also dressed in colorful robes. They lead the way through the formless cluster of buildings about the Church of Nativity, built by the mother of Constantine the Great, and said to be the oldest Christian church in the world. The church stands in a small square, surrounded by stores.

The entrance to this building is not impressive. It is a narrow, low gateway of plain hewn stone, a scant four feet in height, so that dignitaries and all have to stoop low to enter. The gate is thus cramped because the Mohammedans, for centuries in control of Syria, did not scruple to drive their cattle into the sacred places of the Christians; hence the gate had to be made small enough to keep the animals out.

Where Christ Was Born.

Inside, the basilica becomes more imposing. The procession enters an enclosure about 120 feet in length and 110 feet wide, divided by massive pillars into a central nave and two narrow flanking aisles.

The choir chants hymns, and the patriarchs and their attendants take tall lighted tapers in their hands. Then they advance to the east end of the church, pass through a low archway by the choir, and descend a flight of steep,

slippery steps to the Grotto of the nativity.

The grotto is a sort of cave in the solid rock. Tradition says that this cave, existing in Biblical times, constituted the stables in which the Virgin Mary took refuge when she and Joseph learned that there was no room at the inn. A small altar lies against the wall, lighted by many small silver lamps and on the floor, marking the exact spot where Christ was born. A Latin inscription is on the altar.

Final At Mass.

Here patriarchs, bishops and attendants kneel, in turn, to kiss the feet of the Virgin Mary. The Christmas Eve celebration that has been held for many centuries. When this ceremony has been finished the tapers may light tapers, descend to the crypt and kneel, likewise, at the most sacred spot in Bethlehem.

Crowds throng the streets of Bethlehem through the evening of Dec. 24. They are, no doubt, very similar to the residents of Bethlehem of 20 centuries ago—except that they are more warlike. Part of the population is Mohammedan, and it is actually necessary for soldiers to be stationed about the Church of the Nativity to prevent outbreaks. However, no trouble ever occurs. That is the little town of Bethlehem today, twenty centuries after the birth of Jesus Christ.

Penny Column

LOST, ONE BIG WHITE WALKER HOUND with one lemon and one dove colored spot over the eye. Last heard from at Lee Calton's at Sunshine. For reward notify C. O. Lee, R-4, Shelby.

MIDDLE AGED WOMAN wants work as supervisor of boarding house or housekeeper for adults. Best recommendations. Mrs. F. W., 808 N. LaFayette St. 2124P

LOST NEAR HOLLIS, ONE FEMALE dog, white and black spotted, dove colored head and ears, wearing a collar when lost. Name plate T. C. Ledford, Shelby, N. C. Finder please notify and receive reward T. C. Ledford, Shelby, N. C. 1424C

Evans Hartgrove of Charlotte, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartgrove.

DOUBLE SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

(Special to The Star.)

The Sunday school will observe Christmas by gladdening the hearts of those in the community who are sick or shut-in. Twenty or more packages will be distributed among them.

Some of the new library books have arrived and are now ready for use. There are good books and we hope the folks read them.

Among those spending the Christmas holidays at home are Miss Vera Dixon from Thomasville, Misses Lola Davis and Julia Jones from Boiling Springs, Miss Blooma Wright, Boone; Miss Sybil Hamrick, Charlotte; Miss Aubry Washburn, Meredith; and Mr. Paul Wilson, Chapel Hill, and Miss Mattie Lee Gardner from Hollis.

Miss Lola Davis visited Miss Nettie Jones Sunday.

Miss Bennie Lee Jones recently returned from the Shelby hospital where she had been taking treatment. Her friends will be glad to learn she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn and Annie Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Canipe Saturday afternoon.

Mr. W. P. Greene of Georgia who has been visiting relatives here left Saturday for Chermee.

We were glad to have Mr. L. E. Greene and Miss Hamrick and Dorothy Greene from Sandy Plains as B. Y. P. U. visitors Sunday night. We sang Christmas songs.

Mr. Everette Brooks very delightfully entertained the young folks of the community last Saturday night with a party.

Shelby Mill Gives Christmas Bag To Many Employees

Following its usual custom, the Shelby Cotton mill distributed Friday, bags of fruits, candy, etc., to every man, woman and child on the hill. The number of people dependent on the Shelby Cotton mill is about 1,400 and not a one was forgotten in the Christmas remembrance. This plant as well as the others in Shelby are closed for several days for the workers to enjoy the holiday season.

Fry Star Job Printing

No "Spokesman" For The Next Governor

Governor Gardner Will Do His Own Talking As He Has Done, He Says.

In a newspaper interview here today Governor-elect O. Max Gardner made it plain that he would have no "White House spokesman" when he goes into office early next month.

"Some people seem to think that my views and opinions are being announced and may be conveyed to the legislature by a spokesman, but I can say that I have reached my own decisions in the past, done my own talking and will continue to do it when I get to Raleigh."

In other words the Shelby governor-elect made it plain that he would not follow at least one Coolidge policy in his public utterances.

Another announcement of interest made today by the next governor was that he would submit the voluminous state budget to the legislature next month "as is," meaning just as recommended by the budget commission and forwarded to him by Governor McLean. This is due to the big rush piling up on him as he has hundreds of messages to answer daily, numerous conferences, and is preparing his inaugural address. He states that the various recommendations in the budget will be taken up, studied and analyzed after the entire measure is presented to the assembly as required by law.

COURT HOUSE TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

In order to give county officials and clerks a holiday A. E. Cline, commission chairman and county business manager, announces that court house offices will be closed on Christmas day, Tuesday, December 25.

ADVERTISES FOR WIFE; HAS 100 APPLICATIONS

Washington.—William Holtzman, widower, recently advertised in want ad columns for a wife. He has about 100 applications and his old automobile has broken down under the strain of calling on the candidates.

"There are some beauties in the list from their pictures and it's going to be a hard proposition to choose," he said.

At The Theatres

The Webb is advertising the full holiday week program in The Star today, announcing for today, Christmas Eve, a flashy Western, starring Tim McCoy. Christmas day brings the popular star, Norma Shearer, with the ex-southern football headliner, John Mack Brown, as co-star. The picture is entitled "The Lady of Chance." It is Miss Shearer's latest, and an excellent holiday bill. Renee Adoree and Allen Hale, in "The Spieler" comes Wednesday, with a big special advertised for Thursday and Friday—Vilma Banky in "The Awakening of Love." "Colleens" and news reels also feature this two day bill. Saturday Buster Keaton will be the popular drawing card in "The Cameraman."

Vaudeville features the Princess bill all during holiday week, with Lela May topping the program. Hap Roberts, head of this show, announces he is going to make Shelby his headquarters as a booking office for this popular company, which composes eighteen performers. There will be a matinee every day during this holiday week, with a special midnight performance scheduled for Tuesday night. Mr. Roberts is a hearty booster for his show, declaring it is different—a new performance, with all the usual salaciousness of vaudeville deleted. He says the day for smutty shows has gone, and Miss May heads a bill of the new order, "Stocks and Blondes" with Jacqueline Logan is the special Christmas day picture program, with vaudeville. There will be pictures all week.

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Cotton Market

(By John F. Ark & Co.)

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange: December 2027, January 2012. Saturday's close: December 2034, January 2006.

New York, Dec. 24.—Worth street says the yarn market last week was one of fair volume in some limited quarters of the market. Large commission houses were able to report their production sold. The Liverpool market which has been and is too low compared with New York looks to be stepping up into line. Manchester cables says holidays restrict large scale buying, India inquires moderate, China more en-

SEVEN BURN IN ALABAMA HOME

Parents And Five Children Die In Fire When Trapped In Bed.

Anniston, Ala., Dec. 23.—Seven members of a sleeping family were burned to death and six others were injured, four critically, early today when fire swept their residence. Two of the injured were not expected to live through the night.

The Dead.

The victims, a mother and father and five children are:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Calhoun, Eulala Calhoun, 11; Freeland Calhoun, 4; Emmett Calhoun, 9; Robert Lee Calhoun, 2, and Albert Calhoun, jr., infant.

The two believed fatally burned are Essie Calhoun, 16, and Ella Bright, 12. Others injured were Lois Herald, 13; Raymond Calhoun, 12, and A. M. Calhoun, 9.

Occupants of the house had been asleep for some time when Mrs. Calhoun was aroused by smoke in the room occupied by her and her husband and five Calhoun children.

Hall In Flames.

She called her husband who opened the bedroom door to find the hallway outside a mass of flames. Before he could close the door, the flames had swept into the bedroom and had ignited the bed clothing. Mrs. Calhoun picked up her youngest child and hurled him out a window. The infant later was buried in the debris of the home and burned to death. Before she could rescue the other four children, the mother was overcome by smoke.

Dance At Cleveland.

The holiday week will be enlivened at Cleveland Springs by a dance Friday night. The hour is 9:30. It will be a gala event. Music will be furnished by the well known Duke Wellborn orchestra.

couraging. In the December contract which expires at noon goes out at a premium it should have a stimulating effect on the rest of the list. Favor purchases on reactions. Merry Christmas to all.

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