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Five and Ten Years Ago

The Following Items Were Gleaned From Issues Of The Cleveland Star Of Five And 10 Years Ago.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

December 28, 1923.

State Senator Sam Lattimore, prominent Cleveland county farmer, was badly beaten up about one o'clock Wednesday morning on the national highway between Spartanburg and Gaffney near the village of Thickety by five men said to have been intoxicated. The assault followed a collision between Lattimore's Buick and a Ford touring car driven by the men, Charlie Black, young white man, who works for Senator Lattimore, was with him at the time and was also injured during the fracas.

The new year which begins at midnight Monday promises to be a banner year in the erection of business houses in Shelby. The town has witnessed remarkable growth during the year which is closing, but the coming year will be one that may surpass any year in the town's history. The First National bank has definitely decided to erect a bank building on the corner where the Miller block now stands. S. S. Royster and sons, Wythe and Ralph who bought the property where Chief B. O. Hamrick now lives, fronting 100 feet on S. LaFayette street, will develop this property sometime during the coming year. D. E. Honeycutt proprietor of the Shelby Coca Cola Bottling company will erect a brick building on his lot next to the Shelby Grocery Co. on West Warren street.

A career of 60 years of public life which began with a brilliant military record in the War between the States was brought to an end with the death at 4:35 o'clock Monday morning in Raleigh of Major W. A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture.

Ernest Kennedy, colored, is dead and "Doc" Williamson and his nephew, Roosevelt Young, also colored are under bond for his murder as a result of a holiday wrangle Saturday over domestic affairs at the home of Ike Williamson near Hopewell church on the Fallston road. A very peculiar angle developed in the killing when Williamson gave himself up and admitted the deed only to have the coroner's jury decide Young was the killer with the result that both negroes were bound over to superior court.

Clyde R. Hoey was unanimously chosen president of the Kiwanis club. Dr. Reuben McBrayer vice president and J. C. Newton district trustee at the regular meeting Thursday night of last week. Max Gardner had served since the organization of the club and it was his sincere desire to retire and let some one else guide the organization through the next 12 months.

Included among the twenty members of the State college football squad who were last week awarded the coveted monogram or stars was Randolph Logan, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Hugh Logan of Shelby. Mr. John T. Borders, who had been the efficient keeper of the county home for several years has moved to Earl with his family. Mr. Lawson Cabaniss who was elected keeper some time ago, moved to the county home this month to assume control.

There were 38,547 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland county prior to December 13th this year as compared with 35,743 bales prior to the same date last year, according to statistics gathered by Miles H. Ware, special agent for the government.

TEN YEARS AGO.

December 31, 1918.

The financial and industrial outlook for Cleveland has never been brighter than with the dawning of 1919. Instead of falling behind in the production of cotton, the county has gradually stepped ahead of its neighbors and in the class with the best cotton counties in North Carolina. The last ginners report showed 21,797 bales ginned this year and Lieut.-Gov. O. Max Gardner who is himself a big farmer and interested in a number of cotton mills, says the crop this year will reach 24,000 bales, exceeding any previous year. Cleveland will stand about sixth with the other counties of the state in the production of cotton, her entire crop bringing over four million dollars.

Shelby friends will be interested to learn of the wedding of Miss Lula Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Corbet of Houston, Texas, and sister of Mrs. Jack Palmer of this place, to Mr. Ogle L. Baker on Wednesday evening December 18 at the First Presbyterian church of Houston.

While Miss Ella Harmon of Kings Mountain was visiting her brother Mr. Jim Harmon two miles south of Shelby last week, she started to Shelby in a buggy with several children. The holding back strap broke and the horse ran away with the result that Miss Harmon sustained a broken jaw bone.

Mrs. Fannie Packard, one of the most esteemed ladies of the Sharon community died suddenly Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lawton Blanton where she had gone on a visit.

Congressman E. Y. Webb after spending the holidays here with his family, returned Sunday night to Washington, D. C.

Mr. D. F. McSwain, the popular salesman for P. B. McMurry and company, has resigned and went yesterday to the Belmont store in South Shelby where he and Mr. C. S. Caveny are associated together.

Mr. Charlie Whisnant who operated the Oak Grove dairy has abandoned the delivery of bottled milk in town because he found that his loss of bottles was too great. Until springs open he will patronize the local creamery with his cows, at which time he will begin the manufacture of ice cream for local and out of town soda fountains.

Mr. David Honeycutt moved last week into the home of Mr. C. A. Washburn on North Morgan street, which he recently purchased. Mr. Washburn who owns the house formerly occupied by Mr. Honeycutt moved into that.

The first snow of the season fell Saturday morning. It covered the ground to a depth of nearly an inch, but the sun came out about noon and melted it away except on northside places.

Mr. William W. Heavner of Shelby was instantly killed by an east-bound Seaboard passenger train Thursday evening shortly after dark at a grade crossing a mile this side of Cherryville. Mr. Heavner who with his wife came home from Portsmouth, Va., last Monday night where he has been working in a shipyard for the past six months, had just been on a visit to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Adam H. Heavner in Lincoln county and was returning home alone in the car when the engine struck him. His body was badly mangled, the fatal blow being a concussion of the skull behind the right ear.

Lattimore Batch Of News  
Double Wedding Reported

(Special to The Star.) Lattimore, Dec. 30.—The wedding bells still ring around Lattimore. Three more weddings have taken place during the holiday season.

Mr. George Blanton and Miss Allie Walker of Forest City were married in Gaffney, Dec. 19.

Mrs. Blanton was formerly of Kinston but had been making her home with relatives in Forest City for some time.

Mr. Blanton is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Blanton. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton are with the groom's parents at present.

Mr. Aubrey Green and Miss Bessie Hapaugh of Earl were married in Gaffney, Saturday Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Greene are making their home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Greene of Lattimore.

Mr. Henry Sherrer and Miss Augusta Head, both of Lattimore, were married in Chester, S. C. Saturday, December 22. They are both popular young people and will make their home in Lattimore.

Missouri Visitor.

Mr. Thomas Magness of St. Joseph, Ill., spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ella Magness.

Miss Mozelle Yelton of Lawndale spent Thursday night with Miss Wiloree Calton.

Messrs. Leary and Howard Harrill have returned to Raleigh after spending several days with their

mother, Mrs. R. M. Harrill. The many friends of Dr. D. T. Bridges are glad to know that he is improving at the Shelby hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident last Sunday.

The epidemic of flu seems to be about over here, only a few cases have been reported lately.

Mrs. T. C. Stockton has been confined to her bed for several days with tonsillitis.

Miss Germaine Gold of Shelby spent several days of the past week with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walker. Miss Grace Walker her cousin accompanied her home Friday to spend the week-end.

Mr. Horace Brooks of Hashton, Ga., is visiting his brother, Mr. Ernest Brooks who has recently moved here from Georgia.

Mr. C. C. Hawkins and bride of Jeffersonville, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hawkins.

Misses Dorcas and Stella Walker of New House spent Thursday with Miss Aquilla Johnson.

Mr. John Stanton and Mrs. Annie Brown of Deveraux, Ga., are visiting Miss Kathleen Pound.

Mr. Paris Weathers spent the holidays with his parents in the Union community.

Mr. Bridges Improving.

Mr. Chivious Bridges is improving from injuries received in an automobile accident near Shelby on Christmas eve. He was riding

with his brother Mr. A. W. Bridges who died Wednesday in the Shelby hospital from injuries received at the same time.

Mrs. M. J. Stockton had the following young ladies as dinner guests on last Thursday.

Misses Frances, Virginia and Mildred Mauney, Evangeline and Thelma McEntire of Union and Miss Margaret Stockton of Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Blanton spent several days of the past week in Lawndale visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rayburn of Lancaster, S. C. spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rayburn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Toms had as their dinner guests Friday night Mr. R. V. Toms and family of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Huber Gold, Mrs. Georgia Gold, Miss Donniss Gold and Miss Biddie Bridges, of New House.

Miss Ila Lovelace of Mooresboro spent the week-end with Miss Euphra Ramsey.

The many friends of Mr. B. H. Blanton sympathize with him in the death of his mother, Mrs. Hoyle Blanton, who died Christmas day. Mrs. Blanton was buried Wednesday at Sharon Methodist church.

Prof. V. C. Taylor and family were dinner guests of Prof. and Mrs. Lawton Blanton Saturday.

Miss Genevieve Blanton spent Thursday with Miss Aileen Crowder.

Mrs. J. A. Bowers who has been sick some time is improving slowly. Prof. Bunyan Harrill of Glenwood and Mr. Hugh Harrill of Boetic are spending the holidays with their parents Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Harrill.

Mr. Harlan Branton spent a few days of last week with his cousin Mr. Edward Branton of the Ross Grove community.

Election Here Was Disaster, Paper Says

Rutherford Co. News.

The Cleveland Star comments editorially on Shelby's disasters, the burning of the Central hotel, building crash last August and the recent defeat of the school measure. The latter was a special election to increase the school tax enough to run the city schools nine months.

The sad fact is, that out of a total registration of 1643 voters 568 did not vote, which counted against the movement, defeating it by thirty votes. Indifference defeated the measure. Ordinarily one would think that in a progressive town like Shelby and a wealthy county like Cleveland that people would take enough interest in public affairs to vote for a modern school, thus keeping their schools on the accredited list. Shelby is in the limelight at present, as few towns in the country, it being the home of the next governor of this great state and the home of many noted lawyers, jurists, etc.

Our observation has been that the majority of the people take little interest in public matters. They are willing to criticize and object, but often unwilling to go into the matter and get the facts. They can get excited over a political election, but not over an election that has much at stake, locally.

The defeat of the school measure was indeed a disaster for Shelby should have as good schools as any municipality in the country.

After It Got Its Victim.

(From Catawba News-Enterprise) Indignation gatherings were frequent yesterday morning by citizens of Newton over the death of the young man caused by the miserable bridge on No. 10 over the C. & N.-W. railroad. The hard surface has been completed long enough to have had 10 bridges built, but nothing has been done by highway officials toward a new bridge that we've ever heard of. The wonder is that many instead of one person has not been killed there.

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ASSERTS LINCOLN AND LEE RELATED

Says Opposing Leaders In Great Struggle Had Same Ancestor.

New York.—Abraham Lincoln was a descendant of the famous Lee family of Virginia and was directly related to the man with whom he contested the fate of the nation, General Robert E. Lee.

Lincoln was not as popular belief would have him, the product of undistinguished progenitors. Though born in a log cabin, he was but two generations removed from the stately mansion of one of the proudest names in early American history.

These statements, upsetting some of the most deep-seated of American traditions, are the result of careful research conducted by Dr. William E. Barton, an able genealogist and one of the best known authorities on Lincoln. They are published for the first time in Good Housekeeping magazine for January.

Mr. Barton, who is, incidentally, the father of Bruce Barton and the author of five widely read works on Lincoln, traces the descent of both the president and the general in a direct line back to Col. Richard Lee, one of the earliest of American aristocrats.

The Documentary Proof. "I am about to show for the first time," he writes, "that Abraham Lincoln sprang from the family stock that gave to the south and the nation some of its greatest and most aristocratic names. There has been romancing enough. This is a plain and truthful tale."

To establish the "plain and truthful tale" Mr. Barton spent years examining documents in musty, forgotten files in old Virginia, whence the Lees and Lincolns came. Old marriage records of wills and property transfers were carefully combed and sifted for a period of years. And now the blood-relation of these two men, who were thought to have nothing in common but their hold on the love of their countrymen, is revealed.

Col. Richard Lee, the Good Housekeeping article shows, came to America from England in 1642. He has a son, Richard Lee, through whom the descent passed in a direct male line to the famous general of the Confederate forces.

But Col. Richard Lee had another son, whose name is not recorded and that son was named William. This William Lee had many sons, and one of them was named William, also. This second William had a daughter, Ann, who married one Joseph Hanks, owner of estates contiguous to the Lee plantation. Ann Lee Hanks was the great grandmother of Nancy Hanks, "who married Lincoln, June 12, 1806, and became on Sunday, February 12, 1809, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln Himself Didn't Know. It is not strange that this information should have remained hidden for two generations after the deaths of both of these men it concerns since neither was himself aware of the blood ties that bound him to his respected enemy, says Dr. Barton.

"Abraham Lincoln declared himself to have descended from two of what he called 'second' or undistinguished families of Virginia. Of his ancestry on the Hanks side he possessed little knowledge and was disinclined to discuss it. He probably did not keep from what country his mother's people came."

But the Hanks ancestry, of which Lincoln knew so little and apparently cared less, was one of the proudest lineages in America, even apart from its connection with the Lees. It goes back to Thomas Hanks, a Cromwell adherent, who fled England in 1643 and settled in Virginia on the land adjoining that of

Col. Lee an ardent supporter of Charles I. "The loyalist ancestor of Robert E. Lee and the rebel ancestor of Abraham Lincoln were next-plantation neighbors in Gloucester county."

Were They Mayflower Stock?

The Goodhousekeeping author draws another conclusion of large historical interest from his Lincoln-Lee researches.

"We think," he says, "of the puritans of New England as far removed from the Cavaliers of Virginia; but how many of us know that not a few of those same Puritans went South and mingled their blood with that of the first families of Virginia. Perhaps, if we knew all

the maternal lines, we should find that both Robert E. Lee and Abraham Lincoln were Mayflower descendants."

For the demonstration, "Col. Isaac Allerton of Plymouth, whose father was Isaac Allerton of the Mayflower, moved south and made his home among the Lees. His daughter Sarah Allerton, became the second wife of Colonel Richard Lee's son Hancock."

It was from Col. Richard Lee that both Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee were descended.

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Announcement

We are pleased to announce to our patrons and friends that Mr. C. P. Carson is back with us as Service Manager, taking up his duties this morning.

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