

Many Disasters in Section During 1928

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ing damaged in hotel fire of February.
April 7—G. O. P. district convention at Cleveland Springs. Chas. A. Jonas named as congressional candidate.
Apr. 11—Kings Mountain to build quarter of a million dollar water plant.
Apr. 13—Blantons announce that big fire-proof hotel will replace old Central.
Apr. 16—County election board gives South Shelby a ballot box.
Apr. 17—Kilwatts survey by W. E. Jordan shows that 5,582 people, one-third the population of Shelby, belongs to the church, with 3,340 in the Sunday schools.
Apr. 18—C. H. Reinhardt and G. M. Gold announce as candidates for county commissioner.
Apr. 18—Mayor W. N. Dorsey invites Al Smith, who is in Asheville, to visit in Shelby.
Apr. 20—As filling books close O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, is unopposed as the Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina.
Apr. 21—Shelby Baptists put over drive for funds to build \$100,000 educational annex to First Baptist church.
Apr. 25—Shelby postoffice announces that air mail service starts at office here.
Apr. 25—Montgomery Ward firm to occupy new Royater store building, says announcement.
Apr. 30—Sid G. Chappell announces resignation as Shelby high principal at end of year.
Apr. 30—Straw ballot shows Shelby for Al Smith.
Month Of May.
May 2—City school board bans teacher who marries during school year.
May 5—Miss Emma Frick dies in Shelby hospital from injuries as fourth victim of Central hotel fire.
May 9—W. W. Washburn not to run for county commissioner again. R. L. Weathers and A. E. Cline back in race.
May 12—Gene Schenk makes first hole in one on Shelby golf course at Cleveland Springs.
May 16—Paving of Highway 18 between Shelby and Fallston completed.
May 18—23 candidates in county races.
May 18—Claude Webb regains control of Webb theatre from his brother, Jim Webb.
May 21—Thirty-one Democrats and 15 Republicans in county races. G. O. P. county ticket named.
May 22—John Schenk, of Lenoir, demands that all county candidates announce stand on law enforcement. Woman's club of Shelby backs demand.
May 25—Four hundred women attend district meeting of W. M. U. here.
May 30—Shelby school finals start. New teachers named. Coach Chey Morris to return.
Month Of June.
June 3—Record number of 7,701 votes cast in Democratic primary. Irvin Allen and Frank Hoyle lead in sheriff's race; Bulwinkle leads Carpenter for Congress; Kennedy leads Mull for Judge; Gardner leads Newton for solicitor; new commissioners nominated are Weathers, Gold and Cline.
June 6—Negro thought to be Jim Lowry, who killed Police Chief Shelt, Jones here in 1901, held in mobile for investigation.
June 7—County gets \$47,735.47 from state equalization fund for schools. Ninety-four graduates in high school here.
June 8—Pete Webb, 15-year-old Shelby boy, wins junior Carolina golf championship at Greensboro.
June 9—County Democrats decide to hold county convention. Special delegates to be named for one-third for Al Max Gardner and two-thirds for Irvin Allen.
June 10—Highlights at State convention in Raleigh. Max Gardner named delegate; Hoyle elected at a C. Lattimore delegate at convention at Houston.
June 13—Herbert Hoover, notional first ballot at Kansas City.
June 25—Charles Store to occupy old Ferguson location.
June 24—O. C. Thompson, county surveyor, dies.
June 29—Al Smith nominated on first ballot at Houston for Democratic candidate for president. Senator Joe Robinson nominated for vice-president.
June 30—Irvin Allen in second primary defeats Frank L. Hoyle for Democratic nomination as sheriff.
Month Of July.
July 1—Evelyn Lippard, young married woman, killed in drunken brawl at Grover. Her husband, Ralph Lippard, and two other men held.
July 9—Local ministers refuse to discuss politics from pulpit, or otherwise officially.
July 10—Greely Boyles killed and two badly injured in boiler explosion at Toluen.
July 13—Max Gardner recommends O. M. Mull as State Democratic chairman to succeed Dennis Pitt.
July 15—Heavy rains damage property and wash away Thompson lake here.
July 16—Committee names members of Democratic

land Shelby now stands on to the first commissioners for \$10.
July 20—Lee B. Weathers, President of the Star, elected President of the N. C. Press association at Greensboro session.
July 24—Clyde R. Hoey opens Democratic campaign here with hundreds coming in to hear addresses. Election set for December dress.
July 26—First horse and hound show held at Cleveland Springs proves a success despite rain.
Month Of August.
Aug. 10—Prof. Columbus Andrews named principal of Shelby high.
Aug. 12—Rains flood section in record rainfall; hundreds of sparrows drowned on court square here.
Aug. 17—High water from rains flood Carolinas, seven drowned, Lake Lure dam threatened.
Second Big Disaster.
Aug. 28—McKnight building and adjoining structures collapse during excavation work, killing six people. Those killed were Miss Ora Eskridge, Alex Hoyle, Guy Green, Ed Blanton, Carl Blanton, and Clyde Carpenter. Tragedy shakes town in catastrophe in which many more were injured and many had narrow escapes. Shelby shudders under blow for days as neighboring towns tender aid in rescuing victims from debris.
Aug. 31—Thousands mourn at funerals of six crash victims.
Month Of September.
Sept. 3—O. Max Gardner opens campaign for governor at Boone with declaration of loyalty to his party's candidates.
Sept. 4—Dr. J. B. Davis, of Cleveland, Texas, named president of Bolling Springs junior college.
Sept. 13—Attorney Al Bennett named chairman of young Democratic voters clubs in county by Chairman Falls.
Sept. 17—Clyde R. Hoey's speech for Al Smith being circulated over entire nation by Democratic committee.
Sept. 25—Record is set at Cleveland county fair when 32,000 people pass through gates on opening day.
Sept. 28—Mrs. R. L. Ryburn named as organizer of Democratic women voters in county.
Month Of October.
Oct. 4—Joe E. Blanton elected head of local anti-Smith club among Democrats.
Oct. 8—B. T. Gladden wins The Star's \$25 for best letter to "Gardner for Governor."
Sept. 11—Many Shelby people go to see Al Smith at Charlotte on his tour through state.
Sept. 15—Kings Mountain Baptist association goes on record for "dry" candidates.
Sept. 19—Hickman hanged.
Sept. 24—Robbery wave hits Shelby with mysterious "shadow" entering many homes.
Sept. 29—Dr. H. K. Boyer and Rev. T. B. Johnson returned to Methodist churches here by conference.
Month Of November.
Nov. 6—O. Max Gardner, county's first governor, elected governor of North Carolina; Hoover elected president, carries North Carolina and other Southern states; Jonas defeats Bulwinkle, Democrat for Congress; entire county Democratic ticket carries here. Smith leading Hoover in county vote.
Nov. 9—School board announces a crisis in Shelby school system. Tax levy must be raised or schools closed early. Election board says Democratic majority in county is around 2,000.
Nov. 10—A fitting ceremony with Col. Albert Cox as speaker a bronze tablet carrying the names of Cleveland county's World war dead was unveiled at the court house. Funds for the handsome tablet were raised through The Star.
Nov. 10—Gilmer's department store will leave Shelby. First suit of building crash filed when estate of Clyde Carpenter, killed in crash, sued for \$50,000.
Nov. 16—State Baptist convention will meet in Shelby in 1929. Decision made at High Point convention.
Nov. 21—New hotel building named "Hotel Charles" for Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, First National Bank president, and his grandfather who was first sheriff of Cleveland county.
Nov. 24—Death toll of building crash of August reaches seven when J. C. Thomas, coored laborer, dies in hospital from injuries received when crushed under walls.
Nov. 26—Influenza epidemic over town and county causes concern.
Nov. 30—Call election to vote on increased tax levy for Shelby 17.
The Final Month.
Dec. 3—"Flu" spreads. Thirteen cases in one home, one victim dies.
Dec. 4—County tax valuation set at \$35,403,065, and increase of \$336,751 over 1927.
Dec. 9—Mill Gold, captain of Shelby high football eleven, awarded place on All-Southern and All-State football picks.
Dec. 14—City schools close because of influenza epidemic. 877 students down with "flu" at time.
Dec. 15—Cleveland county cotton ginning to December 13 totals 48,503 bales. New record seen as county tops state.
Dec. 17—School tax measure defeated by 30 votes Board says as a

crackers shot here during holidays—so, let them shoot."
Dec. 21—Jordan Chevrolet agency sold to J. R. Crawford of Kings Mountain.
Dec. 24—City schools may be forced to close on April 15, school board announces, due to defeat of tax levy.
Dec. 25—Christmas day passes quietly in town and county.
Dec. 29—Two hundred and fifty people, including judges, legislators and congressmen attend Shelby Kiwanis club's farewell banquet to the club's first president, Governor-elect O. Max Gardner. Gathering most representative one of notables ever assembled outside of Raleigh.
Dec. 31—School board announces that city schools will close when the money runs out, probably between April 15 and May 1.

College Boy Back As N. C. Governor In 29 Year Period

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governor's mansion, are somewhat conflicting. He's mighty proud to go, and with remarkable intelligence for his age he can outline his Raleigh program with almost as much ease, and more enthusiasm, than can his dad—a dad, by the way, who is his biggest chum.
Gives Up Playmates.
But on the other hand, and then is when the "pep" he annexed from his older college brother disappears, just look what he is leaving behind? His playmates, his grandparents, his aunt, and his childhood associations. There'll be quite a bit of feeling when the Gardner family leaves Shelby, but none of it will be so poignant as that of youth, when Max, Jr., goes out under the cedars of his front lawn next week to say good-bye to his best pals—David Royster, Ben Gold, Billy Andrews, Billy Richburg and others. Many of his happiest hours have been spent with them; they've exchanged gifts, scrapped, played "injun," policeman, and all that together, even to relating the imaginative bugaboo stories of boyhood. Already he's extended his invitation for them to come down and play with him in his new home, and he's promised them he will be coming back. Meantime, being fond of his school work and his teachers, he has informed his parents that he is going to stay in school here until the very last day, Wednesday, January 9.
And it's just next week that Shelby will be missing the big fellow who strides up South Washington street every morning and back late every evening, with a cheery "Howdy-do" to every passer-by in the morning and a still brighter "good evening" to every person met as he returns. And with him Shelby will be missing his family, too.

BELWOOD NEWS OF HOLIDAY SEASON

(Special to The Star.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warlick had as their dinner guests Christmas day, Mr. Yanner Patterson and Mr. Emitt Jackson of Patterson Springs. Misses Anne and Thelma had as their guests Tuesday night Misses Winnie Whisman, and Ethel White. On Wednesday night, Misses Odesa, Sybil, Messrs. Holland, Jimmie Patterson, Ethel White, and Winnie Whisman.
Mrs. H. Craig Harrelson and daughter, Angella, and niece spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Warlick.
The friends and relatives of Miss Mary Beth Warlick are sorry to know that she was taken to Shelby hospital, suffering with pneumonia and flu.
The party given by Misses Thelma and Anne Warlick Wednesday night Dec. 26, was enjoyed by a large crowd.
Misses Anne and Thelma Warlick, Ethel White spent Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Miss Odesa Patterson. A party was given on Saturday night by Miss Patterson for Misses Warlick and Miss White. A large crowd attended and was enjoyed by all.
Misses Ethel White, Thelma and Anne Warlick attended the party given Friday night at Mr. Russell's of Earl.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Warlick spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patterson of Patterson Springs.
Is Bolivia trying to pan Pan-Americanism?—New York Evening Post.
Try Sar Wants Ads.
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Damon Jenkins, deceased, this is to notify all parties having claims against the said deceased to present them to me properly proven on or before the 19th day of December, 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery thereof. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This December 19, 1929.
WILLIE

Vanderburg Boy Tells A Friend 'I Know It All'—May Talk More

Boy Giant Says "Nobody But Me Knows All About This." New Turns.

(J. A. Daly in Charlotte News.)
Gastonia.—Preliminary "feeling out" of the mysterious situation having been completed, two opposed investigations of the "Massacre of Vanderburg Farm" were moving vigorously forward here today under the direction of the Gaston county authorities and of attorneys for Jacob Vanderburg, 17-year-old giant who is held on suspicion of having murdered his father, mother, two sisters and brother and burned their bodies and home.
Out of the brutal and sensational crime apparently are destined to come within a few days a number of additional startling disclosures, according to forecasts made by Coroner J. P. Wallace, Sheriff Eli Lineberger, and Marvin Ritchie, of Charlotte, chief counsel for suspected boy.

Startling Statement.
An independent investigation by a newspaper man developed that Vanderburg made in the presence of two persons this possibly significant statement:
"There is nobody but me who knows all about this thing, and you can never make me tell."
Identity Hidden.
For the present at least the identity of the two persons to whom this assertion was made cannot be disclosed because of the insistence of the county authorities. Great importance is attributed by the state to this assertion by the boy, particularly in view of the growing suspicion in some official quarters that more than one person was involved in the perpetration of the quintuple murder.
The state's investigators seem to be analyzing the situation in connection with the first part of that statement by Vanderburg in an effort to satisfy themselves that he

may be, or may not be, endeavoring to shield an accomplice. The second part of that statement by the boy is subject to several interpretations, all but one of which, however, would imply a knowledge of law presumably not possessed by the boy. He is physically strong and apparently of great courage, and perhaps he is conscious that he can resist any forcible attempt to wrest a confession from him. Unless he goes on the witness stand, should he be brought to trial, he cannot legally be compelled to talk about this combination of murder and arson. Yet Mr. Rich has announced to The Charlotte News that "Jake will go on the stand and tell all he knows," if he should be brought to trial.
Another complication, regarded, however, as of somewhat minor importance, was added to the investigation when a third axe was found in the ruins of the home, located on the outskirts of this town. County policemen found one axe Friday morning a few hours after the house was burned. The second axe was found late Saturday by a boy who was sifting the ashes by the wreckage of the family's cookstove. The third axe was found yesterday. Investigation by a newspaperman disclosed that one of these axes is "a good one," another is "dubbed," and the third is "a stump axe," the latter two being of little value as practical woodcutting tools.

State, Defense Unsatisfied.
So nearly perfect at present is the shield of mystery about the many details incident to the minutes just before, during, and just after the grillings that neither the state nor the defense is satisfied with its present position, as created by available testimony and evidence. The state is known to have doubts that evidence now in hand is sufficient to assure a conviction of the Vanderburg boy.

TOLUCA AND KNOB CREEK GLEANINGS

(Special to The Star.)

There were no Christmas entertainments on Christmas trees at any of the churches in this community on account of flu.
The flu patients are all improving now. No new cases for the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ellis of Atlanta spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. S. D. Sain.
Mr. and Mrs. John Towery have been real sick with flu for the past week. They are in a bad condition, with no one there to do anything. Some of the good people around here have been going in and giving aid. If any will, please give aid.—Mrs. Towery is blind.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Boyles, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyles took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Boyles.
Mrs. Eskridge Hallman of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Willis and Mr. Walter Boyles were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Boyles Christmas day.
Miss Sadie Clontz of Bridgewater spent the holidays in Toluen visiting Misses Stella Costner and Winnona Willis.
Mrs. Eskridge Hallman of Shelby spent last Monday with Mrs. Texie Boyles.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young and family, spent Christmas day in Newton with Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hicks.
Miss Gertrude Seism spent the holidays with her mother in Cherryville.
Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Costner of Double Shoals spent last Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sain.
Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Dellinger and family of Hickory visited at the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carpenter, during the Christmas holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Alwran of Kannapolis, Miss Joyce Alwran of Morganton and Mr. George Alwran of California spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alwran.
Messrs. Fletcher and Thaxter Sain spent Christmas night at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Yarber.
Miss Minnie Mull spent last Wednesday night with Miss Lucy Yelton of Lawndale.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Deal spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Deal of Belwood.
Mrs. Leanne Boyles has gone to Hickory to spend some time at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Sain.
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Willis were dinner guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Plenny Hoyle.
Mrs. Jane Mostelle spent last Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hicks of Fallston. Mr. Hick's baby is real sick with pneumonia.
Misses Stella Costner, Winnona Willis and Mr. A. C. Costner were visitors at Bridgewater last Wednesday.

Penny Column

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Chas. A. Jonas Pulled Prize Blunder, Says Capitol Writer

(J. A. Livingstone in News & Observer.)

Washington.—Charles A. Jonas, Republican national committee man from North Carolina and congressman-elect from the ninth North Carolina district, gets the blunderer's prize in Washington political circles.
Frank Kent, brilliant political writer for the Baltimore Sun, is fond of saying that Dr. Herbert Work is the prize blunderer in the Republican camp, but Carlisle Bar-

geron, who does the political observing for the Washington Post, suggests that Jonas is really entitled to it.
"If the Republicans are really looking around for blunderers in their midst and accusing finger may certainly be directed at the North Carolina representative-elect of Republican Mr. Jonas, who unseated a Democrat, Mr. Bulwinkle, in the battle of Charlotte last November," says Mr. Bargeron in his political column in Sunday's Post.
"Of all the folks in the world to

select as the object of attack none could be better than Mr. Stedman to make the Southern Democrats realize that the enemy is really in their midst and bent upon further devilry," Mr. Bargeron continues.
"So Mr. Jonas would have the Republicans go after his political scalp showing that Mr. Jonas doesn't know his South," concludes the Washington Post scribe after pointing out that Major Stedman is a real Confederate veteran, not one of the two-week kind and is the oldest member of the house.
While news from North Carolina is to the effect that Mr. Jonas has thought better of his prize blunder, he will not be able to escape the advertising that he will continue to receive as the star blunderer of his party.

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