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O. M. Mull Becomes Financial Manager Cleveland Cloth Mill; Succeeds Manager E. T. Switzer

Retires From Office In Raleigh

Will Spend All Of His Time In Shelby Hereafter. Was Governor's Councillor.

Hon. O. M. Mull, one of the most influential powers in Democratic party affairs in North Carolina has come home from Raleigh and taken up his permanent abode here.

Mr. Mull succeeds Mr. E. T. Switzer who has gone to New York and is for the present with the New York office which sells the output of this mill, manufacturing fancy rayon textiles.

Mr. Mull has been executive councillor for Governor Gardner for nearly two years. By reason of this position he was a member of the budget commission and pardon commissioner, all of which put him through strenuous paces and was about to undermine his health.

Mr. Mull has now come home and will let up on his strenuous and multitudinous duties on the advice of physicians. This morning he entered the office at the Cleveland Cloth mill and assumed charge of the financial affairs of the mill in which he has extensive interests.

Mrs. Mull and their daughter Miss Montrose, who have been in Raleigh during the month of January returned to their Shelby home on Friday with Mr. Mull and their home has been re-opened on N. Lafayette street.

Mrs. J. M. Poston Dies Pneumonia

Influenza Developed Into Pneumonia. Leave Husband And 4 Children. Buried Tuesday.

Mrs. Pauline Poston, wife of J. Monroe Poston died Sunday at one o'clock at her home three miles north of Shelby of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

Mrs. Poston was only 30 years of age and the mother of four small children, developed influenza a week ago today. On Friday pneumonia had developed and the end came rather suddenly and as a great shock to her family and host of friends.

Mrs. Poston was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen of the Elizabeth section and a fine Christian character. At an early age she joined Elizabeth Baptist church, but transferred her membership to Zion after her marriage.

Surviving are her husband and four children, Margaret, Rachel, J. M., Jr. and Bobby. Three of the children are sick with influenza—a in a very serious condition. Also surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen, three sisters, Mrs. L. P. Owen of this county, Mattie See Allen who teaches at Morehead City, Nancy Pearl, a student at Bowling Springs junior college, four brothers, Jesse, James, Billy and Dan.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and interment will be at Elizabeth church. Revs. H. E. Waldrop and D. G. Washburn will conduct the services.

Bowling Cleaning Plant Moving Now

The Shelby Dry Cleaning company, of which Mr. J. C. Bowling is the proprietor, is moving this week from its former location to the Weathers building, adjoining the Bost Bakery, on West Marion street.

The change of the firm's location made, Mr. Bowling says, in order to get in a central location in the uptown business section.

Mrs. Zeno Wall returned home Saturday after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Tweed at Marshall.

Drunkenness On Decline Here

Credit it to improving moral conditions or to hard times, but drunkenness is on the decrease in Cleveland county.

One hundred and seventy-five cases were tried in county recorder's court in January, according to the record, of Judge Maurice Weathers and Solicitor J. C. Newton, and for the first time in many months liquor cases, in one form or another, failed to outnumber all the other cases.

The majority of the cases involved robbery and stealing and assaults.

City Alderman Reported Dead By Dame Rumor

Man Reported To Have Died Suddenly Answers Calls Of Troubled Friends.

In Shelby today there is a prominent citizen—a member of the city board of aldermen—who can tell any and all comers that the report of his sudden death Saturday must have been grossly exaggerated.

Thereby hangs a story. Saturday morning one of the telephones in The Star office jingled. Over the wire came the anxious query "Is it true that Mr. So-and-So dropped dead just a few minutes ago?"

The Star had not heard the report, but immediately set about finding out what there might be to it as the citizen reported dead is one of Shelby's best known residents.

Then up came the problem of how to go about it. The Star did not wish to add to the rumor without investigating, and likewise, could not deny it without some verification. Still it was not a pleasant prospect to telephone a man at his office and perhaps stun him and cause his heart to miss several beats, possibly more, by telling him that his sudden death had been reported. Finally his telephone number was called and the man reported dead answered in a very lively manner.

It became necessary to carry on a conversation with him which would not let him know the real mission of the call. The Star, having secured the information it sought without permitting the man to know the motive of the call, immediately began to head off the rumor of his sudden death. But other friends and interested people were also anxious.

Time and again his telephone rang. As it happened his wife was out of town and a big percentage of the calls were made by wives of his friends who called and then asked, when he answered, if he had any late news from her. By this method all worried callers managed to keep from him the alarm and fear with which they had called.

Later in the day a friend broke the news to the man himself. "Well," he said, "I've been wondering at the peculiar calls I have had all day. People who seldom ever called me suddenly began telephoning me and when I would answer they would begin asking me unusual questions. Now that I know what they were calling about I am as much puzzled as anyone else to know how it started."

Just where or how the false rumor originated no one seems to know but the rapidity with which it spread adds to Shelby's reputation as a city where rumors spread easily and speedily.

Another Of Shelby Man Died Saturday

Harper Ballentine Passes In Maryland. Funeral In S. C. On Wednesday.

Mr. Harper Ballentine, State's Attorney at Hagerstown, Maryland, and a brother of Mr. J. R. Ballentine, of Shelby, died in a hospital there Saturday night after an illness of some time with a bleed in the brain. The Shelby man had been in Hagerstown with his brother for some time and was there when he died. His parents, who live at Anderson, S. C., were also at his bedside.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at Anderson, his native city.

Off for Daytona and Record Former Athlete Here Killed In Maryland Crash



Captain Malcolm Campbell and his wife and children as they boarded the Homeric at Southampton on his way to Daytona Beach, Fla. There he will attempt to break the world's land speed record of 231.36 miles per hour made by the late Sir Henry Seagrave.

New School Bill Only Means To An End; Hope To Get Larger Equalization Fund For Schools

State Supported Six Months Schools Will Not Result From Move, Legislators Say.

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—The present general assembly has no intention of enacting legislation to put the MacLean bill into effect and really bring about complete state support of the six-months school term, and has not intended to any of the time.

Neither does it intend to make any radical changes in the administration of the schools as now constituted, since none of the counties want any more central centralized in Raleigh than is now the case.

So there is not going to be any state-supported six months school term. This is the private opinion of the majority of the leaders in both houses both among those who opposed and supported the MacLean bill, although for the present most of them decline to be quoted.

However, it is likely that the enactment of the MacLean bill will result in an enlarged equalizing fund, probably \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000, which will give almost if not entirely as much tax relief to the various counties as they would receive under full state maintenance of the six-months school term. This will carry the additional advantages that the state will not have to contribute anything toward the support of the

Mooreboro and Lattimore have same population. A survey of the increase or decrease in population in population of incorporated North Carolina villages of less than 500 population shows that Cleveland county's two villages in that classification, Mooreboro and Lattimore, have the same number of inhabitants—270.

Mooreboro's increase from 1920 to 1930 was 18.4 percent while Lattimore's was only three percent, according to the survey of village growth in the state.

The total population of the 237 incorporated villages in North Carolina is 62,395. This means, says the News Letter, that if all these small towns were consolidated into one city, the total population would be only slightly larger than Greensboro or Durham, and considerably less than Charlotte. Only a little more than six percent of the corporate dwellers of the state live in these 237 incorporated small towns.

Another very interesting fact about these 237 villages is that their total net growth during the decade was only 6,697 inhabitants, or less than the growth of Shelby alone, and about one-sixth the growth of Charlotte. The average town above ten thousand grew twice as much as all the incorporated villages combined.

The average village increased thirty-three inhabitants during the decade, or less than one family per year!

Miss Hord's Articles Delayed By Sickness

Miss Kathleen Hord, who has been writing a series of interesting articles for The Star on "My Trip Abroad" but the last installment due to appear today was interrupted because of sickness. She underwent a serious operation in the Shelby hospital last week. News from her bedside this morning is very encouraging. She is much better but it will be two weeks or longer before her last installment on her trip home will appear.

Sun Spots Caused Warmest January In 50 Years; Flowers Are Blooming In Rocky Mountains Now

Chicago, Feb. 2.—America's warmest January in half a century may be blamed in part on the mysterious spots on the sun. Prof. Griffith Taylor, one of the nation's noted climatologists, says.

Flowers are blooming in the Rocky Mountain region. Butterflies are flitting from blossom to blossom in the Pacific northwest. The city of St. Paul is wondering what to do with its fund of \$100,000 for snow removal, inasmuch as there is no snow to remove. Middle Western farmers are confronted by a critical drought.

Junius Auten Dies In Auto Crash

Body Of Captain Of Championship Football Team Arrives Here Tuesday.

Junius W. Auten, former Shelby high football star, was killed in an automobile-train crash at Baltimore, Maryland, where he was employed, early Sunday morning, according to a message received here by his sister, Mrs. Roy Tiddy.

The body will arrive in Shelby on the up Southern train Tuesday morning and funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, with Rev. H. N. McDiarmid in charge, and interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

The automobile in which the young man was riding either ran into or was struck by a railway box car, according to information received here, the accident taking place about 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. Auten was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Auten. The family lived here for years and were active members of the Presbyterian church. For several years the parents have been living in Winston-Salem and Junius has been employed in Maryland.

Playing a guard position young Auten was captain of Shelby's 1924 football eleven, one of the greatest in the history of the local school and he was a member of the only Shelby eleven which won the Western title.

It is the second tragic accident in the family. Several years ago, when the family lived here, the younger brother of Junius was killed on East Marion street when his bicycle skidded into an automobile and he was hurled against the sidewalk.

Traffic Halts As Hundreds Flock To Get Glimpse Of Leo

Movie Lion Paralyzes Traffic In Shelby For 30 Minutes Saturday Afternoon.

One lion—Leo, the million dollar lion of the movies—on Saturday did what no circus has ever done in Shelby by blocking traffic in the uptown business section for more than 30 minutes as hundreds and hundreds of people jammed into a milling mass in front of the Webb theatre to get a glimpse of him.

Leo, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, came to town about 3:25, some 10 minutes after he was booked to show up here on his world tour, but by one o'clock scores of youngsters began gathering on the court square to await his coming. By 3 o'clock the crowd had already passed the 1,000 mark, and when Leo reached the city, riding in his palatial motor truck behind a steam piano, approximately 2,000 people were packed into a half-block space at the corner of North Washington and East Marion streets to greet him. Traffic for two blocks about the theatre was at a standstill as the eager crowds flocked into the streets and blocked all motor travel.

Normal conditions in that section of the city did not return until 5 o'clock. Leo, his handlers said, has never met a more enthusiastic reception.

There isn't any doubt but what the woodchuck saw his shadow at noon today. Even before the origin of the groundhog legend a big portion of the world believed that the weather of Candlemas Day, February 2, had something to do with the weather just ahead. The Old World prediction in rhyme said:

"If Candlemas Day be fair and clear, There'll be two winters in the year."

"If Candlemas Day be wet and foul, The half o' winter gone at Yule."

Even the old Romans knew this day. Their prophecies were made amidst the flickers of candles lighted in honor of the Goddess Februa, mother of Mars.

Over all Europe, fine weather on this day opened unseasonably cold days and crop failures. Foul weather foretold a bright and early spring.

Maximum Sun Spot Period. "We are just about in a maximum sun spot period now," he said "and this section of the country particularly is in the belt which receives less rainfall when there are many sun spots."

"The study of sun spots has only been of forecasting value during the 10 or 15 years and even now we

Cleveland Jury Will Hear Rutherford Case

Judge Sink Orders Special Venire From This County To Act As Jurors For Important Bank Cases There This Week. Jurors To Report There On Wednesday.

A Cleveland county jury will hear the charges against eight prominent Rutherford county citizens in connection with the failure there last summer of six banks, the cases to be taken up in Superior court there this week.

At noon today The Star received a message from R. E. Price, editor of The Rutherford News, stating that Judge Hoyle Sink, who is presiding at the term of court which opened there this morning, had ordered that a special venire of 60 men be secured in Cleveland county from which a jury would be picked to hear the several cases.

The Cleveland citizens will report there Wednesday. Numerous charges. There is one general charge against the eight defendants, that charge being for receiving deposits after knowing the banks were insolvent. J. L. Taylor and W. B. Walker, president and cashier respectively of the old Rutherford County Bank and Trust company, face two additional charges of publishing false statements as to the condition of the bank and for embezzlement.

The trial is attracting more interest than any one to come up in the neighboring county in years. Six Rutherford banks in all failed, four being branches or connections with two parent banks.

Two Shelby attorneys, Clyde R. Hoey and D. Z. Newton, are appearing in the case, the former representing some of the defendants while the latter is assisting in the prosecution.

Caused By Health. Worry over ill health is thought to have caused the young man, who was married about one year ago, to take his own life.

He did not live on the same farm with his father but had gone to his father's home early this morning. Just after he arrived other members of the family, The Star was informed, started out to look for a pig that was lost. He remarked that he would go with them and picked up the shotgun and walked out of the house. Just as he reached the yard, and while only a short distance from the residence, he turned the muzzle of the gun against his head, pulled the trigger and a portion of the head was blown away. Other members of the family witnessed the tragic incident and it is understood that no coroner's inquest was deemed necessary as it was a clear case of suicide. The suicide took place between 8 and 9 o'clock.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at noon.

Penalty Added Taxes Not Paid In County Today

Almost Two Thirds Of County Tax Levy Has Been Paid. One Percent Penalty On Now.

A penalty of one percent will be added today on a little more than one third of Cleveland county's half million dollar tax levy, almost two-thirds of the total levy having been paid prior to the end of January.

When the collection books were closed at the sheriff's office here Saturday afternoon \$301,611 in county taxes had been paid, according to Sheriff Irvin M. Allen.

The total tax levy for the county is approximately \$484,000, which means that only slightly more than one-third of the county taxes unpaid.

By state law a penalty of one percent is added all unpaid taxes on February 1, this penalty going into effect today.

After February, or beginning March 1, a penalty of two percent will be added to delinquent tax bills, but Sheriff Allen is of the opinion that only a small amount of taxes will be unpaid at the end of this month.

Mrs. Earwood Dies In No. 10 Township

Suffered A Stroke Of Apoplexy. Leaves Husband And Five Children.

Mrs. Eliza Earwood, wife of Shuford Earwood of No. 10 township died this morning at 1 o'clock of apoplexy which struck her four hours before the end came. Mrs. Earwood was 41 years of age and was married seven years ago. She is survived by her husband and five children, two girls and three boys.

Mrs. Earwood was a member of Friendship Methodist Protestant church at Fallston where the funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, services to be in charge of Rev. J. L. Morgan.

Groundhog Cannot Eclipse This One

The groundhog may have stepped forth today with an announcement that there is more winter weather ahead, but he and his prophecy did not arrive early enough to prevent the baseball season starting unusually early in Cleveland county.

During the Spring-like weather of last week the Poplar Springs Baseball team defeated the Beams Mill team 4 to 2 in the first game of the year.

Negro Goes To Higher Court On Rape Count

Charged With Attack On 11-Year-Old Negro Girl Woman's Bond Increased

A sordid story, in which apparent discrepancies occasionally bobbed up, was related in county court here Saturday when J. Y. Green, middle-aged colored man of the Bowling Springs section, was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of assaulting Ruth Jefferies, an 11-year-old colored girl.

At the conclusion of the testimony Green was placed under a bond of \$500 for a hearing in superior court. The bond of the little girl's mother, Gertrude Jefferies, who was tried Friday for a secret assault on Green with intent to kill, was also increased from \$100 to \$500.

The Jefferies woman entered the house where Green was sleeping on the morning of January 7 and hammered him over the head with a fire shovel, seriously injuring him. When she was tried Monday evidence introduced informed the court that she made the assault on him because she alleged that Green had attacked or attempted to attack her daughter. This evidence resulted in the trial Saturday of Green.

The little girl, her mother and other witnesses were used, the girl testifying that Green had assaulted her one night while her mother was away. Torn and bloody underwear was introduced as evidence. The girl's mother said she first learned of the assault after finding the underwear and questioning the girl about it.

Jealousy Motive. Green in testifying for himself stated that he was not at the Jefferies home on the night of the alleged assault, January 3. He was there on the following Monday night he said.

The Jefferies woman did not assault him he contended because of the alleged attack, which he vehemently denied, but because he had been going with her and she was jealous of his attentions to another colored woman.

The mother and daughter differed in their stories as to what night the alleged attack took place. These discrepancies together with the good reputation given Green by white people of the Bowling Springs section resulted in the bond not being made higher than \$500.

Golfers To Meet Thursday Evening

A meeting of the officials and members of the Cleveland Springs golf club together with all local people interested in golf will be held at the Hotel Charles Thursday evening. Chas. R. Eskridge, club secretary, states that the meeting will be held around 8 o'clock, immediately after the Kiwanis program.

"Run It On, We Are Selling Brick"

Get this letter which came in the morning mail addressed to The Star: "Mount Holly, N. C., Jan. 31st. Cleveland Star, Shelby, N. C. Please continue to run our advertisement in your paper until further notice. We are getting excellent results from this advertisement and we wish to thank you. (Signed): Kendrick Brick and Tile Co., N. B. Kendrick."

Mr. Kendrick is running a six inch advertisement. If he can sell brick when building is at a low ebb, how much better opportunity Star advertising gets results for a merchant to sell every day needs.