

### South Shelby Items Of News

Buildings Class Goes to Lake James; Personal Items Of Local Interest.

(Special to The Star.) SOUTH SHELBY, July 31.—The Builders class of the South LaFayette Street M. E. church left Friday for Bridgewater where they stayed until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Gastonia visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell last week.

Those attending the singing at Gaffney, S. C. Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reinhardt, Mrs. E. S. Nance, Misses Ethel Huggins and Gertrude Roberts and Woodrow Wilson.

Mrs. Aaron Lovelace of Lattimore visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lovelace Thursday.

Miss Annie Mae Bais of Cherryville is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Worthy.

Mrs. W. J. Laughlin, Mrs. Will Fowlenberry and J. T. Laughlin visited Mrs. Mary Turner of Lenoir Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mich Watson and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lovelace visited in Golden Valley and Morganton Sunday.

Miss Ella Harris of Hickory Grove, S. C. is spending a few days with Mrs. W. J. Laughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Barnett of Rutherford visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Laughlin Sunday.

Those visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quay Wellmon Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Arabel Sanders of Shelby Mill, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Newton and little son of Mrs. and Mr. Morris Williams of Beams Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Pruss and daughter, Frances, visited Mr. and Mrs. Franklin of Clifton, S. C. Sunday.

Mrs. Rhidian Manton has returned home after spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Grady.

Mr. John Camp and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Shields of Boone Park Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kate Wright and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reinhardt visited Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Jones of Lenoir Monday night.

Mrs. Kate Wright and daughter, Ethel, and Doris Williamson spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Eley Parbette of near Patterson Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, the Misses Allie Mullinan, Josie and Virginia Smith visited "Weyden" Brown, famous entertainer of Charlotte Monday.

A large gathering of relatives and friends helped celebrate the seventy-fifth birth of E. P. Randall, son of Jim and Ed Randall of Grover and Paul Randall of Shelby at his country home last Sunday with a birthday picnic.

Word was received here late Monday evening of the serious illness of Mrs. E. F. Randall, the result of a snake bite received while going about her daily duties at her home Monday afternoon. The snake was identified as a pit viper. A doctor was called immediately and word sent to relatives here in Shelby.

The Rev. and Mrs. Odus L. McGinnis of Waco spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, J. F. McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGinnis, their daughters, Othores and Mary, of Gastonia visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McGinnis Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Hambricht of the rural section announce the birth of a son Friday morning, July 27th.

Mrs. C. C. Wilson of Blacksburg, S. C. was with her sister, Mrs. C. F. Hambricht, all of last week. Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Dorothy, came to be with them during the week-end.

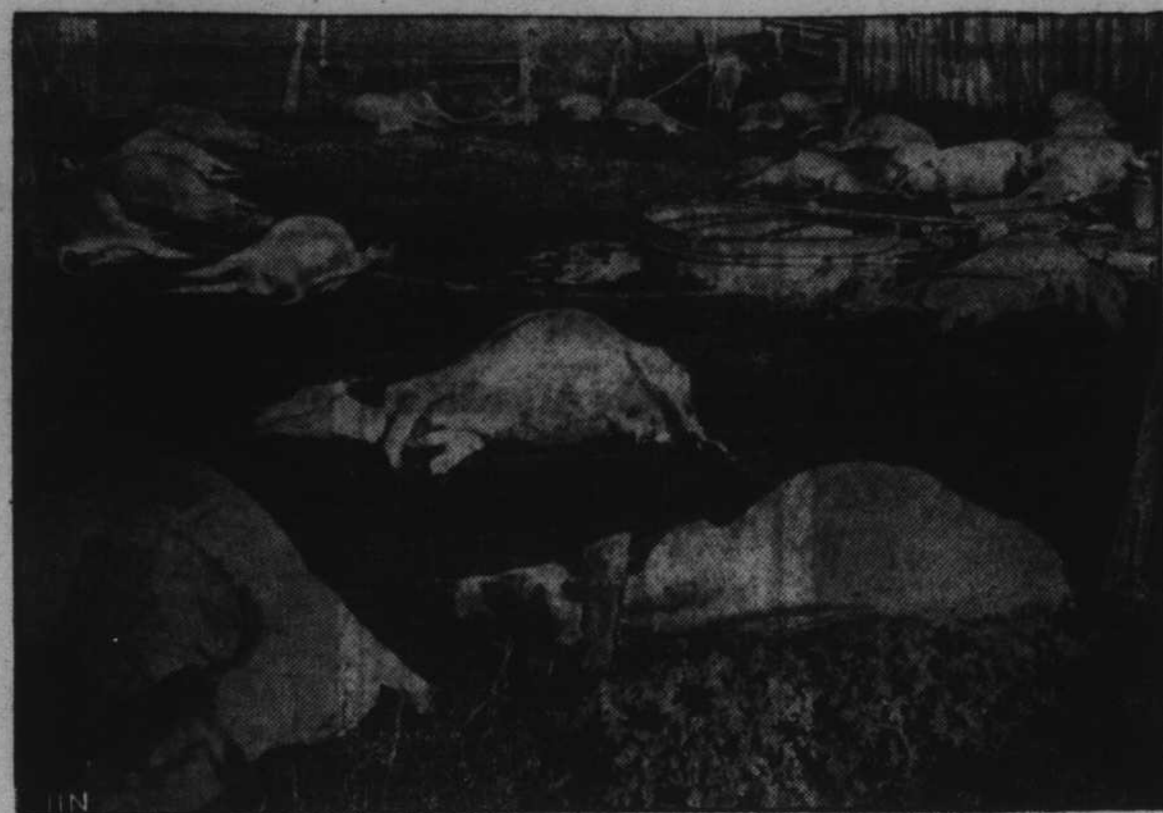
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Moss entertained Miss Thelma Martin and Cleo Harris of Charlotte Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Crisp who is attending summer school at the Appalachian Teachers college in Boone was at home for the week-end. She brought with her two friends who are also students at Boone, Miss Della Powlas of Danville, Va. and Miss McAden of Cleveland, this state.

TO CLEAN OFF GRAVES AT ZOAR ON TUESDAY

Those who have friends and relatives buried at Zoar Baptist church are asked to report Tuesday morning, August 7th at 7 o'clock to help clean off the cemetery. A revival meeting will begin at the church on the second Sunday in August.

### "Home on the Range" for Drouth Victims



Here are Jersey milk cows lucklessly poisoned by prussic acid-containing green weeds, which frantic Kansan livestock farmers fed them, seeking to safeguard the lives of their animals during the catastrophic drouth. Hundreds of famished livestock around Grover, Kas., succumbed to the insufficiently cured green pastures when the pastures burned away.

### Going West, Young Man, Means Another Sales Tax

North Carolina and California are separated by the breadth of the nation and have little contact except that Californians smoke Tar Heel cigarettes and North Carolinians are entertained by Hollywood movies.

Citizens of the two states have a mutual interest in one state government question of the most vital importance, however, and that is the sales tax. Each adopted the general sales tax at about the same time. About the only difference is that California collects 2 1-2 per cent and North Carolina 3 per cent.

California taxes all sales including the basic foods. North Carolina exempts basic foods and farm forest and mine products when sold by the original producers.

In each state the tax is kept separate from the selling price of each article.

As might be expected, the California yield is vastly greater, some \$4,000,000 per month, than is returned from the sales tax in North Carolina, where it has run something over \$800,000 per month in the first year of operation.

The inclusion of basic foods in the taxable column in the Pacific coast state accounts for something of this difference. The chief cause is, of course, the tremendous superiority in buying power which exists there.

In the opinion of well-qualified observers however, still another factor exists. They believe that collection of the sales tax in California has been accomplished with more uniform effectiveness.

This is further indicated in a study of the American Legislators association, which surveyed the operation of the sales in 17 states. They found California's 2 1-2 per cent levy netting 48 per cent of the state's total tax collections while North Carolina's 3 per cent sales tax yielded but 15.8 per cent of the total state revenues in the first five months of its application. Illinois with a 3 per cent sales tax got 27.8 per cent of its revenue from that source up to the time of the survey, which was made about the first of the year.

Fall Of Taxpayers. In view of the similarity of the sales tax systems in the two states, the results of a recent poll of 5,575 California consumers by senior students in the school of merchandising at the University of Southern California, should be highly interesting to North Carolinians.

Of the 3,575 questioned, there was practically an even division between property owners and non property owners, property owners numbering 1,851 or 51.8 per cent of the total number questioned.

Majority Favor The Tax. The poll of the customers developed the startling fact that a majority of the consumers favored the tax, but that, as might be expected, it was liked better by property owners than by those who have no property and thus were not relieved of ad valorem taxes by the substitution of the sales tax for state revenue.

Of the 1,851 property owners, 59.4 per cent, approved of the tax as a method of raising state moneys, 30.4 per cent disapproved it and 10.2 per cent were indifferent.

The 1,724 non-property owners registered a closer vote, with 44.2 per cent favoring the tax, 41.3 per cent disapproving it as a means for state revenue, and 14.5 per cent expressing their indifference in the matter.

Would Include The Tax. The poll by the students disclosed that a considerable majority of the 3,575 Californians thought it would be better to include the sales tax in the selling price of the article. Those holding this view numbered 3,213 or 61.8 per cent of the total. About one-fourth, or 24.4 per cent,

thought it would be better to continue to keep the tax separate. Thirteen and eight-tenths percent did not care how it was collected. Only 24.8 per cent of those interviewed thought that the stores were making in profit by improper diversions of the sales tax. Those thinking the merchants were honestly trying to collect it and pay it over to state authorities numbered 1,910 or 53.6 per cent.

Is The Tax Too High? Is the rate of the sales tax too high, too low or just right? was one of the questions asked. Six hundred and seventy-four said they did not know. 1,554 said that the 2 1-2 per cent rate was just about right, 105 said it was too low and 1,201 said it was too high. Property owners and non-property owners split up somewhat sharply on this issue, with 39 per cent of those not owning real estate declaring the tax too high and only 28.1 per cent of the property owners holding the 2 1-2 per cent excessive.

About one-fifth, or 20.3 per cent of the people interviewed stated the sales tax had prevented them from buying certain articles. The remainder of 79.7 per cent said the sales tax had made no difference in that respect.

Against Taxing Necessities. Fifty-nine per cent of the 3,575 interviewed were of the opinion that necessities should not be taxed as California is now doing. There were 33.1 per cent who favored taxing necessities and 7.9 per cent who said they didn't know.

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