

# All-Stars Victorious In First Engagement With Semi-Pro Club

## Dover-Ora-Lily Nine Takes Fray 8-5

To Play Again on Saturday; Fowler Gold Connect For Circuit Blows.

The Shelby All-Star outfit, a composite team made up from the players of the Dover-Ora and Lily Mill teams, yesterday afternoon smashed through with an 8 to 5 victory over the Shelby Semi-Pro's in the first of their challenge series.

Lander Farris of the Lily mill and Hal Farris, manager of the Dover-Ora aggregation, were the brother-managers whose team bunched eight hits for eight counters to lick the former Cleveland Cloth Mill outfit.

Fowler, Gold Homer. Fowler, pitcher, and Gold, third baseman for the semi-pros, both hit home runs, but they availed little since they came at inopportune moments.

Glenn Short, sturdy rightfielder was the only semi-pro man to get more than one safety, and he counted for two out of five attempts.

Biddix, first baseman and Wellman, second sacker for the All-Stars each got two safeties.

Use Four Pitchers. The Semi-Pro's used a total of four pitchers against their rivals, Farris, Fowler, Short and Stallings. Duncan, All-Star hurler, gave up only seven hits.

The two nines play again Saturday at the City Park. The game is scheduled to start at four o'clock and by all means, should produce plenty of fireworks.

This afternoon, the locals take on Lancaster here. The Red Roses took the first game Wednesday in what was said to have been the fastest game played at Lancaster this year.

## No. 3 High Swamps Ellenboro Outfit

Borders Limits Ellenboro To One Hit; Mull And Morehead Face Hitters.

(Special to The Star.) ELLENBORO, Aug. 23.—No. 3 high school located half and half between Earl and Patterson communities, yesterday smashed out a total of 14 base hits, which combined with errors by Ellenboro, gave them a 19 to 6 victory over the locals here.

The visitors started their scoring barrage in the first bracket, and continued the pace throughout the remainder of the game. Only seven innings were played, half of them in a drizzling rain which made pitching difficult. Borders, however, hurled superb ball, striking out 12 Ellenboro hitters, and giving up one one hit. He was given good support in the field.

Harrill was on the mound for the locals, and gave up 14 hits. Bryan Mull, No. 3 first sacker, connected for three as did his mate, Morehead. The entire visiting aggregation hit well. Smalley got the only hit for Ellenboro.

The two outfits clash again at No. 3 Tuesday afternoon.

## Grover High Beats Polkville Nine 5-1

(Special to The Star.) POLKVILLE, Aug. 24.—Behind the four hit pitching of Cook, Grover high school yesterday batted their way to a 5 to 1 victory over Polkville high school here.

B. Mauney, on the mound for Polkville, pitched a good ball game with the exception of one bad inning.

A. McEntyre starred in the field for Polkville, while Gold was the leading slugger for the Pete Mottler-coached Groverites. Polkville plays Fallston on Tuesday, August 28.

## Fallston Mound Ace Is Out For Season

(Special to The Star.) FALLSTON, Aug. 24.—Fred Kendrick, Fallston's pitching ace, is out for the rest of the fall season due to a split index finger on his pitching hand. This puts the club in a tough spot for its hardest game today with Polkville. The rest of the boys, however, will try to slug it out to make up for the loss.

## Rev. Mr. Shoffner To Preach Sunday

The Rev. Kendall B. Shoffner of Thomasville will supply the pulpit at the regular morning services at the local Presbyterian church. The Rev. Mr. Shoffner is a cousin of R. W. Shoffner, county farm agent.

## Athletics Winner In Play-Off Tilt With Shelby Mill

Game Called In Sixth Because Of Rain; Athletics-Goodfellows Series To Start.

The Kings Mountain Athletics, managed by the colorful Red Ormand, yesterday afternoon defeated the Shelby Millers 6 to 1 to move into a deadlock with their fellow-townsmen the Goodfellows for the second half rag of the Twin-State League.

As in the game Saturday, rain almost broke it up again yesterday. It was called in the sixth, but not until the Athletics had rolled up a comfortable majority.

Hinson was on the mound for the Athletics, and was backed up well by Earl Baumgardner and Silvers constituted the batteries for Shelby.

Colon Falls and Jake Early were the outstanding hitters for the Athletics.

The two Kings Mountain teams will have to play-off a series for the second half honors. The Athletics took the first section of the pennant, and if they win the series, will be the undisputed champs. However, should the Goodfellows take the second division, another series will be played for the entire year pennant.

It is not known exactly when the series will start.

## Blanton Tells How Bandits Stole Car

Pretending To Be Injured, Robbers Stopped Him For Help, Then Produced Their Guns.

B. Scott Blanton of Charlotte, formerly of Mooresboro, Cleveland county, yesterday related how his automobile was stolen by four bandits after they had wrecked their own gun-laden machine near the McDowell county line.

Two of the desperadoes were cut and bleeding as they made off with the car, he said.

Mr. Blanton and his son had stopped to take the wreck victims to a hospital when the holdup occurred.

Pointing pistols at him and his son, Mr. Blanton said, two of the quartet commanded them to "stop the car." When he did so, they ordered him and young Blanton out. Then keeping the two Charlotte men covered, the bandits sped away in the Blanton machine.

"The men were so covered with blood from the wreck of their car and their clothes were so badly torn, I didn't get a very good impression of how they looked," the elder Blanton said. "In the excitement of trying to get the wreck victims to a hospital, we of course never thought they might be bandits until they pulled their pistols on us."

Mr. Blanton is state manager for the Phoenix Life Insurance company. He and his son were due in Hickory today on a business trip.

Irving Bingham, local agent for the insurance company, was notified this morning of the holdup and immediately went to Old Fort where he joined the Blantons.

Later, upon getting word the Blanton car had been found on a mountain road near Micaville, Bingham and the two Charlotte men left for Spruce Pine to recover it. Bingham said he did not know how long they would be in Spruce Pine, but he intended to return to Hickory tonight.

## Seventy Enroll In Salesmanship Class

The Salesmanship class formed to take Edward Lee Hawk's course, "Human Analysis in Selling," was organized last Wednesday night with seventy members present. After hearing the report of those in the class and seeing their enthusiasm over the first lesson, quite a number of others have said they intend to enter the class tonight (Friday). At the meeting last Wednesday night it was asked if new members could enroll in the class later and Mr. Hawk announced that they could and that he would make up the first lesson. It is expected that quite a number of new students will enroll tonight.

The group asked Wednesday night to have the class sessions begin at 7:30 o'clock in the evening instead of at 8:00. So as to get out at 9 o'clock instead of at 9:30 and it was decided to meet at that earlier hour. The remaining sessions will be held in the court house tonight and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of next week.

## Houser Sees Racket In Firm Questions

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about local financing was taken with him to Goldsboro to the meeting last week of North Carolina commercial secretaries and it was found, without exception, that every firm who had enquired of Shelby's willingness to finance enterprises in order to get them to move had made similar enquiries of at least half a dozen other cities and that they, likewise, had made investigations and advised no action.

While the local organization is greatly interested in securing new industries and additional payrolls for Shelby it is pointed out that only those that will be an asset to the city are sought.

Under present conditions, it has been learned, any industrial plant which is now operating at a profit can hardly be tempted to move. Those that cannot operate at a profit are not wanted.

However, considerable correspondence is being carried on with industries which are profitable and which, it is believed, can move to Shelby with benefit to themselves and the city and when the present uncertainty in business is more or less cleared up it is believed that the ground work now being laid will be of value to Shelby and Cleveland county.

Directors of the local organization believe that Shelby people can help themselves by promoting enterprises that are profitable more than they can by getting outsiders to do it anyway. In the meantime, while industries as a whole are not on the move, the Shelby organization is making every effort to be of value and service to Shelby citizens and to industries and business enterprises who are already here.

## Tinkle Of Silver Echo To Concert

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therefore probably more than 600 were in the audience. A number of people looked in through the windows and heard the concert. Their behavior was so good and their attention was apparently so rapt that no effort was made by the sponsors to have them removed.

The orchestra received its \$100 guarantee plus half the gross receipts over \$100, or a total of \$153.50. Other expenses included \$9.80 for advertising, \$5.00 for the use of the high school auditorium and \$1.35 for telegrams and postage, a total expense of \$16.15 which added to the \$153.50 paid the orchestra made a total of \$169.65. This subtracted from gross receipts of \$207.00 left a net profit to the clubs of \$37.75, which is being divided between the Shelby Public Library and the High School Library; \$18.87 going to the city library and \$18.88 to the high school library.

## Sunday Services At Second Baptist

The Rev. C. V. Martin announces the following services at the Second Baptist church Sunday: 9:45 o'clock, Bible school; 11:00, public worship with a sermon by the pastor on the fifth chapter of James; 6:30 o'clock p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 7:30, song of praise service; 7:45, baptismal services, and 8:00 o'clock, sermon on the Apostle Peter. Regular prayer service will be held Wednesday night.

## Salvation Army Sunday Services

Services will be held at the Salvation Army Hall near the Southern depot on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Capt. Jack Wynn doing the preaching. Cottage prayer meetings are held each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and prayer services are held at the hall Thursday and Saturday nights.

During the six weeks the Army has been working in Shelby, 94 meals have been served to transients and lodging furnished to 47 people. Many appeals have been made to the Army for shoes, clothing, etc., so if anyone has any discarded clothes or shoes to contribute to the Army, notify the post and someone will call.

## Plan To Organize Club In Mooresboro

Women of the Mooresboro community are invited to attend an organization meeting of a Home Demonstration club on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Frances MacGregor, county home agent, will attend the meeting.

## N. C. Supreme Court Reconvenes Aug. 27

RALEIGH, Aug. 22.—The N. C. Supreme court, which has been in adjournment for a few weeks, will reconvene August 27 for the purpose of taking up the fall calendar. Cases from the first and 20th judicial districts will be argued on Tuesday, August 28th, and Wednesday, August 29.

## Century Of History Passes Mrs. Gantt

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all my life, and I still do. "Young folks today, why they don't work at all. Hard work never killed anybody, but laziness kills a heap or 'em."

When she was younger, she said she used to get up at 4 a. m., but recently, feeling a little older, she's been sleeping until 5.

The other stock question to ask people 100 years old is what they think of young folks today. Well, Mrs. Gantt hasn't any high opinion of them. They're lazy. More than that, they won't wear hats, and that's not right. As for the girls, she said she'd rather not be asked about them, but being pressed, admitted that she thought they were thoroughly trifling—and a lot of 'em downright bad "smoking cigarettes and drinking."

Mrs. Gantt looks back on a life of toil, mostly on the farm, a life that was hard—but it was lots of fun, at that she says.

She recalls Bethel church, near her home in upper Cleveland, where her father farmed, and where she was baptized at 14 by the Rev. Mr. Pilgrim. She recalls hearing the Rev. Tom Dixon—going to school two months and studying the old Blue Back Speller.

Most vivid in her mind is an incident of the Civil War, when her young husband, J. A. Gantt, was in the army under Major Schenck. He left her to run the farm, a young woman with four children. One day as she was working in the field, a Yankee officer rode up "and took my best mare right out of the plow harness." That was a tough blow, but she worked hard, and when the husband returned three years later, she had spun and carded, planted and reaped and sold corn to such good advantage that they were richer than when he left.

She farmed 200 acres then. She remembers a lot of talk about Abraham Lincoln, but nothing very definite. He's the first President that made much impression on her, for her life has always been close to the soil, and her dates have been those of harvest time rather than those of the men and events of history.

The next important event in her life occurred in 1866 or '67, when a number of Cleveland county farmers grew weary of the hard task of clearing land and decided that the plains of the west were more fertile. Lured by legends of good farming lands to be had cheap, ten families set out by wagon to make the difficult trek across the Blue Ridge Mountains through the Tennessee valleys, across the rolling slopes of Kentucky and the flats of Indiana to the good acres of Illinois.

The Gantts were among them, in their creaking wagon, with their babies and young children. Six weeks they struggled on, fording streams, prying vehicles out of mud. One wagon, caught in the current of a river, was swept away. But somehow, these hardy folk managed to arrive.

They rented land and made a crop. That was in April. Slowly their tall corn came up and they watched it eagerly, but living there wasn't like it was in North Carolina. The people were strange, and

talked queer. And it was pretty cold. Homesick, tired, feeling low, the Gantts packed their children and chattels in the wagon again, and by September were back in Cleveland, where they bought new land for one dollar an acre.

Japan was opened for the first time by Commodore Perry in 1854, and Mary Gantt was then a comely, sturdy young woman of 34. More comely had come—the last born when she was 46—and they helped on the farm. In all, there were ten children. Now, she has five left, and grandchildren—"Well, there must be more than 50, I just can't count 'em all!" Great grandchildren she's lost count of long ago.

The Panama canal was begun by the French in 1882, and Mary Gantt was 48 years old, not yet starting half of the life she was to live.

The battleship Maine was blown up and Mary Gantt was 64 years old. She was 67 when McKinley was assassinated.

Of her girlhood, she recalls little, save that she worked hard. She went to no dances, never learned to dance. She saw her first steam train in Cherrylville during the Civil war, and recalls that town better than Shelby.

She says this depression is really harder on people than hard times used to be, because "in those days, we knew how to do things for ourselves. We made our own clothes, stockings, and raised our own food. People don't know how to do for themselves today," she says, "they have to run and buy everything from the store."

And so she runs a store. She's had her little business here for almost 30 years now, assisted the past four years by her son W. H. Gantt.

The four other children are Dock, who's 69 years old and lives in Kings Mountain, Mrs. Annie Newton, who lives near Casar and is 78, Mrs. Lella Williams of Shelby, and Amos, who is at Pleasant Hill.

Her father, Joel Ledford, lived to be 85, and her mother, who was Annie Helms, to 83.

"I don't know about prohibition," she said when questioned, "but I can see people drink more now. They didn't used to get drunk when I was a girl, and corn sold for 25 cents a gallon."

Miss Ruth Beam is spending the week-end in Charlotte to attend the pre-nuptials for Miss Mary Ella Lowe of that place.

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## Eight Are Baptised At New Prospect

Prof. Hallman Teaches; Personals Of People Visiting About.

(Special to The Star.) NEW PROSPECT, Aug. 23.—A large crowd gathered at New Prospect last Sunday afternoon for the baptismal services. Rev. Mr. Bryant baptised the candidates in our pastor's place as Dr. Davis has a lame foot. Eight were baptised,

five boys and three girls. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Beam of near Cherrylville spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beam. Prof. Hallman of Earl taught the lesson at the teachers' meeting last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hord. His inspiring discussion was very much enjoyed by all present. Miss Margaret Hord will teach the lesson this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis and sons, and the Rev. Mr. Bryant were the dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Bots and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toney Ledford of Cherrylville spent last week with

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Howell and other relatives in this community. Mr. Ledford is a victim of rheumatism and has to lie upon a cot or sit in a wheel chair. But despite his condition he is always cheerful.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Grigg are spending this week with their daughter, Mrs. John Wright and Mr. Wright of near Pleasant Grove church.

Dr. Spragenberg, of Germany, has developed a quick method of sprouting grain by which fodder may be harvested after 10 to 15 days.

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