

Sentell Meets Death With Smile On Lips; Kisses Electrician

Shelby Murderer Died This Morning With Words Of Gratitude For Sheriff And Mrs. Raymond Cline.

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STATE PRISON, Raleigh, July 12.—While the plaintive strains of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" swelled from Death Row this morning, Louis Sentell walked to his death in the electric chair with a smile on his face and no bitterness in his heart.

Sentell, at his own request, was electrocuted before George Whitfield, Greensboro negro. He entered the chamber at 10:26 and was declared dead at 10:38, after three shocks totalling three minutes and thirty-five seconds.

Burial In Brevard
His attorney, William Breese, who defended him in his trial in Shelby here last January, was here, and is taking the body to Brevard for burial. His wife and two children were not present.

As "Swing Low" died in the throats of Death Row prisoners, they took up an unknown death chant. Sentell, walking bravely, holding his gauntlet erect, smiled as they strapped him in the chair.

"Look me in boys," he said, "and get shot of me. Tell everybody I don't care."

Just before the electrocution, he kissed R. A. Bridgers, who pulled the fatal switch—and then his body leaped forward against its straps as the current smote his lean body.

More talkative than at any time during his long imprisonment, Sentell spoke to me and to Dr. Forest Freese.

Praises Sheriff Cline
"I want The Star to express my appreciation for the kindness of Sheriff and Mrs. Raymond Cline," he said. "They were good and thoughtful, and I hope to meet them in Heaven."

"I want you to say in The Star, too, that I hold no bitterness against anyone, even against those who swore lies about me on the stand."

Whitfield entered the death chamber at 10:44, singing and praying, asking that his mother be remembered. He was dead at 10:53 after two shocks had coursed through his body for three minutes and thirty seconds.

Dr. William Wilkerson pressed the stethoscope to the breasts of the two prisoners and pronounced them dead.

Sentell died for the murder of his sweetheart, the girl known in Shelby as Florence Jones, but who was later revealed to be a married woman, Mrs. William Drake. He killed her with a shotgun at noon on February 15, 1934, near the Byrum Hosiery mill.

The Supreme court denied Sentell's appeal some time ago, and the governor and Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill studied his appeal for mercy this week, but decided against him. Whitfield was convicted in Guilford county in October, 1933, for criminally assaulting a white woman. The two men were the 151st and the 152nd, victims of the chair, which was installed here in 1910. Sentell was the twenty-eighth white man to die in it and Whitfield the 124th negro.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT DOUBLE SHOALS SUNDAY

A revival meeting will begin Sunday at Double Shoals Baptist church and continue for one week. Rev. John W. Tuttle, the pastor, will preach Sunday morning. Dr. Zeno Wall will preach Sunday night and conduct services daily thereafter.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, July 12.—Trade generally is watching developments in the Senate regarding the AAA amendments. Despite the favorable weather there is no disposition to follow the short side due to the present tight contract situation brought about by the large concentrated holdings and which are evidently being added to daily replacing the sale of actual.

Liverpool special cable says very quiet, Good Bombay advices, Bombay buying, offerings light, Manchester inquiry continues but sales disappointing.

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot — 11 1/2 to 12 1/4
Cotton Seed, wagon, ton — 32.00
Cotton Seed, ton, car lot — 35.00

Paralysis Decline Shown In State; None In Cleveland

Seven New Cases Are Reported

Seven New Cases Reported To Raleigh, But Contagion Seen On Wane.

While not a single case of infantile paralysis has been reported in Cleveland, according to County Physician H. C. Thompson, word from Raleigh this morning is that the disease seems to be on the wane throughout the state.

Seven new cases have been officially reported, but the number of cases in the contagious stage was said to be on the decline.

Three weeks after a victim is stricken with the malady there is no danger of another contracting it from him, state health authorities said. On this basis, there were only 104 contagious cases in the state today as compared with 108 yesterday.

A total of 345 instances of the disease has been reported in the state since January 1.

The spread of the disease appeared to have reached its peak in the week ending June 29, during which time 63 cases were reported. For the week ending July 6, 55 cases were listed in the state. The prevalence of the malady also seems to be showing a decline this week from last.

Thirty-eight were reported through Thursday of last week, counting half of those listed on Friday as Thursday's cases, health officials having been closed Thursday for the Fourth. Through today 33 cases have been reported this week.

McDowell Named City Fire Chief

Election of J. L. McDowell, as chief of the Shelby fire department was approved by the board of aldermen Thursday night. He will serve until July 1, 1936.

Other officers elected were Sam Thompson, assistant chief; Paul Hawkins secretary-treasurer; Nelson Mauney assistant secretary-treasurer; R. G. Mauney captain; Alton Hopper lieutenant and Henry Lucas captain of quarters.

Zoar Young People Enjoy Putnam Party

(Special to The Star.)
ZOAR, July 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Putnam delightfully entertained 200 up to 2000 Sunday at their home Saturday evening, July 7.

About seventy-five guests called during the evening. Out of the community guests present were: Misses Eva, Elizabeth and Landrum Allen of the Elizabeth community; Misses Selma, Beula and Vernie Wellmon of Sharon; Miss Lolla, Purvis and Howard Wesson of Poplar Springs; Ben Turner and Graham Wright of Earl; Jimmie and Conley Patterson of Patterson Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cantrell of Lancaster.

C. B. Redmond, New Manager At Efir's

C. B. Redmond, Jr. is the new manager at Efir's department store, succeeding Paul R. Wooten who has been transferred. Mr. Redmond has been with the Efir organization for eleven years and comes to Shelby from Greer, S. C. He is a native of Lumberton, this state and is thoroughly experienced in department store management.

Expect Young People To Test Old Legends As Moon Eclipses

A night of strange happenings and grotesquely changing shadows is expected next Monday night, July 15 when there will be a total eclipse of the moon visible in Shelby and on all but the northern end of the Western hemisphere.

Hundreds of young people in the county are expected to wait up for the strange phenomenon to see if the legends are really true—whether or not men's shadows are purple and women's shadows red, or whether spectres will dance and play in the changing amount of reflected light.

This is one of the greatest of the year's astronomical events and people over half of the world mentioned above will observe the phenomena with awe—the educated will marvel at the strides of science which has been able to explain the phenomena and the ignorant and savage notions will view it with dread as they have done through the ages.

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Ebony Tribesmen Rally For War



Tribesmen mobilize



Train machine gunners

Thousands of reserve troops, many of them wild tribesmen, have flocked to Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, to join the colors of their emperor, ready to meet invasion by the Italian forces. Photo below shows a member of one of the newly organized machine gun units testing a rapid-fire gun.

Nine Bundles From Heaven Set New Hospital Record

Maybe the stork took a tip from the Supreme Court. He made a 4-5 decision at the Shelby Hospital and the boys won.

There are nine new bundles from heaven in the hospital this week, four girls and five boys, for a new high record, and one set of twins.

The twins called it a draw, a boy and a girl, and they're the children of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Earwood of Fallston, born on Tuesday. So rapidly did new people arrive in the world this week, that several bureau drawers had to be pulled out to accommodate them. The hospital has 61 patients, with every bed filled, and a waiting list eager to get in. As for babies, the nine wasn't all. Previously reported arrivals make a record of 19 babies for the first 11 days of this month.

Here are the nine: Mr. and Mrs. John Stamey, a boy, born Thursday; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberts, a girl, yesterday; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Page, a son, also yesterday; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Agnew, a boy, born Monday; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Courtney, a girl, born Monday; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fogle, a boy, born Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yandle, of Charlotte, a boy, born Tuesday. Mrs. Yandle was Miss Reba Lee of Lawndale. And the Earwood twins.

Red Cross Unit Reports Energetic Health Program

Earl Men Testify In Murder Case

GAFFNEY, July 11.—John C. Sparks, 63-year-old roadhouse proprietor, was convicted of manslaughter in circuit court here today in the fatal shooting of Guy P. Clary, 28, last July 22.

Judge Marvin M. Mann sentenced Sparks to serve five years in the state penitentiary.

The jury deliberated an hour. The trial began yesterday. The defendant claimed that he shot in self-defense.

James Roberts and J. A. Laverdard both of Earl, N. C., corroborated the defendant's claim that he had attempted to avoid trouble by ordering Clary and several companions to leave the roadhouse a few minutes before the shooting.

Sam Scates, 20, charged with the murder of Lester Driskill, who was shot to death here a few weeks ago, was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter. Judge Mann sentenced him to serve five years in the state penitentiary.

TO OFFER OLD STILL TO STATE'S MUSEUM

GOLDSBORO, July 9.—Deputy Sheriff Brad McLamb showed his respect for the aged when he went liquor-still raiding in Johnston county.

He found a 50-gallon capacity still and was about to tear it down when he discovered it was very heavy. A modern still of this size weighs about 50 pounds but this one weighed 125 pounds. McLamb investigated and found it was made in Bristol, Va. 151 years ago.

He said he would offer it to the state historical museum.

Production Speeds Up In Rayon Mills With Fall Business

Upsawing Is Revealed At Four Plants

Several Textile Factories Working Part of Plant on Three Shifts This Week

With Fall orders arriving for rayon textiles, production is being stepped up in four local plants, giving encouragement to this class of mills. In cotton textile, business is still on the drag. The Eton has closed down its cotton department completely, the Lily Mill is on sixty per cent production and the Shelby Mill seventy five per cent.

The Belmont mill which did not start last week is on full 80 hours this week and expects to work full next week.

Rayon mills are making up samples of Fall merchandise to be submitted to the trade and orders are coming in much better than they have during the past several months.

Encouraged
The Eton, Dover, Ora and Cleveland Cloth are more encouraged over the outlook for orders. A few looms at the Eton, Dover and C are on three shifts, while a few looms at the Cloth Mill are also on three shifts, making up samples.

The newly opened throwing department at the Cloth Mill has opened up many new jobs and this department is running three shifts. Some of the looms are still idle, however, and the plant production is still slightly less than capacity on two full shifts.

Plants Buzzer
It is understood that the Ella division of the Consolidated Textile Corporation is running one shift this week, so as a whole the local plants are busier than they have been for the past few months.

Conditions in both cotton and rayon textiles are still very unsettled. Overnight changes are to be expected in view of the market situation and especially a threatening prospecting talk on rayon, which Washington authorities are considering this week.

New Post Offices For District Urged

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Four new postoffice buildings for the tenth congressional district — at Lincolnton, Lincoln county, Newton, Catawba county, Belmont, Gaston county, and Kings Mountain, Cleveland county, were urged this week by Representative Bulwinkle in a statement to the secretary of the treasury, under whose direction new postoffice structures will be built.

The second deficiency appropriation bill soon to become a law makes tentative provision for new buildings at the four places, and Major Bulwinkle asked that they be given favorable consideration. The post-offices are now in rented quarters but government activities are expanding in each of the four counties and additional space is constantly desired.

First Watermelon Shown By Mr. Ponder

The county's first home grown watermelon yet reported to The Star was brought to the office yesterday by J. M. Ponder of the Patterson Springs community.

The melon was of the Dixie Queen variety and is one of hundreds now in the process of maturing in Mr. Ponder's acre patch. He said he will soon have plenty for the local market.

He grows melons in an "upland flat," manures heavily in fall and early spring and fertilizes with 9-5-3 fertilizer.

Shelby Man On Freighter Carrying Mill Machinery To South America

Reports of Southern cotton mill machinery being shipped to South America, being processed taxes and other New Deal legislation are confirmed by W. W. Dedmon, Shelby electrician, who returned Saturday after a three months cruise on a South American bound freighter.

Shipping as an electrician from New Orleans, Mr. Dedmon was aboard the "Del Norte," a Mississippi Shipping Co. vessel heavily laden with cotton mill machinery dismantled in Virginia and Texas. The cargo also included thousands of dollars worth of new electrical devices for installation in Brazilian textile plants.

Mr. Dedmon visited Paraguay, Uruguay, Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, Santos and Sao Paulo. At Sao Paulo he saw what is called the largest snake farm in the world, and the canning plant at which snake meat is preserved as a delicacy.

Mr. Dedmon, who was formerly employed at the vast governmental project at Boulder Dam, will be in Shelby a few weeks, visiting his family, but expects to make another South American trip soon. Friends are enjoying the Brazilian coffee he brought back with him.

Double Parking Ban Decreed By Council; State Rules Adopted

Board Orders One-Hour Parking Regulations For Five Business Section Streets; To Keep Sidewalks Clear.

Vigorous action to break Shelby's daily traffic jam, beginning with a decree forbidding double parking at any time, was taken Wednesday night by the board of aldermen.

One-hour parking regulations were decreed for five streets in the business section, state highway department traffic rules were adopted in toto, and it was decided that center stop lights at the four corners of the square would be swung overhead.

Rotary Head

Dr. Ben Gold, who was installed last week as president of the Shelby Rotary Club.

One-Hour Parking

Streets on which one-hour parking will be enforced are: West side of LaFayette, Sumpter to Graham; East side of LaFayette, Marion to Sumpter; South side of Warren, railroad to DeKalb; north side of Marion, railroad to DeKalb, and west side of Washington, Marion to Graham.

Visitors Exempt
This rule is to apply only on week-days, and to Shelby cars. Customers from the county and other cities will be permitted to park as long as they wish. And to identify Shelby cars, it was decided to require purchase of city plates by all car owners in Shelby.

New rules for sidewalks were passed as well. The danger of hanging signs, over sidewalks, was discussed, and the city attorney instructed to ascertain the liability of the city in event of accident, if one should fall. A five-dollar fine was set for violation of a new ordinance forbidding display of any kind of goods or produce on the sidewalks. It was even suggested that the benches along LaFayette street, in front of the court house, be removed, but this motion was not carried.

To Collect Bills
Collection of water and light bills was an important item discussed, and it was decreed that the city will be forced to insist on prompt payment. Customers will be required to pay their bills by the 15th of each month or service will be discontinued, the board decided. A charge will be made for reconnections.

Lions To Install Officials Tonight At Dinner Dance

Scores of Visitors From Other Cities To Be Welcomed To Shelby By The Mayor

The Shelby Lions Club will entertain several score Lions from Hickory, Bessemer City, Statesville and other cities in the 31st district at an annual inauguration and ladies night at the Charles Hotel this evening.

Dr. Robert L. Wilson, retiring president will act as toastmaster and J. O. Williams will make the invocation. An address of welcome to visiting Lions will be made by Mayor Harry S. Woodson. Miss Nettie Rayle will sing, accompanied by Miss Margaret Smith, and Dr. Arthur T. Abernathy will make the principal address. He will be introduced by Robert H. Cooke.

Forrest Hamrick, who will be installed as president, will make his inauguration address. The complete roster of new officers is as follows:

Forrest W. Hamrick, president; J. O. Williams first vice-president; Robert H. Cooke second vice-president; Joseph M. Wright treasurer; Basil Goode Lion tamer and Jesse E. Bridges tail twister.

Dancing will follow the dinner and inauguration ceremonies.

Little Dover Girl Wins Prize Of \$500

Betty Ann Dover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dover of Lenoir, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dover of Shelby, won first prize of \$500 in the News-Topic's prize contest which closed July 6. She led by a large majority in the voting.

Following a heart attack, Mrs. Carolyn Cook, wife of D. F. Cook died suddenly at her home near Casar Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. She was 78 years of age.

Before marriage Mrs. Cook was Carolyn Turner. She was a faithful member of Clover Hill Methodist church. Funeral and interment took place there this morning at 11 o'clock. Surviving besides her husband are two children, Mrs. R. L. Carpenter and Roscoe Cook, 14 grand children and 11 great grand children. One aged sister, Mrs. Rebecca Eaker of Lawndale also survives.

A large crowd attended the funeral this morning to pay respects to Mrs. Cook for her noble life.

Miss Ruth Grigg Is Appointed To Post

Appointment of Miss Ruth Grigg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Grigg of Lawndale as stenographer for Postmaster J. William Coleman and other postal officials, was made this week. She will assume her duties July 15th.

Miss Grigg is a graduate of Woman's college and for several years has been engaged in stenographic work at the college in Greensboro. She made an exceptionally fine record in civil service examination and is considered a highly capable stenographer. Miss Grigg is a sister of J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of schools here.