

TO NAME TOWN FATHERS

Voters of Sharon Prepare to Elect Town Officers Next Week.

NOBODY WANTS TO BE THE MAYOR

Postmaster Plexico Comes Into Possession of Rare Old Violin—Streets So Muddy That Chickens Find It Difficult to Cross—Number of Cases of Illness in the Community—Many Young and Old Come Home for the Christmas Holidays.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Sharon, December 29.—Men and women voters of Sharon are to elect a mayor and four councilmen on January 3, and for the past few days the coming election has been one of the principal topics of conversation in town. While there are no announced candidates for the office of mayor, it is expected that by election time one or more will turn up. Asked the other day if he would be a candidate for reelection, Mayor D. A. Whisonant said: "I did not seek the office two years ago and I am not seeking a second term. The people elected me without my seeking the place." Among those who have been suggested as suitable men for the office of mayor are Messrs. Sam B. Pratt and W. R. McKellar. It is understood, however, that neither is an announced candidate. There are those in Sharon who would like to see Mr. R. M. Sherer re-elected mayor. "Uncle Bob," as Mr. Sherer is popularly known, served as mayor or intend, for two terms and there are those who think that he made the best mayor the town ever had. Then there are those who would like to see ex-Mayor W. G. Hayes stage a come-back. The mayor of Sharon draws the princely salary of \$50 a year and as one Sharon citizen put it recently: "By taking the job he subjects himself to two million dollars' worth of cussin' per annum." The present members of the town council are: Messrs. W. R. McKellar, Charlie Gourley, Charles Bankhead, J. A. Whitesides, W. Blanton Hope is clerk of the council.

Church Building Started.

Preliminary work on the new brick church building to be erected by the congregation of Sharon A. R. P. church has been begun. Much of the excavation work for the foundation has been completed and a quantity of lumber and other building materials have been laid upon the grounds. "Now that winter weather has set in earnest, it is not likely that much more construction work will be done until next spring."

Roads in Bad Shape.

Unusually rough weather the first three days of last week had the effect of transforming the principal streets and sidewalks of Sharon into one vast quagmire and mud-puddle and did much toward impressing the people with the importance of trying to do something toward improving conditions. "We ought to be ashamed of ourselves," declared Mr. S. B. Pratt, one of the leading business men of Sharon, while discussing the condition of the streets. "Here we make bids to people living in the surrounding country to come and trade with us. Then when they do come if the weather is a little rough it is impossible for them to get across the streets without sticking in the mud. It is time we were doing something about it."

The sidewalks and streets were a sight. Women and children attempting to cross the streets often sank down in mud up to the shoe mouth. Automobiles and Fords stuck up and stalled frequently right in the business sections. This correspondent observed a half grown chicken trying to cross the street between the First National bank and J. L. Whitesides' store last Thursday. The mud was so deep and soft that the chicken actually couldn't make it without flapping its undeveloped wings to assist its feet.

Christmas Tree for Children.

Members of the Sunday school of Sharon Methodist church were entertained at Christmas tree exercises held in the church last Friday evening. The majority of the members of the Sunday school, of which Mr. M. M. Jones is superintendent, were present for the occasion and there were numerous presents for young and old. Messrs. Kirby Bankhead and Otis Latham assumed the role of Santa Claus and they played the part to the entire satisfaction of the large number of little folks and larger ones as well, who were present to receive their gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. With Mrs. Geo. A. Plexico at the piano, an entertaining series of songs were rendered by a junior chorus and the entire occasion was one fraught with interest and enjoyment for those taking part.

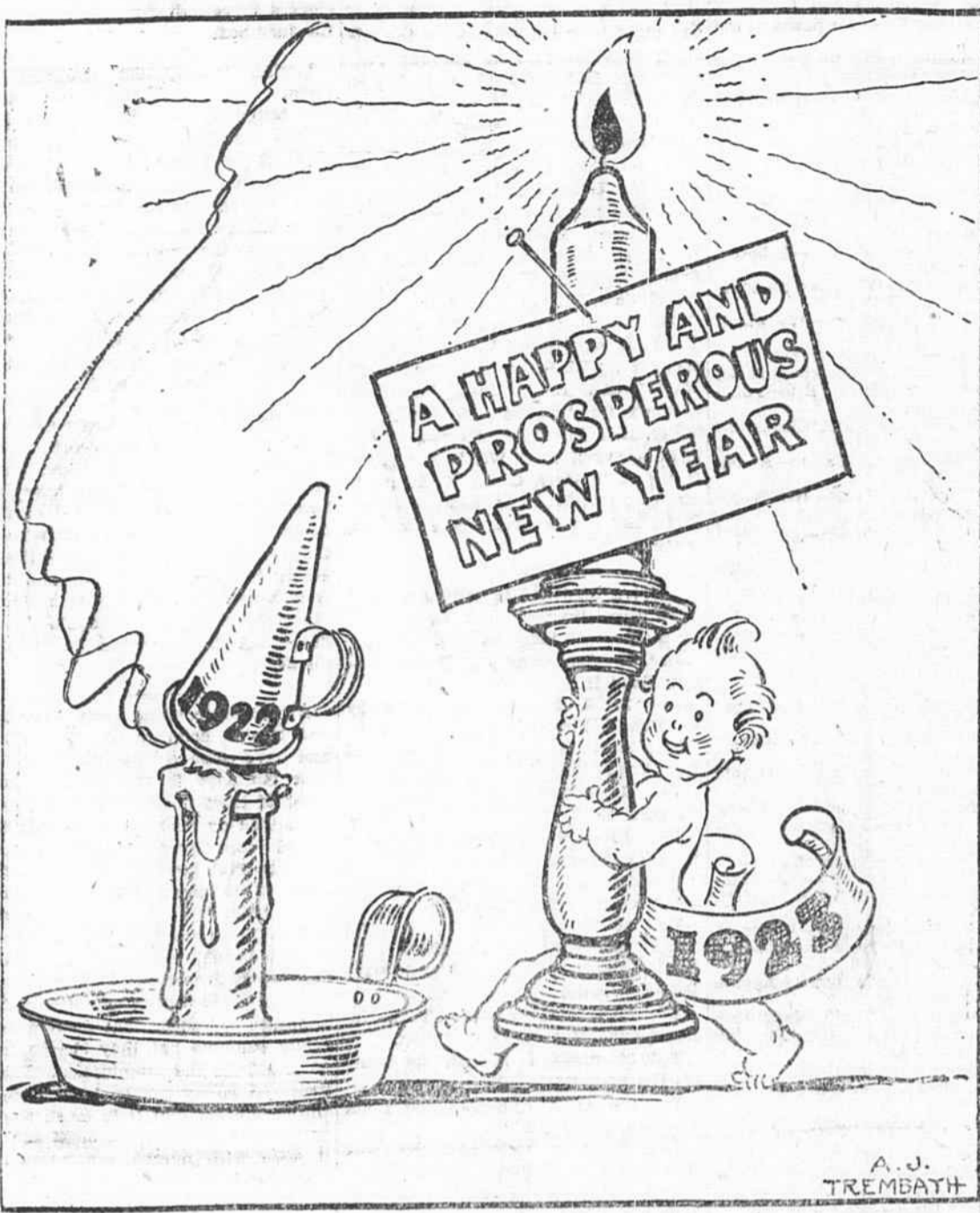
Prizes Violin Highly.

Mr. R. L. Plexico, postmaster at Sharon, has recently come into possession of a violin 210 years old that he naturally prizes very highly. The violin is somewhat in need of repair and it is Mr. Plexico's intention to send it to a violin manufacturer for repair as soon as he can get in touch with some trustworthy concern.

Using Parcel Post System.

According to W. T. Sims, one of the two letter carriers out of the Sharon office, farmers and farm women are constantly taking advantage of the parcel post service to a greater degree. On the two routes out of Sharon there live a large number of farmers who ship butter weekly to customers in many towns and cities around. They not only ship butter but other farm produce and more are coming to find that the parcel post way is not only the cheapest but the most satisfactory way of delivering their produce. Some of the farmers and farm women are shipping butter into the eastern and northern states where it commands a

"A BRIGHT TIME COMING."



—And Many of Them.

much better price than it does in local markets.

With the Sick.

Mr. Thomas Hartness and his daughter, Miss Eliza Hartness, have been quite sick at their home in Sharon for the past several weeks. Miss Hartness has had influenza, while Mr. Hartness recently suffered a hemorrhage of the stomach. Mr. Hartness is probably the oldest resident of Sharon, being in his 79th year. His friends will be glad to know that he is improving.

Personal Mention.

Among the young people of Sharon and vicinity who are at the homes of their respective parents for the Christmas holidays, are the following:

Misses Virginia Pratt, Nannie May Plexico, Josie Saye, Hazel Hope, Eunice Cain, Allene Shannon, Agnes Kirkpatrick, Winthrop college; Paul Whisonant and Lee Plexico, Presbyterian college, Clinton; Flay Plexico, Clemson; Willie Sherer, Hugh Sherer, Erskine college, Due West; Tom Dowdle, Wofford, Spartanburg; James Bankhead, Blue Ridge, N. C. Hugh E. Robinson, Y. M. C. A. secretary at Clemson college, is spending the holidays with his parents near Sharon.

David Byers of Dillon; Mr. and Mrs. Brown Crosby, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. S. C. Hollifield, Bamberg, and Miss Margaret Valley and Mr. Roy Byers of Elmore, S. C., visited the family of Mr. John A. Byers in Sharon during the holidays.

James Penninger of Bamberg, visited the family of his mother, Mrs. T. R. Penninger, in Sharon this week.

Boyd Plexico of Charlotte, and Saye Plexico of Chester, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Plexico, in Sharon this week.

Mrs. O. M. Spurlin and little son, O. M., Jr., visited relatives in Vass, N. C., this week.

Miss Ida Gillilan of Sharon, visited relatives in the Hickory Grove section this week.

Miss Addie Ashe of Sharon, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ashe, in the Bullock's Creek section.

John Rainey Saye of Rock Hill, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saye, in Sharon.

Dr. C. O. Burruss of Sharon, visited relatives in Fredericksburg, Va., this week.

Miss Isabel Arrowood, who is teaching school in Virginia, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Plexico, in Sharon.

Hope Bigham, who is a student at the South Carolina Medical college, Charleston, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bigham in Sharon.

Haskell Sherer of Charlotte, spent Christmas with the family of his mother near Sharon.

Mrs. Fannie Sloop and Mr. James Youngblood of Great Falls, spent Christmas with the family of Mr. W. P. Youngblood in Sharon.

Mr. Arch Steele and family and Mr. Gill White and family, for several years past residents of Bullock's Creek township, have moved to Great Falls, where they will make their home in future.

Ray Feemster of Gastonia, spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in this section.

J. Arthur Whitesides, who is engaged in road construction work in Sumter county, spent Christmas with his family in Sharon.

Misses Edna Lowrance and Frances Plexico, who are teaching school in Georgetown county, are spending the Christmas holidays with their respective parents in Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byers of Blacksburg, visited friends and relatives here this week.

Mrs. E. B. Hunter of Sharon, visited the family of her mother, Mrs. A. A. Barron, in Rock Hill this week.

Miss Belle Kennedy of Yorkville, visited the families of Messrs. C. L. and P. B. Kennedy and other relatives in Sharon during the holidays.

Dr. Luther Blair of Gastonia, spent Christmas with relatives in Bullock's Creek township.

STANDARDIZE PUNISHMENT

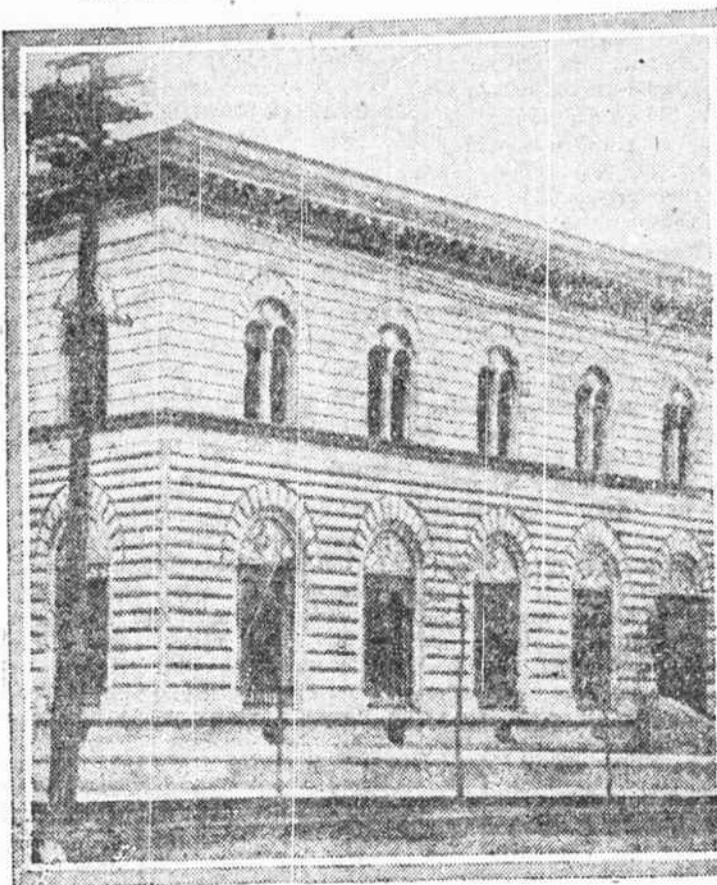
Judges Should Agree Upon Uniform Sentences for Whisky Offenders.

A conference of all judges of this state to decide upon uniform sentences to be imposed, was advocated Monday in his charge to the grand jury in county court by Judge C. C. Featherstone, of Greenwood. Judge Featherstone declared that there is too much variance in sentences imposed by different judges for the same offenses and the cause of law enforcement would be greatly benefited by more uniformity in the imposition of sentences.

An instance was cited by Judge Featherstone of one sentence of three months for highway robbery and another sentence of 18 months for highway robbery, imposed by a different judge, where the circumstances were almost the same. "There can be no iron clad rule as to the extent of punishment," the judge said, "but that every case must stand on its own merits. He asserted however that the judges of the state ought to agree on general policies of punishment, so as to remove the variance in sentences

now being imposed upon practically the same circumstances. Judge Featherstone in his charge discussed the problem of enforcement of the prohibition law and declared that greater judgment is required in imposing sentences on this class of offenders than any other. "Justice ought to be tempered with mercy," he said, explaining that the reform of criminals ought to be one of the primary aims of the law. Too harsh sentences, furthermore, would decrease the chances of convictions in liquor cases and defeat the very aims of the law, he continued.

\$200,000 STOLEN FROM DENVER MINT.



Two hundred thousand dollars in currency was stolen from the Federal mint in Denver, Col., by a gang of masked robbers. In a running fight in which many shots were fired, a bank guard was struck and seriously wounded. The money was being loaded on to a Federal Reserve truck in front of the mint when two autos appeared loaded with armed men. Their escape was sensational. Photo shows the Denver mint.

FIRE AT HICKORY GROVE.

J. N. McDill, Oldest Resident, Passes Following Brief Illness With Pneumonia—Funeral Largely Attended.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Hickory Grove, December 29.—Explosion of an oil stove here early Saturday morning, caused a fire that destroyed the barbershop in the main business block of the town, conducted by C. S. Wilkins. There were two barber chairs in the shop and one of them was practically destroyed by the flames while the other was only damaged. The barber managed to save most of his tools. Hatchford & Company, dealers in general merchandise, had a quantity of goods stored in the rear of the shop and these were moved to safety, although some little damage resulted in the process of moving.

Big Quantity of Beer Taken.

About 700 gallons of still beer were captured by prohibition officers last Saturday in a raid on premises about three miles south of Hickory Grove. A large distillery, complete except for the "worm" was taken by the officers. The entire outfit was destroyed. Constable McKnight and Policeman Dick Lanier made the raid.

Nobody was home when Constables McKnight, Coy Jones and Policeman Less White of Sharon, made a raid on the Meeks place near Sharon on Christ-

mas day. Two carbide cans which had been used, it is said, in the manufacture of home-brew, and other paraphernalia used in making moonshine, were taken in charge by the officers.

J. N. McDill Dead.

J. N. McDill, oldest citizen of Hickory Grove, and one of the pioneer settlers of this section, died at his home in Hickory Grove, December 24, following a brief illness with pneumonia. He was in the 79th year of his age, having been born in October, 1844. His body was buried in the cemetery at Hickory Grove A. R. P. church on Christmas afternoon, following funeral services conducted by Rev. B. G. Pressley, assisted by Revs. Fred T. McGill and J. W. Lewis. One of the largest crowds ever attendant upon a funeral in Hickory Grove, was present to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. McDill.

The deceased was a native of Chester county. He served throughout the War Between the States as a member of the 17th South Carolina Volunteers and after the war engaged in the general mercantile business in Hickory Grove. For more than forty years he was engaged in that business, retiring a number of years ago because of advancing years. Mr. McDill is survived by his widow to whom he had been married more than fifty years. Four children also survive as follows: Mrs. John K. Allison, Hickory Grove; Mrs. Leon T. Pressley, McCormick, S. C.; T. P. McDill, Greenville; N. M. McDill, Chester. Mr. McDill was an elder in Hickory Grove A. R. P. church.

KILLED IN MINT ROBBERY.



Charles T. Linton, Federal Reserve Bank guard, at Denver, Col., was killed by bandits who held up a bank automobile in front of the United States Mint at Denver and made off with \$200,000. Linton was killed in an effort to drive off the bandits, who made good their escape.

SYSTEM OF STATE ROADS

Big Convention States Movement in That Direction.

Movement for a state-wide bond issue sufficient for the construction of a state system of highways was set on foot at a meeting in Columbia Monday, when the bond issue plan was unanimously endorsed and a committee appointed to study the situation, make up estimates, and submit a detailed plan to the general assembly together with a proposed bill.

The meeting which met in the state house in response to a call issued a few days ago by Governor Harvey, was attended by about 300 citizens, representing virtually every section of the state and all evidencing an intense interest in the matter of systematically improving and developing South Carolina's highways.

Committee Named.

The discussion resulted in the naming of a committee composed of seven members, one from each congressional district, as follows: W. W. Smoak, Walterboro, first district; Captain W. D. Black, Williston, second district; Senator E. P. McCravy, Pickens, third district; B. H. Peace, Greenville, fourth district; Col. T. B. Sprent, Fort Mill, fifth district; Col. D. A. Spivey, Conway, sixth district; Claude Sapp,

Columbia, seventh district. The committee will meet in the near future at the call of A. B. Langley, who was elected chairman. Its function will be to go into the highway situation in South Carolina as thoroughly as possible, secure full data as to costs of road construction, and map out a suggested plan of highway improvement, indicating the cost of the proposed improvement as nearly as possible. This tentative program is to be made the basis for a bill to be submitted to the general assembly at its coming session, carrying a proposal for a bond issue "of sufficient amount to build a state system of roads."

To Hold Local Meeting.

Various sums were suggested as to the amount of the proposed bond issue, but the determination of the sum was left to the committee. In the meantime district good road conferences will be held, in accordance with the suggestion of D. A. Spivey.

The proposed bond issue, it was the sense of the body, is to carry a provision for a sinking fund to retire the bonds serially and it was suggested that the total cost of the issue, including interest and sinking fund could be met out of the gasoline and automobile taxes. The resolution which placed the conference on record as endorsing the bond issue was offered by Raven I. McDavid, member of the general assembly from Greenville.

Harvey's Views.

In calling the conference to order, Governor Wilson G. Harvey declared that South Carolina was in danger of falling behind other states in the matter of road development and said that his one purpose in summoning the conference was to get an idea of what the people of the state desired in the matter of highways. He said that some definite agreement should be reached, if it were possible to ascertain what measure would meet with the approval of the tax-payer.

Chairman Langley suggested that adequate mileage and proper construction were two important factors to be considered in the adoption of any plan of development and that it was essential that the question of providing funds for maintenance be not overlooked.

—The "Christ of the Andes" is a statue of the Savior, cast in the bronze from the cannon of opposing Argentinians and Chileans, standing nearly 13,000 feet above the level of the sea at Cambré Pass, on the mountain frontier between Argentine Republic and Chili. It was placed there in March, 1904, as a symbol of the perpetual peace which was then sworn to by the opposing nations. An inscription on its base reads, "Sooner shall these mountains crumble to dust than shall the people of Argentine and Chili break the peace which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."



Three Important Announcements

- (1) A NEW INTEREST PERIOD begins in our SAVINGS DEPARTMENT on January 1st. Deposits made in this Department up to and including January 5th, will draw interest from January 1st. BEGIN the NEW YEAR RIGHT by starting a SAVINGS ACCOUNT, and add to it systematically during the year.
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(3) Our 1923 CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB is now open for membership. We have just finished paying out nearly \$7,000.00 to members of our 1922 Club, and a large majority of these old members are joining the New Club. Think of the joy of having a Roll of Crinkly Cash next Christmas, and besides you will not have to worry about where your Christmas shopping money is coming from. QUITE A NUMBER have interest payments and insurance premiums to meet along about the first of each year, and take advantage of our Christmas Savings Club to enable them to meet these payments when due. Putting aside a small amount weekly enables them to meet these larger payments with ease when due.

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