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125 ATTEND THE BANKERS MEETING

DELIGHTED WITH CLEVELAND SPRINGS

Three Shelby Banks Give Big Banquet to Bankers from Seven Counties of Group 9.

There were 125 present Thursday night at the banquet tendered at the Cleveland Springs hotel to group 9 of the North Carolina Bankers association, and it was declared by the bankers to be the best group meeting ever held. The three banks of Shelby gave the banquet, which was served in faultless style.

The next group meeting will be held in Charlotte.

The officers for the ensuing year are I. W. Stewart, of Charlotte, chairman, R. S. Smith of Charlotte, secretary-treasurer, John M. Miller, 3rd, Gastonia, executive committee-man, counties that comprise the group were elected on the advisory committee:

W. E. Walker, of Burke; J. A. Ciley, of Catawba; Forrest Eskridge, of Cleveland; J. A. Cline, of Lincoln; H. J. McCorkel, of Mecklenburg, and N. H. Jones, of Rutherford.

A. E. Bing, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' association, was one of the speakers, giving out information that has not heretofore been divulged when he said that the cotton sold to date through the association has averaged 27 1/2 cents per pound, which has been a saving of three million dollars to the farmers of North Carolina over the old dumping system. The cost of hand line has been less than \$5 per bale, while it is estimated that by exposure to weather before the warehouse system was adopted and the association was organized, the damage alone was \$6 per bale. He appealed to the bankers to help in improving the living conditions of the growers and predicted that in seven years the farmers would be in position to pay cash for everything, just as the co-operative members did in California when their associations got in good working order.

H. E. Spence, of Trinity College, was the fun maker. He spoke on the crises that confronts us, punctuating every sentence with some joke or witticism which kept the visitors in an uproar of laughter. Mr. Spence, is one of the happiest and most entertaining speaker that has been to Shelby in a long time, and before he left that night he had several invitations to return and deliver commencement addresses this spring in many parts of the seven counties represented by the bankers.

John M. Miller of Gastonia, the retiring chairman, presided over the meeting, recognizing a number of visiting bankers from Virginia and New York. An orchestra from Gastonia furnished music for the occasion, while Mrs. John F. Schenck, jr., played two beautiful violin solos, accompanied by Miss May Kennadall.

O. Max Gardner in his address of welcome complimented the Shelby bankers for their broad and liberal minded policy, their personal touch and stinging personality. The importance of personality was strongly emphasized as one of the most important essentials to success in the banking or any other business. The address of welcome was responded to by E. A. Dunn, banker of Charlotte, who has been coming to Shelby since he and John Schenck were boys together. He expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and cordial hospitality that always greets visitors who come to Shelby.

The following was the menu: California fruit cocktail, Cream of asparagus, Hearts of celery, Chilled cucumbers, salted nuts, Roasted Vermont turkey with dressing, Cranberry sauce, New asparagus, cream sauce, Roast spring lamb, mint sauce, Creamed mashed potatoes, Hawaiian pineapple salad, Parker house rolls, Neapolitan ice cream, angel cake, Private estate coffee.

Music, serenader orchestra.

"DUST OF THE EARTH" IS WELL PRESENTED PLAY

"Dust of the Earth" presented last week in the Ella Mill welfare building by local talent for the benefit of the Second Baptist church was one of the cleverest and best staged home talent plays that has been presented here in a long time. About \$70 was realized for the church. The house was nearly full to capacity and all enjoyed the play so much there is a strong demand that it be reproduced.

ANNOUNCEMENT

So many have urged me to represent our ward as alderman I have decided to offer for reelection. I will continue to look after the interest of the entire town.

S. S. ROTSTER, Ward No. 2.

DePRIEST AND BOYLES GET ROUGH HANDLING

Are Made to Pay Big Amounts for Hiring Negro Labor in Georgia Counties.

W. W. DePriest and a young man named Boyles received rough treatment in Georgia a few days when they were arrested by Georgia officials for hiring negro labor to bring to their farms in this section. From the best information obtainable, little regard was had for the law, but these two Carolina men were made to suffer embarrassments and pay penalties which were not prescribed by law at all. The court officers in that particular section of Georgia to which they went for negro farm hands, took the law in their own hands and without regard for justice, "held them for ransom." W. W. (Billy) DePriest is one of the most influential farmers of this section now living at Henry Lincoln county. He went after negro farm hands to bring them to his farm. Experience has shown that the Georgia negroes in the boll weevil sections of that state have been anxious to come to a more promising section. Last year when many negroes were brought to Cleveland, the Georgia land-lords gladly gave them up in order to avoid the responsibility of feeding them.

Sentiment regarding the leaving of negro farm hands has changed so when DePriest and Boyles were found doing their engaging negro labor, the officers put them under arrest. For several days and nights they were kept in a cold, dirty jail, with no heat or bed covering and little food. They engaged a lawyer, but he seemed powerless to help them. They tried to make it appear that they were without funds or friends, hoping to escape without heavy penalty, but when they learned that both had money and friends, the Georgia officials prized their prisoners all the more. They charged Mr. DePriest with being the ring-leader in the importation of labor and threatened to try him in several different counties, thus multiplying his punishment. There seems to be a law on the Georgia books, imposing a penalty of \$1,000 against labor agents, but DePriest and Boyles claimed they were not agents, simply hiring for themselves, negroes who wished to come to North Carolina. They soon found that any defense whatever that they might have put up would have been useless. Right or wrong, the laws were in the hands of the officers who seemed bent on punishing them. Boyles was released when he paid \$1,000. They wanted \$2,000 from DePriest which he agreed to pay if the officers would take him to the South Carolina line and turn him loose. Reports from reliable source has it that several of the officers brought DePriest to the South Carolina line and when he paid over the money, one of them said: "Now we'll play poker."

HIGHWAY BIDS HIGHER THAN USUAL THIS TIME

Raleigh, April 3.—Highway lettings today covering one of the three largest awards in the present road building program went about 20 per cent higher than the last contracts made.

The cement famine, against which the state is making provision, didn't figure because Chairman Pace has enough of that material to carry the state through today's bids. As declared in last night's dispatches, the commissioners inquiring into the construction and operation of a cement factory have found a possible source of manufacture and sale by an individual who knows the business.

The biddings were as enthusiastic today as at any previous letting. The hall of the house of representatives was filled and the reading consumed hours. Besides the bidders were many who had road projects before the commission.

Mrs. T. W. Harmon Dead.

Kings Mountain Herald. Mrs. Thomas Wilson Harmon died at her home on the Shelby road Sunday after a long and severe illness. The funeral and burial was held at Bethlehem Baptist church Monday in the presence of a multitude of friends and relatives. She was nearly 88 years of age and was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church. She was married about 30 years ago. She leaves the husband and several step-children. Mrs. Harmon was a sister of Miss DePriest who recently died at Mr. Harmon's home.

Don't forget tomorrow is the last day Campbell's will buy cotton seed this season.

The world looks brighter to those who say that Star Brand Shoes are better. Wray-Hudson Co.

Mr. Harry Woodson was a rather frequent visitor one day last week.

SOCIETY

Entre Nous Club to Meet With Mrs. Chas. Eskridge.

The Entre Nous, a newly organized social club will hold its second meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charlie Eskridge on West Marion St. The hour of meeting is 3:30 o'clock.

Club Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the 20th Century club which was to have convened this Friday, April 13th, has been postponed until next week and will convene with Mrs. Max Gardner Apr. 20.

Tea Drinking This Afternoon For Miss Anthony, Bride-elect.

Mrs. O. Max Gardner will entertain the members of Shelby younger social set at a lovely and informal tea drinking this afternoon at 5 o'clock in honor of her niece, Miss Elizabeth Anthony bride-elect whose wedding will take place Thursday afternoon of this week.

To Discuss Plans For Community Fair.

The citizens of Cedar Grove, Patterson Springs, Broad River and Earl communities are especially invited by Mrs. Irma P. Wallace and R. E. Lawrence to attend a call meeting next Wednesday night which will be held at the Earl school house for the purpose of discussing plans for a community fair this year.

Woman's Club Meeting At Princess Theatre.

Mrs. E. Y. Webb, president of the Woman's club, wishes to urge all members of the various department of the Woman's club to be present this morning (Tuesday) at a call meeting at the new Princess theatre promptly at 10 o'clock as business of importance is to be discussed. This will also be the time for the election of delegates to North Carolina Federated Women's clubs.

Cake Sale Saturday To Raise Funds.

In order to raise still further funds for the furnishing of a room at the new Shelby hospital, the ladies of the 20th Century club, will hold an all-day cake sale on the court square Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Ice cream in cones, sandwiches and candies of all kinds will also be sold for the convenience of the out-of-town people who will be here for the county commencement day exercises. Special orders for any kind of cake desired may be phoned in to Mesdames S. S. Royster and A. W. McMurry several days previous.

Lovely Bridge Hospitality For Houseguests and Club

As a pretty courtesy to their house party the personnel of which included Mr. and Mrs. Morarity and Misses Olive and Ellen Brice of Charlotte and Miss Fan Farnett of Gastonia, Madame O. Max Gardner and S. R. Riley entertained the members of the South Washington bridge club at their elegant home on South Washington street last Saturday afternoon. The rooms were thrown en suite and beautifully decorated in a lovely color note of yellow, quantities of yellow jonquils being artistically placed about the rooms, where five tables of auction was enjoyed. When cards were laid, aside a tempting salad course and lemon ice, in which the color note was still further emphasized, was served, the hostesses being graciously assisted by their mother, Mrs. James L. Webb.

House-Anthony Wedding Plans.

The paramount social event of the week and around which much affectionate interest centers, is the marriage of two of Shelby's most prominent young people, Miss Elizabeth Anthony and Mr. Everett A. Houser, which happy event will take place Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride on South Washington street only a few intimate friends and relatives will be present for the ceremony, a brilliant and large floating reception to follow immediately afterwards.

Rev. A. L. Stanford of Central church and Rev. G. P. Hamrick, an uncle of the bride will perform the ceremony, the ring service being used. The wedding music will be rendered by Mrs. Deck Wilson of Cliffside, and just prior to the ceremony, Miss Mabel Quinn will sing "At Dawning" and "The Voice That Breathed O'er Evening."

Miss Mary Anthony, sister of the bride will be maid of honor, and will wear a shell pink satin gown with picture hat and accessories to match, and carry a colonial bouquet.

The groom will be attended by his best man Mr. E. B. Hunter of Greens-

boro, telegraph editor of the Greensboro News.

The bride will be a beautiful picture in her white satin wedding gown of colonial type, with Chantilly lace trimming and will carry a Colonial bouquet. The chosen color scheme for the wedding and reception is pink and green.

Following the reception the bride and groom will leave for a two weeks motor trip to Charleston, Atlanta and Savannah, Ga., and later spending a week in Greensboro, after which they will come to Shelby to make their home with Mr. Houser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Houser.

Following the rehearsal Wednesday evening, the bridal party will be delightful entertained at the Anthony home from 8:30 to 10 o'clock.

Entertained Delightful Week-end House Party.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Max Gardner and Mrs. S. R. Riley were hosts at a very charming week end house party the personnel of which included Miss Ellen and Olive Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Morarity, all of Charlotte and Miss Fan Barnett of Gastonia, formerly of Shelby.

Surprise Marriage of Popular Young Shelby Couple.

A marriage which will come as a great surprise to their many Shelby friends is that of Miss Louise McMurry and Mr. Worth Branton, who took everyone by surprise Saturday afternoon by quietly marrying at the Washburn home on North Morgan street, Rev. A. C. Irvin performing the ceremony in the presence of only a few intimate friends.

The bride and groom are popular members of the Shelby high school set, and are bright and attractive young people. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. C. C. McMurry of this place and is a most winsome and greatly beloved young lady while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Branton and holds a position with Gilmer's Inc. For the present they will make their home with his parents on Lee street and have the best wishes of their host of friends.

Miss Rosa Mae Shuford Delightful Club Hostess.

At the home of her sister, Mrs. Ceph Blanton on East Graham street, Miss Rosa Mae Shuford entertained most delightfully the membership of the evening division of the literary department of the Woman's club, together with a number of additional guests, last Thursday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The rooms were thrown together and made pretty and inviting with a wealth of lovely spring blossoms, an interesting program on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" being given with Miss Oeland Washburn as the splendid leader. After short business session, the program was taken up by a delightful story of the play given by Miss Ethel Cline, followed by an enjoyable reading from the play by Mrs. R. T. LeGrand, a delightful addition to this program was the lovely vocal solo rendered by Miss Cline and an instrumental solo by Miss Maude Wilkins.

During the social half hour which followed the hostess served a delicious sweet collation, dates and salted nuts.

Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft Off to New Orleans.

Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft, one of Shelby's most charming and cultured young women, and for years leader of the Children of the Confederacy of our town, has been accorded the most deserved honor of being named as one of the maids for North Carolina to the Confederate reunion which is convening there three days this week. April 11-13 in the beautiful and interesting city of New Orleans. She left yesterday accompanied by an Asheville delegation composed of General Woodwin of Asheville, commander of the 4th brigade, Mrs. Will Hayatt of Waynesville, matron, Mrs. E. L. McKee of Silver acting as chaperone, Miss Elizabeth Gilkey of Marion, sponsor and Miss Katherine Shuford another maid from our state. This party will return to their respective homes next Monday.

Prominent Young Waco Couple Married.

A surprise marriage which has been kept a complete secret from their host of friends throughout the county until this week, is that of Miss Leona Hord and Mr. Yates Miller, both prominent young people of Waco which happy event took place last Friday afternoon in the presence of only a few intimate friends. Immediately after the ceremony the young people repaired to their respective homes in Waco, until after they were ready to divulge their secret.

The bride is a beautiful and winsome young woman with a lovely voice and is beloved and admired by a host of friends. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hord, promi-

ent citizens of Waco.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Ezra Miller of Waco, and holds a position in the grocery firm of W. L. Brown. He is a most promising young business man and popular in the social life of Waco. He and his charming young bride expect to go to house keeping at once.

Susie's Kitchen Band Concert by Local Talent, Success

Susie's kitchen band concert, given last Friday night by local talent at the auditorium under the auspices of the 20th Century club and the Young People's Missionary society of Central Methodist church proved a great success both from a financial and social standpoint. The building was practically filled long before the curtain arose upon a scene which was mirth-provoking indeed, for there, arrayed in the customary uniforms of a regular band, with red jackets, brass buttons and white shirts, and armed with every conceivable cooking utensil to be found in any well ordered household, which were turned into the most unique musical instruments, sat 30 of Shelby's most representative women, ready to render a program varied and amusing. With Miss Fay Durham as Susie the capable leader of the band, ready with all the antics of a full-fledged director of this band, and Mrs. W. J. Roberts as the delightful reader of the story put to music, nothing was left to be desired. The band played violently and valiantly on their dumb instruments, such as ice cream freezers, tin horns, churns, wash tubs, egg beaters, etc., and so great was the imitation that the audience actually were made to feel that the music had entered into the very souls of these homely but useful articles of the kitchen—while all the while a hidden choir sang all the songs, old and new. During a 15 minute intermission some splendid vaudeville stunts were pulled off by Miss Durham, Miss Clark and Miss Cline.

FAMED TARKINGTON STORY TOLD IN FILM

Coming to the New Princess theatre on Wednesday of this week for an engagement is Universal's latest Jewel production, "The Flirt," a filmization of Booth Tarkington's famous story of the same name. An all star cast interprets the various roles.

The title role is played by Eileen Percy, with Helen Jerome Eddy as the other sister, George Nichols as the father and Buddy Messenger as the little imp of a brother, are two others whose work in this picture stands out prominently.

The story deals with life in an average American family where a beautiful daughter, who knows she is beautiful, tries to rule the family and nearly wrecks it and sends father to prison in her longing for finery like other girls have. Advance reports from all section of the country term this production a real masterpiece of the screen.

MAYOR'S SALARY IS RAISED TO \$1,500

Aldermen Get \$5.00 for Each Regular Meeting at Beginning of Next Term.

The mayor's salary was fixed at \$1,500 per year beginning with the next term of office and the aldermen are to receive \$5 for each regular meeting, the aldermen's compensation to be paid in water and light service, according to a decision of Aldermen Royster, Ford and Hamrick last week. After the regular business was attended to, Mayor Gardner and Alderman Lawrence Lackey retired and the compensation for the next term of office was decided upon by the three remaining aldermen. The mayor retired because he is a candidate to succeed himself and J. L. Lackey retired because his father is a candidate. Heretofore the mayor's compensation has been \$50 per month on salary and \$50 per month for special service performed while the street and sidewalk improvement is under way.

A petition signed by many citizens was presented to the board asking the Southern railway and the town to pave the streets around the Southern depot. The town council heartily endorsed this request and forwarded it to the officials of the Southern.

DeKalb street from East Warren to E. Marion will be paved; the town's books will be audited at the end of the term of the present administration; all electric ranges will have meters and the owners will be allowed 100 kilowatt for \$3.50; after this amount is consumed the rate will be 2 1/2 cents per kilowatt.

The board voted to extend the water main on Sumner street east to the intersection of N. DeKalb street.

Take your cotton seed to Campbell's tomorrow. That is last day they will buy seed this season.

COUNTY SCHOOL AND FIELD DAY PRIZES

FOR COUNTY COMMENCEMENT APR. 14-16.

Great Crowd is Expected to be Here—Pageant One of the Big Attractions.

The county school commencement which has been scheduled for Saturday April 14th and Monday April 16, will be a red-letter day in educational circles of Cleveland county and it is expected that one of the largest crowds that ever visited Shelby will be here on these two days. The historical pageant which will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning April 14th will be one of the added attractions for this year, the various schools of the county depicting historical events in Cleveland, showing the development and growth along all lines from the early days until now. These schools will provide attractive floats and each school will vie with the others in depicting these historical events in the most vivid and impressive manner.

High School Day Saturday.

10 a. m.—Pageant.

11 a. m.—Address by E. W. Knight, of the University of N. C.

12 to 1:30—Dinner.

1:30—Non-standard high school declamation contest in the court house.

Prize \$7.50 Gold medal given by the First National Bank.

1:30—Non-standard high school recitation contest, graded school auditorium. Prize \$7.50 gold medal given by the Cleveland Bank and Trust Co.

1:00-1:30—Grammar grades declamation and recitation contests in the First Baptist church. For the best recitation a \$7.50 gold medal given by W. L. Fanning Co. For best declamation a \$7.50 gold medal, given by Paragon Furniture Co.

Athletic Events.

Track meet at 3 o'clock at Graded school athletic field.

1.—50 yard dash \$5 gold piece given by Shelby Building and Loan and Shelby Insurance and Realty Co.

2.—100 yard dash. \$2.75 Winchester glove, given by the Farmers Hardware Co.

3.—Running high jump, \$2.50 baseball bat, given by the Shelby Hardware Co.

4.—Standing high jump, \$2.75 Waterman fountain pen, given by T. W. Hamrick Co.

5.—Standing broad jump. A pair of silk socks, given by Nix and Lattimore.

Running Broad jump. Prize, a tennis racket, given by Moore and Levett, agents Security Life and Trust Co.

7.—Relay race.

Field Day Monday, April 16.

10:00—4th grade recitation contest at graded school auditorium.

1:30—Track meet.

1.—100 yard dash. Prize, a nice cap, by Caronell's Department store.

2.—220 Yard dash. Prize, \$2.50 shirt by Evans F. McReaver.

3.—Standing broad jump. Prize, a \$5 mitt or glove, by Washburn Hardware Co.

4.—Running broad jump. Prize, \$12.25 box stationery, given by the Cleveland Drug Co.

5.—Standing broad jump. Prize, a suit case, given by Eiford's Department store.

6.—Running high jump. \$4.25 fountain pen, given by Suttle's drug Co.

7.—Shot Put. Prize, a \$5 traveling set, given by Diviere Drug Co.

8.—One-half mile race. Prize, comb and brush given by Paul Webb.

10.—Relay race.

8:00 p. m.—Hoey oratorical contest in graded school auditorium.

GILMERS APRIL TRADE SALE BEGINS FRIDAY

Manager Paul Wooten of Gilmer's department store has returned from a visit to the Wintson store where he has bought heavily of spring and summer merchandise to replenish his stocks for a big April trade sale which begins Friday of this week. A full page advertisement in Friday's Star will tell of rare bargains which this great department store will offer. Mr. Wooten says Gilmer's trade is better than ever before and the officials are well pleased with the continuous growth of the business, much of which comes from a great distance because of the wide range of merchandise offered.

Mr. Clyde M. Gaffney, cashier in a Columbia, S. C., bank was visiting his parents here last week, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gaffney.

It will pay you mighty well to see Campbell's when purchasing men's, women's and children's ready-to-wear.