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GRIFFIN LOOKS FOR RECORD ENROLLMENT

Increase in Pupils Expected by The School Head. Announcement to Patrons and Pupils.

A record enrollment in the public schools of Shelby is expected on the opening day, Monday, September 15, according to Superintendent I. C. Griffin, who is back from Chapel Hill, where he headed a department of the University summer school.

"Last year we made an increase of 253 pupils over the preceding year, which brought the total enrollment to 1,586, and with the same normal increase this year the enrollment should be around 1,850. However, from the large number of new homes being erected in Shelby and the number of new families moving into the town it seems as if the increase will be above normal and exceed that of last year," Mr. Griffin said. A school with a steadily increasing enrollment is one of the best signs of a growing town and Shelby will herald with interest new pupils, although it means sometime in the future larger and better facilities.

Every room in the Shelby schools this year will be occupied and it will be necessary to use one basement room to accommodate the increasing enrollment, it is said. This is an indication of a growing town, more and more children to educate. Two new buildings were completed only two years ago yet every room and one in the basement is filled.

There will be very little, if any change in the school system this year and there are very few faculty changes. Among the new things to be started in the schools will be a high school orchestra headed by W. S. Buchman, one of the teachers, it is said. In discussing the arrival Monday of "Casey" Morris, the new coach, Superintendent Griffin declared that he thought Morris would prove a success here as will his assistant, Prof. T. S. Cheek, another of the new faculty members.

As may be seen in the announcement carried below all children who attended school last year are requested to meet Monday afternoon, September 15, while new pupils will assemble for the first time the following morning. The teachers of the various schools will assemble for organization plans on Monday morning the 15th. The announcement to the patrons of the Shelby schools as given out by Superintendent Griffin is as follows:

"The public schools for both races will open on Monday, September 15. All children of legal school age, are requested and urged to enter promptly in order that the organization and classification of the pupils may be accomplished without delay. Any delay may seriously affect the standing of the pupil for the school year. Your attention is called particularly to the following:

"1. Pupils who attended the Shelby schools last year were promoted are requested to meet Monday afternoon, September 15, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the room where they attended last year.

"2. Pupils who were not promoted, pupils entering the first grade will please meet on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in their respective buildings.

"3. Books for the elementary and high school grades are on sale now at Ebeltoft's and high school books at William and Hamrick's. Pupils are urged to secure their books during the present week to prevent congestion in the stores next Monday and Tuesday. There has been no change made in the list for the elementary grades. The list for each grade has been posted in the book stores, and the local papers are carrying a list in this week's issue. A list may be obtained by calling at the office any day this week.

"4. All children should be vaccinated before school opens unless vaccinated within the last three years."

Gilmers Furniture Dept. Opens Sept 10.

Gilmers Furniture Department will be formally opened to the public on Wednesday September 10th, according to an announcement made in a double page advertisement in this issue. Manager Paul Wootton has secured Mr. E. C. Yount of Hickory as manager of the furniture department. Mr. Yount has for a number of years been connected with W. M. Beck Co., furniture store at Hickory and is a young man of wide experience. Gilmers has three floors filled with beautiful furniture of every description, one main street floor and two upstairs. Several nationally known lines of household and kitchen furniture have been secured by Gilmers and all prices are plainly marked. The advertisement today covers the line well and gives some attractive prices.

Officials Are Now Rushing Work On Big Fair Grounds

Mammoth Grandstand to Seat 2,000 People is Taking Form. Entrance Arch is Being Completed.

In two more weeks the Cleveland County fair grounds on the big 45-acre tract east of town on the Kings Mountain highway will be taking on the appearance of an up-to-date exhibition site for the county's widely advertised inaugural fair October 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. However a force of hands will be at work on parts of the grounds until the very day preceding the fair, so as to have every thing in the best of condition for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors expected.

At present interest at the fair tract centers around the construction of the large grandstand, which is being erected on a knoll near the entrance and overlooking the circling race track, and all parts of the grounds. When completed the stands will comfortably seat 2,000 people and from each seat will be given an unobstructed view of every inch of the race track and those occupying a seat in the stands will be able to see the flying horses from the starter's gun to the judge's tower. Comfort is the first object in erecting the stands and as the seats are arranged the feet and knees of the person behind will not interfere with the pleasure of the person to the front, each seat being individual with a back. The foreman in charge of the stand construction is confident that the stands will be ready to turn over to fair officials by next week.

A Handsome Arch.
The handsome concrete and stucco arch, being erected as a gift to the fair association by Z. B. Weathers & sons well known contractors and builders, is also nearing completion. The Weathers who recently began the manufacture of concrete blocks and roof tile, are using their products on the big entrance arch and from present appearances it will be the best appearing section of the grounds and a good booster for the Weathers products.

Around in all sections of the grounds different forces are at work. Out on the edge of the highway carpenters are completing the big fence with sign painters only short distance behind applying the artistic paint brush. Windows are being put in the big exhibition building and Summey and Spangler are adding a few finishing touches to the race track.

Hoey is Not Afraid of Bob La Follette

Charlotte News.
If the LaFollette-Wheeler ticket makes any marked inroads into the strength of the two old political parties this year, it will be in the Republican and not the Democratic party is the opinion of Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, former congressman of the ninth district, and a keen political student, who believes the clear-cut pronouncements on labor and other topics by John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for the Presidency, is the most refreshing political statement in a decade.

"If labor is honest in its opinions it will find as much definite achievement in its behalf in the past record of the Democratic party as the LaFollette-Wheeler ticket can offer," Mr. Hoey said.

"I believe firmly that the LaFollette-Wheeler ticket will take far more votes from the Republicans because the Republican is the reactionary party and the Democratic during its control of national affairs has always been the one party that represents all classes and is based on the idea that the workingman and the majority body of citizens rather than favored groups should be the object of legislation intended for the national good.

"As to North Carolina, I do not believe that there is going to be a very large following for the LaFollette-Wheeler ticket. There will, of course, be a considerable vote for that ticket, no doubt, in certain sections but not enough to affect the political situation seriously and even in doubtful states I believe that ticket will hardly win a majority."

200 Conversions At Palm Tree Meeting

There were 200 conversions and reclamations at Palm Tree revival meeting which closed Sunday after a two weeks run with Rev. John Green, evangelist minister doing the preaching, according to Mr. B. C. Hicks who was in Shelby yesterday. Mr. Hicks says it was the most far reaching meeting he ever attended. People of all denominations attended for 20 miles around and the spirit of co-operation was most marked. Mr. Green did all of the preaching himself except a sermon or two by Rev. E. N. Crowder of Waxhaw and the oldest people of that section declare they never saw anything like this meeting in interest, spiritual fervor and co-operation.

Postoffice Open Until 10 O'clock

It was announced Monday morning by J. H. Quinn, Shelby postmaster, that the local postoffice will hereafter remain open one hour later at night, or until 10 o'clock. The announcement will be read with interest by the entire citizenship of Shelby as the Kiwanis club, other organizations and the people generally have been behind a movement for sometime to secure an extra hour or more at night. The new closing rule will go into effect Wednesday night, September 10. Orders regarding the additional hour were received Saturday night.

Sunday, Postmaster Quinn was notified that an additional regular clerk may be added to the local force as soon as possible, and it is announced that the new clerk will be put on October 1. With this addition the money order and registration windows will have a full time clerk and will remain open one hour longer. Formerly these windows were open from 9 until 5, but beginning October 1 they will be open from 8 until 6.

BUILDING TAKES A FASTER STRIDE

First National Enlarging Interior Quarters. Several New Homes to Go up. Building on Boom.

The First National bank which has been cramped for sometime for working space and lobby room is overhauling and re-arranging the interior of the bank to give the additional space which is needed for the coming fall business. The lobby will be nearly double in size, while the front working space is also enlarged to permit the various department clerks to be separate and distinct. In the arrangement, several more teller windows are provided to give the customers more prompt attention. Each teller will be in a cage to himself so there will be no interference whatever in attending to business which is important. A telephone system will enable all officials and clerks to communicate with each other and secure information from any department of the bank without the loss of so much time in moving to and fro. Workmen have been busy day and night to get everything in readiness without interruption of the day's business.

New Brick Home.
Mr. Joe Baber, popular coffee salesman, has let the contract to Hendrick and Kennedy for the erection of a handsome two story solid brick residence on a part of the Love property on the Cleveland Springs road. Material is being placed and construction work will begin in a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Laughridge will occupy the residence with Mr. Baber, whose friends say he might have a bride by that time.

On Lineberger Development.
Construction work has started in Belvedere Heights, the Wm. Lineberger development where J. A. Suttle and Mal Spangler are building two handsome two-story brick, veneered homes. Wm. Lineberger expects plans for his new home in a few days which will be built near Messrs Suttle and Spangler. His home will be 800 feet off the Cleveland Springs road, be two stories high of buff brick walls and glazed tile roof. Yards for these three homes were designed by E. S. Draper, landscape architect of Charlotte. Mr. Lineberger is spending \$2,500 in laying water and sewer lines to accommodate the new homes that will be erected on Hawthorn road, a street in the development.

Mr. Lineberger has sold to M. A. Spangler a half interest in three lots, each of which is 100x200 feet facing Hawthorn Road in this development and together they will build three handsome homes to be sold.

Oliver Anthony has plans drawn for the erection of a handsome two story Dutch colonial residence on a corner lot to the rear of Basil Goode's residence.

D. Curtis Weathers has begun construction on his handsome two story brick veneered home to cost \$10,000 on W. Warren street.

Chas. L. Eskridge's new home on W. Marion street, one of the most pretentious residences in Shelby is nearing completion and is one of the most modern and convenient homes in Shelby.

Work is moving along rapidly in the new \$75,000 jail, the foundation has been poured and the masons are ready to begin laying brick on the \$100,000 Masonic building to be four stories high, corner of Washington and Warren streets, A. P. Weathers is completing his two story brick store rooms and apartments on S. Layette street at a cost of -20,000.

The new Central Methodist church (Continued on Page Five.)

STANFORD DENOUNCES THE MODERN DANCE

Says It Is Suggestive, Degrading, Detrimental, Vulgar, Sensual, Wrong and Sinful

Dancing of the modern sort was vigorously and unhesitatingly denounced as wrong and degrading for the young people in a special sermon Sunday night by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the Central Methodist church who preached to a congregation that filled the church to its capacity, extra chairs having to be placed in the aisles in order to seat those who attended. Another subject for his sermon was "Christ crucified in the homes of his friends." He prefaced his remarks by declaring that he has a deep and profound sympathy and love for the young people and rejoices with them in all of their innocent pleasures. It is the burning desire of old and young in this pleasure loving age for pleasure and happiness, God has implanted this desire in our hearts and the keynote of the Gospel is not a sigh but a song, not death but a glorious, immortal life. In part he said "we can never reach the masses and bring the world to the feet of Jesus by going about with long faces. Pleasure here on earth is a birthright."

"In dealing with those who go to the extreme in pleasure, there are two methods in the church today. The human method is to open the doors of the church and kick them out and let them exceed speed limit to degradation. The other way is the scriptural way and that is to appeal to them in an effort to turn them from sin, win them back and save them. The devil has never made such bid for young lives as he is making today.

In speaking of the evils of the modern dance he warned his hearers that the dance is suggestive, degrading, detrimental, vulgar, sensual, wrong and sinful in the sight of God. In giving his reasons for being opposed to the modern dance he cited many which might be summed up as follows: "I think it ignores and violates the laws of health, our argue that it's fine physical exercise. It was never intended to conserve health. The modern dance begins at bedtime and lasts well into the morning. It also flourishes under the cover of darkness. The dance hall is usually in a poorly ventilated room and the dancers are over-heated and improperly clad. Going from the dance hall into the night air undermines one's health. God says our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit yet the dance wrecks this temple.

"The dance largely contributes to the evils of the present day. The cultivation of the foot has taken the place of the cultivation of intellect and hand. It doesn't require much intellect to be graceful on the ball room floor. Boys who fail to pass their examinations at school are usually among the best dancers.

"The modern dance always hinders and retards our spiritual growth. Living in this pleasure loving age and running after the frivolities of life is not calculated to uplift our spirits. God is making a picture of our spiritual growth so what answer would you have to make if these pictures show no growth?

"The modern dance always exercises a great influence against the spirit of God. It stultifies the conscience, weakens the will power and the dancer is led captive by the devil.

"The modern dance strikes a death dealing blow to our moral and religious inclination. In a certain western city, 165 out of 200 fallen women date their downfall to their entrance to the ball room floor. After they had followed the pleasure loving dance, these 165 declared that hope, character, virtue, everything worth while was gone.

"Over a half million women in the United States date the beginning of their downfall to the modern dance. One Catholic priest says 9 out of 10 women who enter the confessional bear the same testimony.

"Fathers and mothers, what will your answer be when God asks where are your children who have entered the ball room upon your encouragement? What about the teachers who go to Cleveland Springs and dance until after midnight Saturday night, then try to lead the children in the ways of righteousness at Sunday school.

"Some one tells you the church is narrow. I challenge the statement. The greatest men have been believers in God and members of the church of Jesus Christ. Do you believe that the men and women whose lives have counted for most in this world have been old fogies? The Baptists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians say it is wrong and are trying to discourage their young people from following the modern dance, and I thank God that the Methodist church is against the dance which is debauching the young life of America today.

"Another reason why the modern

First Bale of Cotton is Sold

Cleveland county's first bale of "new cotton" was sold in Shelby Friday morning to the Shelby Cotton mills by Mr. J. B. Hamrick, who lives two miles south of town on the J. L. Putnam land near Zoar church. The bale, which weighed 478 pounds, sold for 30 cents per pound, a "premium price" being paid for the first bale.

Twenty-nine years ago The Cleveland Star recorded that the first bale of cotton was brought in by Robt. C. Hopper, of Earl, and sold to A. C. Miller for 8.65 per pound. The bale was brought in on Tuesday, September 10, or five days later than the first bale this year. As will be noticed there was a difference in price of 21.35 cents per pound, which would amount to over \$100 on a 478-pound bale.

JUDGE WEBB TELLS ABOUT HIS TRIP

The Kiwanis program Thursday evening at Cleveland Springs hotel was featured by a brief description of an European tour by Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, who with his daughter Miss Elizabeth, recently returned from a tour of seven foreign countries. Judge Webb was limited in time, but in the short interval allotted him he gave the Kiwanis a clear, although hurried view of the high spots appealing to him.

The sturdiness and solidness of England and the English people is the first thing an American notices after a visit there, according to the Shelby jurist. The people are steady and in a manner easy-going and minus practically all humorous qualities. The people, England in general were compared to their railroads, which have concrete road beds, concrete ties and braced rails. Among the spots touched upon were the famous Italian pilgrimages, the Forum, Applan Way and the Coliseum. Judge Webb concurred in the philosophy that the Italian people are the dirtiest and most artistic in the world. In speaking of his visit to several of the more widely known battlefields of the World War the Federal jurist made a plea for the League of Nations, or International Court of Justice, "or anything to end war." "Civilization must put an end to war or war will put an end to civilization," he declared. Life in France and Belgium where no one hurries was next taken up. In France no one lives in cities and towns, going out each day for their farm work.

In concluding Judge Webb was thankful that he was born an American and he repeated in part a speech made by him on the boat returning in which he spoke complimentary to the South and America to a group of foreigners and college students.

Small Boy Injured When Struck by Car

Donald McSwain, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Landon McSwain, was painfully injured Saturday evening just before sundown when struck by a car driven by Mr. Shafter Hamrick, young farmer of the Beaver Dam section west of Shelby, the mishap occurring on West Warren street near the home of the small boy. From all reports the accident seems to have been unavoidable, and it was reported Monday from the hospital that the child was getting along fine, there being no bones broken or serious internal injuries found upon examination.

Mr. Hamrick was going along at a moderate rate of speed, according to himself and others, and did not know that he struck the child until he heard the jingle on the street of the broken glass from one of his headlights. He immediately stopped after seeing the child sprawled upon the street, and after locating its parents took the child to the hospital. It being near sunset Mr. Hamrick says that the glare from the sun must have prevented his seeing the child until after it was struck.

Following the accident Mr. Hamrick at his own request, was placed under a \$300 bond by Judge Falls.

It's cheaper to subscribe for The Star nine months for the boy in college than it is to send your own.

dance is wrong is that none of us live to ourselves; each life touches another and exerts an influence for good or evil. What would you think if you read in the local paper that Mrs. C. F. Sherrill gave a 'delightful bridge' party, Rev and Mrs. R. L. Lemons were dancing or A. L. Stanford was tangoing at Cleveland? If it's wrong for the preacher, it is wrong for you. God judges laymen and preachers by the same standards."

Farmers to Discuss Farming Lighting At Two More Places

Meeting Tuesday Night at Earl, Friday Night in the Bethlehem Community.

Rural farm lighting seems to be the next development uppermost in the minds of the farmers of Cleveland county who are instituting one of the most forward steps in any rural section in United States, according to the leading electrical trade journals. If present plans, sponsored by the Cleveland Board of agriculture, are carried out, there will be four rural lighting systems, one in each of the four sections of the county, north, east, south and west of Shelby.

The Bethlehem community club will meet Friday night September 12th to discuss putting in a direct electric lighting system for the community, according to J. S. McSwain of that section. Mr. McSwain writes, "we are hoping to get lights in our section at a nearly date and we also have a discussion for the coming meeting on things pertaining to the community and county fairs which will be of interest to anyone who wishes to take part in the fairs. Attorney Charlie Burrus, county prosecuting attorney will be present at the Bethlehem meeting and give some entertaining music."

Mr. John Borders of No. 3 township says there was an interesting meeting at Patterson Springs Friday night of last week at which the lighting system for that community was discussed and there will be a similar meeting at Earl on Tuesday night of this week. After these meetings are held representative men from these communities are coming to Shelby to discuss with the Board of Aldermen the matter of securing power from the town.

Similar plans for lighting systems are under way to serve Boiling Springs, Lattimore and Mooresboro on the west and one to serve Cass, Belwood and Fallston from the Lawndale plant in the north of the county.

LEE COLEMAN GETS BOND FOR KILLING

In a preliminary hearing Monday morning before Recorder B. T. Falls, Lee Coleman, colored laundry worker, was allowed bond of \$1,000 until the October term of Superior court on the charge of killing Ernest Rudaasil, also colored. Coleman offered the "unwritten law" plea, while the state prosecution asked for a murder charge. Rudaasil who died last Wednesday evening in the Shelby hospital, was shot Tuesday evening by Coleman, in the bedroom of Coleman's wife in the home of Coleman. Witnesses for the state included Chief Hamrick and Policeman Hester who were called to the scene of the killing and through the witnesses the state attempted to show that there was no immediate cause to bring on the killing. After the state asked that Coleman be held on a first degree murder charge O. Max Gardner, representing Coleman, had the defendant placed on the stand. Coleman, who works for a Forest City laundry testified that he came home unexpectedly and that looking through a window into the bedroom, the window shade not being all the way down, he saw his wife and Rudaasil in a compromising situation on the bed. Immediately, he said, he entered the house from the front and after talking a few words with his wife started shooting Rudaasil who was advancing on him with a chair. When the officers arrived the two negroes were in the yard scuffling over the gun, according to the testimony. Solicitor Burrus was aided in the prosecution by Clyde R. Hoey.

"Hollywood" Coming To Princess Theatre

James Cruze's new production, "Hollywood", a marvelous picture will be on at the Princess theatre on Tuesday. A touching story of the movies on the inside with stars so plentiful they are used as extras. The girl and her granddad visited Hollywood, the girl failed, in a way, but the old fellow made the grade. See this picture.

Wednesday, "Between Friends," a Vitagraph masterpiece will be shown Boyhood chums, both sculptors, one has a wife, the other is welcomed as a friend—and then one falls in love with his beautiful model. Well, the model furnishes the scenic and everything is interesting. A good comedy is also an added attraction. Thursday Thomas Hardy's popular heroine, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," will be shown on the screen. The heart of all humanity has thrilled to the story of "Tess." The lovely girl caught in the coils of Fate, betrayed, and then seeking vengeance. The most appealing of love stories.

TRY STAR WANT ADS.

SHELBY TAX RATE TO BE MADE \$1.35

Increase Made Necessary Because of Schools and Obligations Coming Water & Lights Net \$28,000.

When the mayor and board of aldermen meet in regular session Tuesday night of this week they will pass upon the tax levy for this year which has practically been agreed upon at \$1.35, an increase of 25c over last year the increase due to the requirements of \$5,000 more for the public schools over last year and to other obligations such as bonds and interest which are falling due.

In addition to levying the tax rate, the city fathers will also go into the details of the report of the engineers on the pump station which needs rehabilitation in order to supply the town with sufficient water. The question will be how far to go toward rebuilding the plant or whether to make it over almost entirely with a large reservoir sufficient in size to meet the needs of Shelby for ten or twenty years.

It is interesting to note the report on file in the City Hall that the electric light and water plants earned net profits, as follows:
Electric light plant \$21,395.95
Water plant 6,721.82

Total \$28,117.77
During the past year the profits from said two plants have largely been used in making extensions, but assuming that the profits from these plants next year are as much as the past year approximately \$23,000 can be paid on the town's obligations, leaving \$5,000 for extensions of the water and lights plants out of the profits of these two municipally owned enterprises.

Town's Requirements.
The town's requirements in the matter of finances for general purposes is as follows:

Street and sidewalk maintenance \$6,636.00
Fire department 2,273.00
Police department 3,283.00
Civic betterment 1,500.00
Administrative department 6,000.00
Building and Loan dues 1,155.00

Total \$20,847.00
The town's bonded indebtedness is over a half million dollars, distributed as follows:

Water works \$189,000.00
Schools 110,000.00
Electric lights 9,500.00
Streets and sidewalks 175,000.00
Refunding bonds 25,000.00
Funding bonds 15,000.00
Notes, etc. 15,000.00

Total \$538,500.00
These bonds bear five per cent interest and it requires \$26,925.00 annually to meet the interest coupons as they fall due. In making up the budget it is necessary to levy a tax rate at 45 cents to care for the interest on bonded indebtedness.

Just how the tax rate will be divided remains to be settled at tonight's meeting. It has been found necessary to raise the rate of last year which was \$1.10 and it is very probable that the rate will have to be \$1.35. There are three demands for the increase: (1) to provide approximately \$5,000 more for schools; (2) to provide for interest on bonds and (3) to provide for sinking funds to meet bonds to the amount of \$12,000 coming due.

Officers Elected At First Baptist

Sunday school officers for the First Baptist church were elected as follows for the ensuing year: John P. Mull superintendent; C. R. Hamrick, assistant; A. M. Hamrick secretary, A. V. Hamrick assistant; M. A. Spangler, treasurer, Max Washburn, assistant; Stough Hopper, librarian; J. F. Ledford, assistant; Mrs. L. P. Holland, organist.

Church officers were elected as follows: J. H. Quinn, clerk; A. C. Hamrick, assistant clerk; J. L. Suttle, financial secretary; H. F. Young, treasurer current fund; Miss Ora Eskridge, treasurer benevolent fund; Mrs. Pitt Beam, organist; Miss Bertha Bostic assistant; Miss Lucile Nix, librarian; Miss Mayme Roberts, assistant; Miss Oeland Washburn, B. Y. P. U. leader; W. H. Hudson chairman finance committee; S. A. McMurry chairman usher committee; B. T. Falls chairman library committee; H. D. Wilson chairman house committee; J. J. Lattimore chairman music committee; C. C. Blanton, chairman welcome committee; Lee B. Weathers chairman publicity committee; Mrs. J. W. Suttle director woman's work.

New deacons and deaconesses: J. P. Mull, J. C. Newton, George P. Webb, Mrs. Rush Stroup and Mrs. C. A. Doggett.

If you wrote a letter twice each week to the boy or girl in school it would cost \$1.44 for stamps alone. The Star will go for \$1.50 altogether.

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