

PAID-UP CIRCULATION
Of This Paper Is Greater
Than The Population Given
Shelby In The 1920 Census

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SHELBY AND SUBURBAN SCHOOLS HAVE ENROLLMENT OF NEAR 2,000

500 More Pupils Are Expected.
Every Room Crowded. Comparison By Tables.

Almost 2,000 children enrolled last week to the city schools of Shelby and suburbs, according to a survey made out by City Superintendent I. C. Griffin. Around 500 more pupils are expected to come in during the year and the total enrollment by Xmas may be swelled to 2,500, which will surpass any town of similar size in the state, it is claimed. The total enrollment the first week in the city and suburban schools was 1,949, 1,344 of which are in the six uptown schools.

The following enrollments were recorded last week:

Marion school	231
LaFayette	189
Central elementary	225
Junior high	175
Senior high	287
Colored	237
Total	1,344
South Shelby (Open Sept. 1.)	375
Eastside (last year)	120
Dover (last year)	110
Total	1,494

The schools within the city limits are crowded, every room being occupied and one class had to be placed in the auditorium of the Marion building. There are but 26 class rooms for white children and there were 1,197 white children present the first day, an average of 31 pupils to each room.

Other Years.

It might be of interest to compare the first day enrollments of this and other years:

1916—654; 1917—702; 1918—759; 1919—842; 1920—928; 1921—982; 1922—1,070; 1923—1,114; 1924—1,344.

Below is a table which gives the enrollment and the average cost per pupil paid out of local taxes for a period of eight years:

Year	Enroll-	Tax	Pupil	Cost
1915-16	684	\$ 5,405.67	8.00	
1916-17	886	6,206.45	7.00	
1917-18	773	6,938.90	7.00	
1918-19	913	7,613.07	7.00	
1919-20	965	7,221.96	7.30	
1920-21	1,058	8,464.00	8.00	
1921-22	1,237	10,305.00	8.80	
1922-23	1,331	12,670.00	9.50	
1923-24	1,588	15,962.90	10.00	

This table shows a slight increase in the local tax cost per pupil for the past eight years. Any business man will recognize readily that the increase in the cost of operating the schools has not kept up with increase in operating any other business. Certain additional features, very necessary to the efficiency of the public schools, have been added during these eight years, some of these additions are:

Increased length of school term in elementary grades from eight to nine months (required by law); public school music in each grade; commercial department for pupils financially unable to go to college; teacher training department; physical education.

The table shows that it costs, on an average, about \$1.10 a month, or less than six cents a day, so far as local taxes are concerned, to send a child to the public schools in Shelby. There are, of course, other sources of revenue for operating the schools. The Federal and state governments and the county pay about three-fourths of the expenses. The total cost per pupil including all operating expenses, is about \$4.00 per month, or twenty cents a day. Any reputable private high school charges more than this for tuition. The average cost per pupil in 25 towns in North Carolina, the size of Shelby, is slightly above \$4.50 a month.

To Show Forbidden Story at Princess

Gloria Swanson is the star in "Blue beard's 8th Wife" to be presented at the New Princess theatre Tuesday. In the picture Gloria Glittery more brilliantly than ever as the roguish, modish French beauty, married to a modern Bluebeard. Flirting outrageously she captures his fickle heart. "Revelation," film taken from Mabel Wagnall's book "The Rosebud of a Thousand Years," is the feature Wednesday. It's the story of the wild little devil of Paris—Joline, of the cafe of Three Delights in the heart of Montmartre, who posed for her artist lover, bewitching and beautiful, as Salome, Sappho and Cleopatra.

Thursday comes an unusual picture, a forbidden story shown on the screen. "Poisoned Paradise" is taken from Service's vivid novel of Paris and Monte Carlo—made from a book that is banned by Continental Police because it tells too much. What the story tells is of a gay fast, "shoot it all" life featuring a reckless young widow—it's the real story of Monte Carlo, the center of —.

EDITORS ENJOY MEET AT RUTHERFORDTON

Discuss Relations Between Paper and Farm Agents. Ride Over County and Banquet at Isothermal.

About 20 editors of the Western North Carolina Weekly Press association met Friday afternoon and night at Rutherfordton, holding their sessions in the handsome new Isothermal hotel. Every minute of the time the editors were guests at Rutherfordton they were shown every courtesy, the social attention consisting of a ride over a part of the county to inspect the rug factory and Stonecutter gingham mill at Spindale, and the Alexander Manufacturing Co., at Forest City with a stop-over at Forest City where the Kiwanis club was told.

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PUBLIC MEET HELD HERE BY KLANSMEN

Robed Members Attend Parade Court Square and Visit Negro Pool Room. Hammie Speaks.

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Tells Klan Principles.

Hammie, a fluent although not prepossessing talker, explained during his address the principles of the Klan: detailed the opposing forces of the Klan, and told of the need of the organization in this, and other states. At the close of his speech four of the robed knights passed through the audience distributing cards to be mailed to "Time-Blitz," general delivery, Shelby, by those interested and desiring to hear more concerning the Klan. The dominant principle of the Klan is "America First, Last and Always," according to the speaker, who described the organization as the "most sublime lineage in history, and here yesterday, here today, here forever."

Visit Negro Pool Room.

At the close of the meeting in the court house the robed members paraded the "court square" in single file while large number of Shelby people looked on. After a short consultation held on the square the Klansmen marched off in a body to the railroad yards where they marched in single file, never breaking their silence, by the doors of the negro pool room and dance hall there. The negroes there huddled around the doors as silent as the Klansmen, and needless to say the ivory balls clicked very little and music hushed for the remainder of the night. One aged negro, who came from down South, where the Klan is better known, gathered his coat in his arm and departed for home rather hurriedly with the remark that "It's time fuhs us folks to go home."

The colored janitor at the court house was busily engaged in sweeping out the offices on the first floor of the building when the meeting started there. He had been notified of the meeting and told that no one would bother him, but every sweep of the broom he peered about the dark corridors and beads of perspiration stood out all over his face. Just where he was when the robed Klansmen came in is not known, but his sweeping was done when they came down.

The majority of the robed Klansmen, it is said, were from Forest City, while others who came here in yellow cabs are thought to have been from Charlotte, Gastonia, and probably Mt. Holly. The strength of the organization here, recently formed, is not known publicly.

VETERAN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY BURIED AT CONCORD

David Beam Harrill who has many relatives in Cleveland county died Saturday morning at 1 o'clock at his home near Bostic and his remains were buried Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Concord Church near his home, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. I. D. Harrill and Rev. Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Harrill was a veteran of the Civil War and 85 years old. His wife preceded him to the grave four years ago. Surviving are five children, Miss Carrie Harrill, Mrs. Wm. McArthur, Bate Harrill, Mrs. Blanche Carson and Lox Harrill.

Messrs. C. R. Doggett and John

Kiwanians Told Of Carolina Show By Charlotte Jurist

Judge Wade Williams And Manager Reynolds Of Made-In-Carolinas Exposition Are Guests.

The Shelby Kiwanis club was told Thursday evening of the Made-In-Carolinas Exposition, which opened Monday in Charlotte and will continue through October 4. Guests of the hub as representatives of the exposition were Judge Wade Williams, of the Charlotte city court, and Manager Reynolds of the exposition.

"The show this year will be bigger and better and more comprehensive than ever before," declared Judge Williams in the course of a short talk to the members of the club. "The Kiwanians are to take part in 'Kiwanis Day.' Manager Reynolds introduced Judge Williams as the man who "socks it to Shelby speeders on occasion in Charlotte," but the jurist relieved himself of embarrassment by stating that he would abdicate for two weeks during the exposition.

The Carolinas exposition, a presentation of Carolina products to Carolina people, is now one of the best known and largest attended industrial shows in the South. The idea of the pulling power of the show may be derived from the fact that only 800 people saw the exhibits on the opening day four years ago, but on the fourth day 8,000 people attended. Gross attendance in 1923 reached 90,000. Troops from Fort Bragg are in Charlotte and will participate in parades and other features during the two weeks.

A decidedly attractive feature added this year is an unusual textile exhibit. This exhibit is in place, constituting more than fifty looms manufacturing specialties and finer dress goods only. These have been installed to emphasize the idea of textile diversification in the Carolinas, and are the result of work done by special committee appointed by the presidents of the North Carolina and South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers associations. The exhibit of ancient and modern textiles—dating back two thousand years—brought down from the museums in New York, Brooklyn and Boston by M. D. C. Crawford, editor of the New York Daily Record, will be shown under the direct supervision of Edmund Fairchild, Jr., of the Fairchild publications. This will be the second time this exhibit has ever been brought together for public inspection, the first time three years ago in Boston when more than 100,000 people were attracted to it. Textile Diversification day is Thursday, Oct. 26th, when addresses will be made by representatives of the department of commerce and Mr. Crawford.

More than 100,000 people are expected to visit the exposition.

Oyster "Shucker" Is Now Cotton Picker

Senator Sam Lattimore Makes Farm Hands Out of Negro Circus Stragglers Cast Adrift Here.

It is a long jump from the New England coast to the cotton fields of the South, but the prosperity that once lured Southern negroes North is now having an opposite effect and the lure is southward. Proof of the lure may be found on the big cotton farm of Senator Sam C. Lattimore, where a one-time oyster "shucker" is now a star cotton picker and a Pittsburgh steel worker is a champion corn cutter.

Last week a circus struck Shelby and changed hands while here. As is usual there were a number of stragglers along and hands who were looking for another job because of the non-arrival of pay days. A group of dejected negro circus followers from Kipling's "bit o' everywhere" were hanging around the big tent, when a friendly Shelby negro remarked: "Fellas, yonder goes Senator Sam Lattimore, he kin wuk all of you." And right there Mr. Lattimore started a little street parade of his own. Practically every negro with the circus and a group of whites started following him, and they followed him until they all got jobs, that is the ones who really wanted work. Senator Lattimore scattered them about over the county on the large farms and took what remained home with him. Only three remain two of the three are good workers, but the third may be cast adrift soon. One is an exceptional farm hand, Mr. Lattimore says. All of the negro's life has been spent "shucking" oysters on the New England coast and his fingers adapted themselves to the cotton bolls with more ease than those of the usual Northern negro. The other was a steel worker from Pittsburgh and the only task on which he can make much headway is cutting and shocking corn.

This is an opportunity to hear a man of unusual ability and one who is deeply interested in you and your welfare. He will go into the subject of marketing cotton and show you the losses that you are suffering from the present dumping method and the gains which will come from proper handling.

You should do all in your power to be present and bring as many people with you as possible, because your community should show its appreciation for the opportunity of hearing Mr. Lattimore.

Did you ever stop to think that if a man sells for "Cash" he eliminates the delivery charges, extra help and bad accounts. Why shouldn't the consumer benefit by helping themselves at Piggy-Wiggly.

When a fellow fights for the best, he often gets licked the worst.

TO LAY MASONIC CORNER TUESDAY

Officers of Grand Lodge and Oasis Band Coming. C. R. Hoy Orator—Ceremony Tuesday September 30th

All plans have been completed for the official laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic temple on Tuesday September 30th, the temple being under construction on the lot at the corner of LaFayette and Warren streets for which the Masons paid \$20,000 some year or two ago. The ceremony will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and those who have charge of the occasion say that the largest crowd of Masons ever assembled in Shelby will be present. All of the members of the eleven lodges in Cleveland county as well as the members of the lodges in Rutherford, Lincoln, Gaston and Catawba counties are being invited to attend. Construction work on the Masonic Temple started a few weeks ago, the building and equipment to cost approximately \$150,000. J. F. Little & Sons of Charlotte have the contract and they are rushing the work as rapidly as possible, hoping to have the roof on by Fall and the building ready for occupancy by May 1st, 1925. W. G. Rogers of Charlotte was the architect for the building.

Cassi Band Coming

The Oasis Shrine band of Charlotte consisting of eighty pieces, the members in full regalia, will furnish music for the cornerstone laying, while Mrs. George A. Hoyle has charge of assembling a special choir to do the singing. All of the grand lodge officers have expressed themselves as wanting to come to Shelby for this occasion and it is expected that the Grand Lodge will be represented in full. Hon. Clyde R. Hoy of Shelby will be the orator for the occasion.

Sixty years ago this year the Masons of Shelby built the present Lodge room, now occupied by the W. L. Fanning Company Store, at a cost of about \$3,000. Being centrally located this building sold four months ago to the Riviere Drug Company for \$40,000.

Four Stories High

The building now four stories high will represent an outlay for building and equipment of about \$150,000 and will be one of the most handsome Masonic temples in North Carolina.

The first floor will be arranged for store rooms; the second for the ladies clubs and an assembly room, kitchen and dining room. The third floor will be used for the Knights Templars and the Royal Arch Masons, while the fourth floor will be used by the Blue Lodge Masons. The fourth floor will be furnished in every detail for