

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey

President N. C. Federation Wesley Bible Classes and teacher of Mea's Bible Class of Central Methodist Church, Shelby.

**SHELBY BIBLE TEACHER IS HEAD OF WESLEY FEDERATION IN THIS STATE**

(By Renn Drum.)

Shelby is considered one of the best "Sunday school towns in North Carolina," generally speaking. More men and boys attend Sunday school in Shelby regularly than any town of similar size in the state. The teachers of the various classes of men and boys attend Sunday school in Shelby regularly than any town of similar size in the state. The teachers of the various classes of men are more than anything else the answer to this large attendance. Central Methodist church

has a Wesley Bible Class that is pointed out as an example class throughout the southern conference. Many explanations may be given as to why it is an outstanding class, but the members of the class have only one explanation—Clyde R. Hoey. A close observer catches the impression that the former congressman gets more pleasure out of that one hour each Sunday morning than from any other one thing in life, and the observation is not far from true. Perhaps that is the secret of the power

with which he holds the undivided attention of the 200 men who eagerly return Sunday after Sunday. Those who have heard the man known in the Halls of Congress as the "Silver-tongue of the South" only on the political stage or before the bar, as one of the state's greatest lawyers, do not really know the man at all. It's before his Bible class, the class of which he is the magnetic drawing card, that he really is great.

**Unusual Growth.**

When the Central Bible class was first organized there were 12 members on roll with an average attendance of five. The average attendance, organization and the enrollment is 21 times as large. Ward Arey, who supervises attendance and such matters, says that the present enrollment is 265 with an average attendance of 175.

**Class is "Human."**

Knockers and their allies in the complaining class of people have the opinion that the Bible class spirit ends at the door when the lecture is complete, but it is not so with the Central class, which functions 24 hours a day, seven days each week. When a little card remains dangling on the membership board someone knows in a very short time where that member is. If he happens to be sick he is remembered in a prayer by class and also by visits from the sick committee. If carelessness about attending kept the card on the board someone reminds the missing member before the next Sunday, and working in such a manner the attendance committee keeps up the average of the "example class."

Down at the Children's Home at Winston-Salem is an orphan youngster, but one who has 265 "dads"—the members of the Central class. Sometimes back the class began the upkeep of the boy, and as the holiday seasons, that mean so much to a youngster roll around, Robert is never forgotten, and perhaps he would have a bit more fun if he could see the dignified members and the young, lively fellows scrambling for the table to "chip in" on making life worth living for Robert.

**Commodious Quarters.**

When the new church edifice is completed the Bible class will have larger and better equipped quarters. Hitherto the class has been meeting in one of the halls of the municipal building adjoining the old church, but on many occasions the room was inadequate and unable to comfortably seat those attending. Visitors come from far and near for the privilege of hearing Mr. Hoey and seeing the "example class" and when in the new quarters the invitation will be made more general and the attendance committee will open a new campaign for more members.

**Kingsport Brick Is Liked In Shelby, N. C.**

The fact that the recent and better buildings, both private and public in Shelby, have used the product of the Kingsport Brick corporation of Kingsport, Tenn., is undisputable evidence of their quality. J. D. Lineberger's Sons are the selling agents for Kingsport brick in this territory and seldom does a building of the better class go up without using all or part of the Kingsport products. The plant has a daily capacity of 150,000 brick in the following kinds—shale common brick, colonial sand faced brick, red rough texture, mingled shade rough texture, red rug texture and mingled shade rug texture.

W. C. and Rea Hinson who maintain offices in the Latta Arcade at Charlotte are the representatives of Kingsport Brick corporation in the Carolinas and these are both enterprising and reliable men who sold more than seven million Kingsports in the two Carolinas last year and indications are that the sales will run several millions higher in 1924.

The page advertisement in this section gives a partial list of churches that have used Kingsports within the last few years. So satisfactory have the users been that they have sung the praises of Kingsports and the demand is, almost, beyond the plant's capacity.

**Dudley's Plumbing In Central Church**

J. G. Dudley was the lowest bidder on the plumbing for the Central Methodist Church building and the work is in perfect keeping with the magnificent structure. Mr. Dudley received the bid in competition with many others and has done some of the largest contracts let in this section, including cotton mills, public buildings and homes, both large and small. In point of experience, Mr. Dudley is Shelby's oldest heating and sanitary engineer.

Mr. Dudley has opened up a beautiful show and sales room in Shelby on East Warren street where he has broadened his lines which include sheet metal, Oil-o-matic oil burners, Frigidare Electric Refrigerators, Fairbanks-Morse Home water and Light plants, Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engines and Arcola heating systems for small homes. All who know these lines will have to admit that he has chosen good agencies and he is now prepared to go a step further and do the heating and wiring for country homes which seems to be coming in Cleveland, this county organizing four distinct rural lighting systems to electrify the rural sections.

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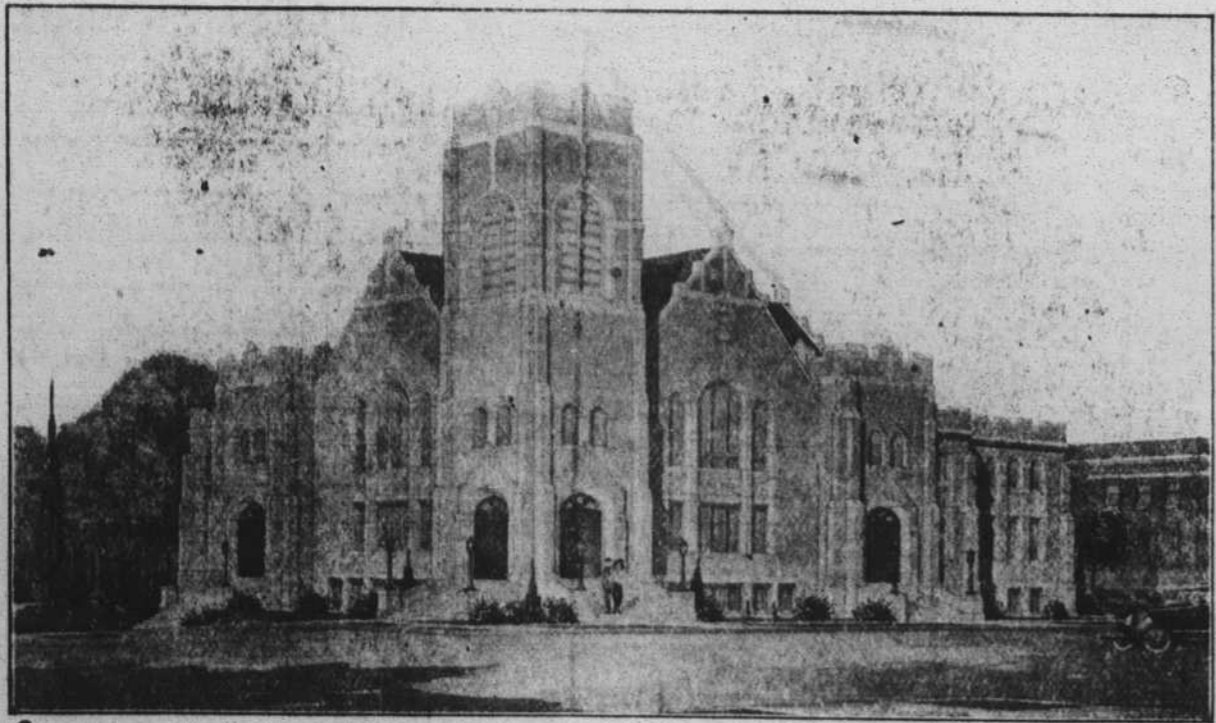
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