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## KIWANIS TALKS "SELLING SHELBY"

Local Boosting Men Guests Of Club  
At Travel Meeting, An-  
nounce New Directors.

"Selling Shelby to the Outside World" was the theme of the program held Thursday evening by the Kiwanis club. Dr. Reuben McBrayer having charge of the meeting. The occasion was that of the club's entertainment of Post O of the T. P. A., of Shelby. Introducing the program Dr. McBrayer told how the "knights of the grip" can sell Shelby and then in a divided program officials of the salesmen's organization presented the query as to what Shelby and Cleveland county have to boost, and the queries were answered by selected members of the Kiwanis club.

New Directors.  
Prior to the regular program the director for the incoming year elected at the last meeting, were announced as follows: C. S. Young, wholesaler; J. F. Roberts, secretary; Shelby Building & Loan; Lee B. Weathers, editor Cleveland Star; Paul Webb, druggist; J. S. Dorton, veterinarian and fair secretary; George Blanton, banker; D. Z. Newton, attorney.

What Has Shelby To Sell?

"The first thought that enters a prospective buyer's mind when a travelling man calls upon him is 'what have you to sell,'" declared Mr. John P. McKnight as spokesman for the T. P. A. "I direct the question to you. What have you gentlemen to sell, or what would you have us sell to the outside world? Have you a town of good law-abiding citizens, where a man may leave his wife and children and know that they are safe; have you a good school system? Does your citizenship have a real conception of physical training, ample playgrounds and equipment? Does your town have proper regard for things spiritual and have suitable places of worship? These, with proper climate, expert doctors and well-equipped hospitals appeal to the inner nature of the travelling man, and weigh heaviest in selling your town to him. Have you a growing town in which a man may invest his salary with safety? A progressive citizen, which he may point out with pride? Have you suitable railroads and highways with convenient schedules and accessible? What has Shelby that we may sell?"

Real Town and County.

Rev. W. A. Murray, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and one of the three Kiwanians to respond, took up particularly the query regarding the citizenship and the town morally. "There is in Shelby a citizenship of high culture and intelligence. In traveling from Currituck to Cherokee I have never found a town with a better balanced and friendly people, he declared." Shelby is decidedly a college town and here in this group are many college educated men. As for Shelby spiritually, the town is famed for its church going people and large Sunday school classes." The Presbyterian pastor took occasion to refer to details of Shelby's better make-up, but in concluding he also brought out the weak points, "took stock," so to say, that the evils might be remedied.

Dr. E. B. Lattimore presented the qualities of the town from the physical standpoint. Declaring that Shelby is surpassed by no town in uniform and healthful climate; well named with physicians and with a "hospital and staff second to none." "Typhoid fever is almost an unknown thing here. In fact a family in which there is fever seems ashamed of the fact. As for malaria, we doctors know nothing about it except what we have learned from outsiders coming in. Our death rate is low, our birth rate is high, our general health fine."

Shelby, a good place to invest savings, backed up by a famous county, easily accessible and with two live civic organizations were the selling points of Lee B. Weathers. "Shelby is a town that has perhaps shown a steeper growth during the last three years than any other in the state. The county seat of a county that has never known a bank failure. A town where real estate always swings upward, where the majority of the people own their own homes—Shelby, one of the safest investments in the state. Moreover, Shelby is the center and leading town of one of the greatest agricultural counties in the South—a farming county known far and wide. Made famous by a thrifty and energetic farm people, diversified farming, unusual cotton production, and last but not least by a great electric light program in the rural sections. With branches of two railroads and on the average two motor buses every hour the town can be reached or left easily and is ideally located for the travelling man. Boosting the town are two wide-awake civic organizations, the Kiwanis club and the civic department of the Woman's Club." Mr. Weathers took occasion to

## Gilmer Bros. Buy Spangler Property

John and Powell Gilmer of Winston-Salem who formerly owned controlling interest in the Gilmer chain of department stores, have purchased the J. W. Spangler property on East Marion street with a 200 foot frontage and 200 foot depth. This property contains the Spangler residence and filling station where Mr. Spangler has been operating a used car business. The consideration is reported to be a fancy price, but no authoritative information as to this can be secured. The deed states "\$10 and other valuable consideration." Gilmer occupy a six story building in Winston-Salem, being distributors of the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile in a large territory. Just what they intend to do with the property has not been announced.

S. C. New has secured a lease on the filling station and is operating it, while Mr. Spangler will occupy his residence until spring. Mr. Spangler has rented space in the large Cleveland Motor company garage (Gardner building) on S. LaFayette street where he will conduct his used car and battery business.

## License Tags Now At Half Price

Automobile license tags may now be secured at half-price according to an announcement received from Secretary of State Everett by Wade Hoey, manager of the local branch of the Carolina Motor club and the Shelby department of the state license bureau. The half price order went into effect on Saturday of last week, December 20.

The bureau announces however that the reduction does not apply to cars bought prior to December 20, full price being required for such cars. The reduction applies only to cars secured after December 20. Formerly this ruling went into effect on the 1st of the year, but was moved up this year by the state department.

## Ten New Members To County Poultry Club

Ten new members were added to the Cleveland County Poultry association at the chicken dinner served Saturday night at Earl school house by Mrs. E. B. Olive and her poultry raising neighbors. The dinner was principally of Cleveland county bred chickens cooked in every conceivable style and served in a bountiful manner to all present. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, declared Rev. John W. Suttle and much interest was aroused in the poultry association. More chicken dinners will be served in various parts of the county during the coming year.

## Capt. Wagner Moves To Shelby To Reside

Capt. L. J. Wagner, well and favorably known in Shelby where he has been contracting for public work for the past few years, and known to be fond of Shelby and her citizens, has decided to cast his lot with us. Capt. Wagner has many friends here and all will rejoice at his decision. His first move was to deposit his money in the bank, next buy a piece of real estate then make plans for the erection of a home. He has purchased a lot on the Cleveland Springs road from the Shelby Building Co., and where the old Hoey home place was, he will erect a beautiful California bungalow. Mrs. Wagner will come from Atlanta and join him when it is finished, while his son Mr. Fred Wagner and wife will also make their home with him. Mr. Wagner and son have leased from the town of Shelby the old rock quarry where they are installing machinery for the crushing of stone.

Mrs. J. T. Ramsey, who has been ill at her home here, is reported improving.

note that the Civic department, a useful and vigilant group of women, is handicapped to a great extent by a lack of funds. He also noted the discontinuance of two Seaboard trains and what the removal may eventually mean, together with the idea that in the near future the P. & N. may be extended from Gastonia to Spartanburg by way of Shelby.

At the conclusion of the program the club was thanked for the entertainment by Mr. Hugh Hunt, representing the guests. "The best selling point for Shelby I know, is the fact every man here Kiwanian and travelling man calls Shelby home." Mr. McKnight just prior to adjournment stated that within a short time the T. P. A. would hold a like meeting with the continued idea of selling Shelby to the outsider.

## Unusual Episode In No. 8 Township Up Before Recorder

Intoxicated Man Impersonates Officer and Attempts Arrest of Licensed Preacher.

A case unusual in its sidelights was "aired" before Recorder Mull Saturday morning when Everett Downs was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, impersonating an officer, forcible trespass and driving a car while intoxicated. Downs on all of the charges was given a four month sentence and total fines of \$100 and the costs, an appeal being entered by his counsel, Attorney D. Z. Newton and bond set at \$500.

It seems from the evidence that on Friday evening a week ago, one Wilson Smart, licensed to preach in the Northern Methodist church was in his home studying his Bible about nightfall when a car drove up in his yard. Smart lives on the farm of Mr. Elliott in No. 8 between Hollis and Polkville. A man, who was a stranger to him, was in the car according to Smart. After asking for a drink of water the stranger, Downs, who seemed to Smart to be intoxicated, asked Smart if he remembered making liquor some months back. This was denied by the licensed preacher, whereupon Smart says Downs informed him that he had come to arrest him, being a state marshal. A badge was exhibited and as Smart protested he says a gun came into view and helped persuade him in the car. At first Smart testified, Downs offered to let him escape. As the two argued in the kitchen door and took a hand by ordering Downs to leave. Finally she re-entered the house for the family shot-gun and at this period Smart and his small son testified that Downs told her that she would "have to shoot pretty quick" if she returned with the shot-gun. At this statement it seemed that Smart jumped from the car and went after the gun himself.

When he returned with his shot-gun Downs was driving away in his car and Smart shot once at the rear of the car and again as it proceeded down the road he testified. During the entire affair there was considerable profanity, according to the evidence, and Smart on the stand declared that should there be another such occurrence he would be on trial, not Downs. An attempt was made to connect the licensed preacher with "moonshining" some time in his past, and he admitted having been "a bit wild" before he became a Christian, and uneducated yet but serving his Master. It appeared from an informal question that the preacher had accompanied officers on the raid of a still and that the trip might have some bearing with the episode.

No evidence was offered by the defendant, two of whose witnesses did not show up. His defense by his attorney was based upon lack of knowledge of what he did owing to his intoxicated condition. On informal examination by his attorney he stated that he only "intended to have a little fun."

At the preliminary hearing of Ben F. Curtis, well known local contractor, charged with violating the Mann act, examination was waived and the matter will come up in the next term of Federal court here, March 16. The preliminary was set for Friday morning at 11 o'clock before United States Commissioner John P. Mull, but prior to that time, B. T. Falls and Clyde R. Hoey, the defendant's counsel notified the commissioner that they would waive examination.

The bond of \$3,000 required by Federal officers following his arrest was changed by the Federal district attorney's office to \$1,000, the bond to hold until the Federal court. Curtis is also under a \$2,000 bond for Superior court, which convenes shortly after the term of Federal court. This being an appeal from a 12 months sentence imposed in reorders court on a number of charges.

## TRIAL OF CURTIS TO FEDERAL COURT

"Unload" You Say?

Clark in Greensboro News.  
They've unloaded the presidency of the North Carolina Agricultural society, alias the State fair, on Max Gardner. Wishing the popular Cleveland county man mighty well, here's hoping he won't be moved to say later on, "An emey hath done this."

Christmas Tree at Lawndale.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the Lawndale Union church on Thursday night December 25th. Everybody is invited to come.

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## CHRISTMAS BELLS A GLAD DAY

By Rev. C. F. Sherrill.

Christmas Eve,  
Your coming ever brings days when,  
Christmas Eve,  
A little lad on mother's knee,  
I heard the story sweet of thee:  
'A Prince is born in Galilee,'  
O Christmas Eve."

"I am glad that you have come again,  
What a world of joy the Christmas bells are ringing in! Christmas is the world's great, glad day. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come," peal forth the Christmas bells, and chant the Christmas anthem, and sing the Christian heart. Joy and gladness walk in the footsteps of the Christ-child who came the first Christmas night. He fills the dreariest days of winter with light and gladness. He makes the longest nights the cheeriest and the brightest.

Over Bethlehem's plains, the night our Lord was born, the celestial choir, fresh from the inner glory, sang the sweetest song old earth has ever heard: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men." The angelic choir struck the keynote for the hearts and the world's holy singing. O soul of mine and thine, break forth in songs of sweetest praise to the Giver of Good!

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care;  
But at Christmas it is always young;  
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,  
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,  
When the song of the angels is sung."

The Star still shines in the heavens. This is one Light that will never be put out. He, the Babe of Bethlehem, forever walks across the fair fields of Holy Writ. In history He is the dominant figure. The wise men followed the Star, and found the Light of the World. He then, and now, and forever has the richest and sweetest gifts for every seeker of Him and lowly follower.

Amid life's perplexities do your feet, like Noah's dove, seek a resting place? "I am the Way." In the night time of care and doubt do you walk in uncertain paths? "I am the good Shepherd. Is the night stormy and the way dark? "I am the Light." Are there soul-hungerings, for which the "seer" furnish no food? "I am the Bread of Life. Like the shepherds that the first Christmas night, follow the star and find the Christ.  
"It is coming, old Earth, it is coming tonight!  
On the snow flakes which cover the sod,  
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white.  
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight  
That mankind are the children of God."

Christmas calls us back to childhood—to the Babe in the manger and to our childhood. The joys of childhood! O hallowed memories! We are led back, at this season, to the Child who is the source and fountain of all that makes childhood sweet and holy. The old home! The mother's lullaby! At Christmas we are children again.  
The star still shines. It calls us to look up. Heaven has lost none of its heavenly attractions. God is as near as He was the first Christmas night, and as good. In the light of that star we can find our way to all good, here and hereafter, as did the shepherds of old.

"God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son." No angel wing can fly the distance and measure the greatness of that little word "so." Could we climb Jacob's ladder up into heaven, and ask the Father how much He loved us in the gift of His Son, He would say: "Read John 3:16." "Never yet abyss was found deeper than the cross could sound."

Nansen in seeking the North Pole lowered his line to know the depth of the North Sea, and no bottom could be found. He made the record "deeper than that." When the last line was tied on he made the same record—"deeper than that." "Through all the depths of sin and lost drops the plummet of the cross."

"The feet of the humblest may walk in the field  
Where the feet of the Holiest tread;  
This then is the marvels to mortals revealed,  
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas pealed,  
That mankind are the children of God."

Mrs. Claude McCraw is visiting relatives in Shelby for several days.—Gaffney Ledger.

## Cotton Crop Is Moving Towards 40,000 Record

Last Report Reaches Near 38,000 Bales in County, Slightly Behind The Crop of Last Year.

The people of Cleveland county will take added enjoyment during the holidays in the announcement that the last ginning report indicates that the county may this year, despite a bad season, set a new cotton production record. The last report, given out Monday by M. H. Ware, special agent, shows that 37,876 bales were ginned in the county up to December 13, or 10 days ago. This is only 2,124 bales short of a 40,000-bale crop. As the crop all over the county is from one week to 20 days late several more thousand bales will be ginned according to present estimates.

Up to December 13, last year, 38,537 bales had been ginned, or less than one thousand bales more than this year. With the crop late this year the report indicates that this year's crop will exceed that of last year and establish a new record. With the cotton crop in North Carolina considerable below that of last year a gain in production in this county speaks well for the farmers of Cleveland.

## MR. LEWIS JUSTICE TO BE BURIED TODAY

Well Known Farmer Succumbs to Long Illness at Home of Mr. J. Andrew Dellinger.

Mr. Lewis Justice, well known and highly respected farmer who resided a few miles north of Shelby, died Monday morning at the home of Mr. J. A. Dellinger, where he had been making his home since last April. Mr. Justice had been suffering with leakage of the heart and high blood pressure. He was 66 years of age and single. Remains will be buried this (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Ross Grove Baptist church, the funeral services to be conducted by Rev. I. D. Harrill.

Mr. Justice was well known to all Shelby citizens and the news of his passing is a source of great sorrow. He is survived by three brothers, John and Rufus of Shelby and Francis Justice of Birmingham, Ala., who arrived yesterday for the funeral; also by two sisters, Cynthia Justice and Mary Justice Eddins.

## Gardner Accepts State Fair Post

Acceptance of the presidency of the North Carolina agricultural society by O. M. Gardner of Shelby, was announced in Raleigh Wednesday night by Henry M. London, secretary of the society.

Mr. Gardner's first official act was to appoint an executive committee and then call it to convene in Raleigh on Monday, December 29, to consider the offer of the Raleigh chamber of commerce of a loan of \$60,000 to meet the bonds issued on the state fair grounds that fall due on January 1, 1925.

The new executive committee is composed of Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, W. N. Everett, Dr. E. C. Brooks, General Albert Cox, Leonard Tufts, E. B. Crow, H. H. Griffin, Daniel Allen and H. M. London.

## Father of Dr. Houser Dies in Lincoln Co.

The many friends of Dr. E. A. Houser of Shelby will sympathize with him in the death of his father, Daniel Houser who passed away in North Brook township, Lincoln county Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Houser was 86 years old and one of the leading citizens of his section. He was a Confederate veteran and well known throughout that section. Funeral services were held Monday and Dr. and Mrs. Houser left Monday morning to attend the same.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND TREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Christmas program and other features of the Christmas celebration at the Methodist Protestant church will be held Wednesday night, beginning at 7 o'clock. The exercises will consist of songs and recitations by the children of the Sunday school and a pantomime by five young women of the church. A Christmas tree will be used and a treat will be given to the members of the Sunday school. An offering will be taken for the superannuated ministers of the Methodist Protestant conference.  
The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

## Contracts For New Cotton Mill Are Let

Two contracts for the construction of the new Ora mill, a textile plant promoted by Mr. J. R. Dover and associates have been let, one for the main mill building and warehouse to W. M. Welch, Inc., of Greenville, S. C., and one to S. L. Abce of Shelby and Hickory for the construction of 46 tenement houses. The main building will be 138 feet by 335, one story in height and of daylight construction, having concrete and brick walls, steel sash windows, cast iron columns and pilasters, wood roof and floor. It is planned to equip the building with 6,000 spindles and sufficient looms to take care of their product, while the building is erected to provide for an extension later on that will house another 6,000 spindles. J. E. Sirrene and company of Greenville, S. C., were the engineers.

Mr. Abce who was low bidder on the tenement houses has been doing considerable work in Shelby and will begin construction at once. Material is already beginning to arrive for both contractors to start work.

## Ask Ex-Service Men To File For Their Compensation Now

All ex-service men in Cleveland county should file their blanks now for compensation is the urge being made by the Warren Hoyle Post of the American Legion. In order to speed up the filling out and filing of compensation blanks the Legion is this week keeping the service officer, Chas. Woodson, in the Legion rooms in the First National Bank building to aid ex-service men in filling out the blanks. Mr. Woodson will be there all week with the exception of Christmas day, and will give all aid possible free of charge to all who apply during the week.

The ex-service should take advantage of this service given by the Legion, and Commander M. H. Austell of the Legion post says that this service will be offered only this week. Service men should remember that they may be losing by not applying now for their compensation. Should an ex-service man die before applying his family or dependents would receive only a small percentage of the regular compensation, but if the application is made the dependents would receive the full amount.

## Give Children To Their Grandparents

In a hearing held Saturday afternoon before Judge James L. Webb, Buford Grigg, aged seven years, and Ophelia Grigg, aged five, children of Roy Grigg, were given into the custody of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMurry, of the Lawndale community.

Grigg's first wife was the daughter of the McMurry's and following her death Grigg married again. Some months back the grandparents asked the court for the children of their daughter, alleging that they could or would give them better treatment than Grigg and his second wife. Judge Webb then ruled that the grandparents keep the children one month and the Griggs the other, and the order was so alternated for six months. Other evidence was presented Saturday causing the court to place the children with their grandparents.

## Balloon To Go Up Christmas Evening

Three youngsters of Shelby will have a little added thrill Christmas eve, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when a small "Zeppelin" will head itself into space above Shelby. Louis Hamrick, proprietor of the Whiteway Dry Cleaning company, announces that on that afternoon he will send up a balloon 15 feet long and five feet high. The balloon will bear on each side a large sign for the Whiteway, while after it has soared up a bit three packages of circulars will be loosed three or four minutes apart. In each package there will be a red circular and the Whiteway will dry clean one suit or one dress for each of the three red circulars returned.

Mr. Bynum Chapman of Farres, Tenn., who has been the sub-contractor on the star route from Shelby to Belwood leaves today for a visit to his home folks. Mr. Chapman has an enviable record as a mail carrier. While he is away Mr. Walter Chapman will carry the mail.

## TAX NOTICE.

City taxes now due and payable to O. M. Suttle, in Clerk's office, City Hall.  
O. M. SUTTLE, City Tax Collector.

## DOVER BANQUET OF TEXTILE WORKERS

Dr. Daniels Is Chief Speaker On Subject "Measure of a Man." 110 Men Enjoy Gathering.

Overseers, bosses, superintendents and office help of the "Dover Organization" composed of the Dover, Eastside, Katherine and Ella Mills and the Dover Gin were in annual banquet at Cleveland Springs Hotel Saturday night, 110 strong. An elegant turkey dinner was served and the evening's entertainment was declared to be the best since Mr. J. R. Dover instituted these annual get-together meetings. As the guests arrived they were given gay paper caps and from this on the fun and frolic followed. It was a fine looking bunch of men with a manifest spirit of cooperation, men who daily do their bit and try to help and lift the men under them to better positions of usefulness. Mr. Dover was toastmaster and after a brief welcome announced that while "we are banqueting tonight, there are hundreds of homes in Shelby where Santa will not come and where stockings will not be filled" and to make up a Christmas empty stocking fund he called for contributions of \$100. A young man by the name of Stockton bounded to his feet with an expression of agony in his face for he responded not to the impulse of philanthropy, but because Earl Hamrick who was sitting near him had pulled a switch that turned an electric spark in the seat of the trick chair in which Stockton was sitting. This created a wave of laughter and merriment at the expense of Stockton and with this the fun began.

Next followed the drawing contest in which J. R. Dover drew a miniature car of paint. All present understood the joke for Mr. Dover had been the victim of a shrewd paint salesman. J. R. Wickle, superintendent of the Ella drew a moustache cup to keep his pin feather moustache from swimming in his drinks. J. R. Dover, third, was a mamma doll in overalls that fell to Jack Dover, indicative of the increase in the Dover tribe, while C. C. Blanton, banker, drew a pair of ladies silk hose as president of the First National bank. Fred Morgan who talks, dreams and thinks gin ever since the Dover gin was started fell heir to a bottle of Morgan's dry gin, while Roland C. Holland who spends his time keeping the belts tight and the machinery running to capacity drew a stick of Drake's Belt dressing two yards long—sufficient to last him a few hours.

Dr. Daniels Speaks.

Dr. D. W. Daniels of Clemson College is always a favorite in Shelby as a public speaker and he was the chief entertainer at the Dover outfit gathering, keeping the men in an uproar of laughter for an hour or more as he told joke after joke with machine-gun rapidity, but through it all developing a thread of inspiring thought on the "Measure of a Man," declaring that the value of a man is determined by his attitude toward man and measured by his willingness to co-operate for the uplift of humanity and by his ideals in service of others. While Dr. Daniels was here on his fourth appearance, he is always refreshing and different, and on this occasion he seemed better than usual.

A Meeting Of Labor.

It was not a meeting of labor and capital, but a meeting of labor, labor in the factory, in the office and around the industrial plants. The last year has been a difficult one with the mill managers, but the Dover mills operated full time while stacks were cold in many New England centers, smoke was not to be seen, thousands of employees were out of work and policemen had to keep the workers back when notices were posted that operations would be resumed.

One of the finest compliments paid was that of Mr. Wickle, new super of the Ella, who has traveled much and worked in various parts, but stated emphatically that "I have never seen a mill group with a better spirit of co-operation or a finer morale than here."

The bosses and overseers gave Mr. Dover a Morris chair in token of their esteem and this was presented by Fred Morgan. At another drawing in which all names were forbidden except one who actually works in the mill, C. W. Johnson fell heir to a \$10 gold piece given by Mr. Dover himself.

## MR. SOLOMON HUTCHINS IS BURIED AT SANDY PLAINS

Mr. Solomon Hutchins died Sunday morning December 14th at the county home where he had been an inmate for the past year. The cause of his death was paralysis. Mr. Hutchins was 63 years of age and leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. George M. Bradley of Lattimore, also a half brother of Hickory and 17 grand children. His remains were buried at Sandy Plains Baptist church amid a crowd of sorrowing friends.