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SHELBY BANKS HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Placed \$65,000 to Surplus and Undivided Profits and Paid \$41,000 in Dividends During 1924.

The three Shelby banks had a prosperous year during 1924, according to their published statements which reflect their sound management and the prosperity of the county in general. Two of the banks, the First National and Cleveland Bank and Trust company hold their annual stockholders meetings today, while the Union Trust company holds its annual meeting next Tuesday. The directors of the three banks, however, have met and declared their regular dividends, checks for which were mailed, last week to their shareholders.

The First National bank declared its regular six per cent semi-annual dividend amounting to \$15,000 on its \$250,000 capital. This \$15,000 added to a similar dividend paid in July of last year makes a total of \$30,000 which the bank paid to its shareholders in 1924. Last year the First National placed a total of \$45,000 to undivided profits, thus giving this strong institution a surplus of \$250,000 and undivided profits of \$125,000.

The Cleveland Bank and Trust company paid four per cent on its capital of \$125,000, the shareholders receiving \$5,000 in dividend checks last week. In addition to the dividend the Cleveland bank added \$5,000 to its surplus, making a total of \$15,000. All departments of the bank are in excellent condition and the institution has made wonderful strides for a young bank.

The Union Trust company of Shelby with branches at Lawndale, Fallston and Lattimore paid its regular three per cent semi-annual dividend on its \$100,000 capital, the July and January dividends amounting to \$6,000 on the bank's \$100,000 capital. During the past year the bank placed \$15,000 additional to its surplus which now totals \$35,000.

The three banks last year added to their surplus and undivided profits accounts the handsome sum of \$65,000 while \$41,000 was paid in dividends, showing the total net earnings to be approximately \$106,000.

It is a fine index to the strength of the banks and their sound management to know that the total resources of the three Shelby institutions amount to \$6,477,884.02. There is not likely a town in the South the size of Shelby which has such strong bank institutions as Shelby and with total resources that equal nearly six and a half million dollars.

Exports And Mill Takings Of Cotton

Report to be Large. Stock Market Boom Continues, but Watchful Waiting Seems Wisest.

(By H. and B. Beer, R. J. McCauley Representative, Shelby.)

The high price stock market boom continues but think many larger capitalists, zinc or firm. Further improvement metal industries reported. Hogs, sheep, cattle higher upon expectations of spring shortage. Cotton and wool goods moving slowly. Distributive trade is disappointing. Automobile prices being reduced as smaller production is indicated. Broadening interest in sugar at slight decline. Cotton and grain hesitant. Coffee unsettled. Statistics confusing. Money easier but expect higher rates soon as gold exports large and sterling advanced to 4.97 1-2 foreshadowing England's early resumption specie payments. Doubt much increase in public buying at current prices. Watchful waiting seems wisest policy.

December cotton consumption likely to be bullish. Total average rainfall in Texas past four months 6.04 inches last year 17.90 and normal of 9.99.

Exports will continue large perhaps, mills takings also large. Reported from Shelton bureau December consumption 460,000 against 492,000 for November of this year, and 464,000 for December last season.

Impression prevails December consumption this season will be smaller than for November owing to it having been smaller for December than November past two years but it has often been larger than it was in November when trade was good. It is rumored that the National Ginners December consumption will be 500,000 to 510,000. Think National Ginners figures nearer the mark because of revival in textile industry.

Guest At Central Snoozes On With His Bed Aflame

A small blaze at the Central hotel Thursday night brought about a bit of excitement, but J. C. Cadell, of Wake Forest, who occupied the room in which the flames were at work snoozed on—and it was his bed that was on fire.

About 9 o'clock in the evening some of the hotel attendants passing along one of the upstairs halls noticed that it was full of smoke. The alarm spread to the lobby and Mr. Hershell Ponder, clerk, and Mr. Plato Grigg, taxi driver sought the source of the fire. Finally by following the smoke trail they located it in the room occupied by the Wake Forest man, and more excitement was added to the situation when it was found that the door was locked. Mr. Ponder gained entrance with a pass-key and there with the flames eating around him snoozed the guest, probably dreaming of big things next day.

Started From Cigarette. Not until the flames were practically extinguished did he awake and still a part of the sheet at his elbow burned. Advice from the hotel is that Caldwell was not injured by the fire that might have proven serious had it not been discovered so early, but it is safe to suggest that hereafter his room door will be unlocked part of the time—and cigarettes will be carefully guarded when the eyes have a disposition to close. It was a cigarette that started the blaze, or at least reports have it that the guest fell asleep while smoking—and awoke to find that his bed had "shot the duck."

As the fire was confined to the bed there was no large damage, although the mattress was ruined by the flames according to Mr. Ponder.

Funeral Of Robert McBrayer Saturday

Cleveland Man Who Died Suddenly In St. Louis Was On His Electric Car When End Came.

The funeral of Mr. Robert McBrayer, who died suddenly last week in St. Louis, was conducted from the home of his sister Mrs. W. N. Dorsey on N. LaFayette street Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Revs. J. W. Suttle and R. L. Lemons in the presence of a large crowd, considering the inclement weather. Music was rendered by Prof. H. M. Pippin and his quartet while J. B. Lowery, H. A. Logan, Paul Webb, James Borders, Lander McBrayer and J. H. Quinn served as pall bearers.

Mrs. McBrayer, widow of the deceased and her three children, Evelyn, Virginia and Howard accompanied the remains from St. Louis. According to the reports Mr. McBrayer was a motorman on an interurban electric line and on the day of his death, had been suffering with violent headache. At about 11 o'clock at night he told his conductor on the car that he felt like he was going to die. Shortly after he talked to his conductor he swooned and fell and when the conductor asked him where he hurt, Mr. McBrayer pointed to his heart but did not utter another word. Deceased had been away from Cleveland a number of years, but was born and reared here and has a host of friends who mourn his passing. He was a pleasant personality, of splendid family and held in high esteem.

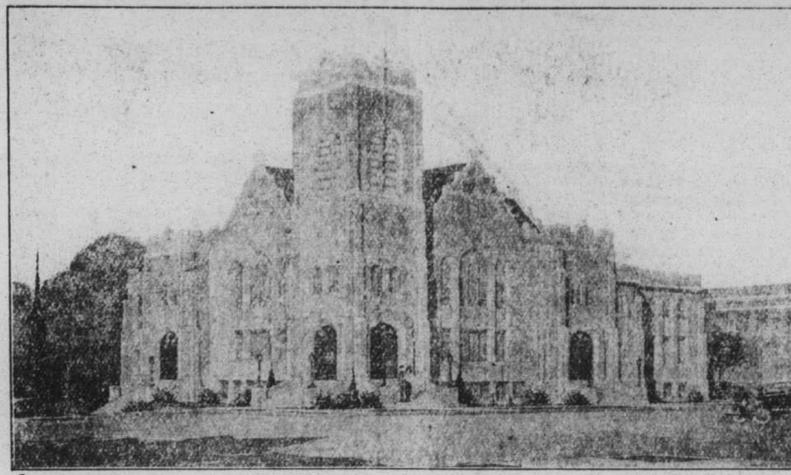
Princess Pat Vet Makes Harp Record

Frank Lewis, native of the Cleveland county South Mountains and veteran of the famous Princess Pats of the World war, will now be heard by the phonograph fans over the country, having last week made records for the "OKeh" record people at Atlanta, Ga.

Lewis, a master with the mouth harp, began giving public concerts around in this county and adjoining counties some months ago, after having lived in oblivion in the South Mountains following his return from the war as one of few remaining members of the much-heralded Canadian regiment. While abroad he played before the King and Queen of England and this with his natural ability to bring harmonious sounds from the harp have given him good audiences in his recent concerts. Last week he made a trip that included Greenville, S. C., Athens and Atlanta, Ga., and while in Atlanta was persuaded to make a record with his harp. The number recorded was "Lost John", one of the big blonde mountaineer's favorites.

Raleigh.—There will be no move at this session of the legislature toward extending the corporate limits of Charlotte, Senator Hamilton C. Jones indicated stating that it apparently had been agreed that the job can wait a couple of years or so. "The limits will be extended before the next session is taken, but there is plenty of time before then," he said.

The New Central Church Edifice—Facing "Court Square."



FORMER PASTORS PREACH AT OPENING SERVICES IN NEW CENTRAL CHURCH EDIFICE—TWO LARGE CROWDS ATTEND

Many From Other Congregations And Visitors Join With Methodists In Initial Worship In Handsome Structure Despite The Inclement Weather. Fine Music By Choir.

An exhortation by a former pastor to make the handsome new structure a gateway to the Kingdom of God marked the first service held in the new Central Methodist church Sunday with the auditorium and connecting rooms packed with members and visitors for the opening sermon. Rev. R. M. Hoyle, of Belmont, a former beloved pastor, preached the first sermon at 11 in the morning and the capacity of the edifice just completed was taxed to seat the hundreds who were in attendance. Mrs. C. L. Steidley spoke to the women and girls of the church at 3 in the afternoon and many heard her stirring message. At the evening service the sermon was by Rev. J. Ed Thompson, who was pastor of Central church when the bell recently removed from the old building was installed, and another large congregation listened attentively.

It was an outstanding day for Central Methodists, and one that had been looked forward to for many years. Friends from afar with former pastors and others worshiped with the regular congregation in addition to many from the other Shelby churches, who joined with the Methodists in marking the occasion. The decision to build came in May, 1923, and Sunday marked the culmination of the building, but only the first forward step in the work the church has to do. With a seating capacity of around 1,000 practically every seat in the auditorium and connecting rooms was filled, and it is estimated that around 800 attended each service.

There was special music at both services, special preparation having been made by the choir under the direction of W. Fife Robertson. Solos by W. Fife Robertson and Mrs. Steidley and a soprano obligato by Mrs. Ben Suttle and Miss Ruby Thorne marked the morning service, while the male chorus was a special feature of the evening service. The first formal prayer in the new edifice was by Rev. E. E. Williamson, of Greensboro, one of the three former pastors present.

The initial sermon by Rev. R. M. Hoyle, who needed no introduction by Pastor A. L. Stanford because he was known to Central Methodists years ago, was one of power and stirring appeal. "Behold the Kingdom of God is Within You," Luke 17-21, was the text from which an able description and aim of the Kingdom was given. Every thought led to the conclusion, where reference was made to the handsome new structure, "which if it was built to be used, and is used as a gateway to the Kingdom of God, who have wrought well, but without the inner spirit and God in the heart it will be just a big mass of brick and mortar, wood and nails."

In his description of the Kingdom of God, Rev. Mr. Hoyle declared that "the world of today is below the ideal of God, the people departing instead of attaining his desire." In material things the world may be ideal or approaching the ideal but without God in the heart it will never be ideal. Want makes everything. Hunger moves the beast to find food; want leads men to their desires; and a desire for God from the heart can only be satisfied by God, as for everything there is a correct place. The inner thing in every man that he calls himself is God, the seat of the Kingdom of God. "Some wonder when the Kingdom of God will prevail? This will come to pass when the Kingdom of God is set up in the human heart, and then war shall cease for the world will be ruled by the heart, and the heart by God."

At the evening service available seating capacity was again taxed as other churches of the city did not hold services so that their members might have the privilege of attending one of the opening services. Rev. J. Ed Thompson, now at Kings Mountain, delivered the sermon and many there were in the congregation who recalled hearing him years ago as pastor here, while many others who heard him as pastor have passed and their places were filled by a younger generation.

Officers Of New Ora Mill Are Elected

J. R. Dover Is President With Earl Hamrick Secretary-Treasurer. Authorized Capital Half Million.

There was a meeting of the stockholders of the newly formed Ora Mill in the directors room of the First National Bank Friday at which time the officers and directors were elected. J. R. Dover was elected president; and manager, Chas. C. Blanton, vice president; Earl A. Hamrick secretary and treasurer. These three gentlemen, together with Fred R. Morgan, J. R. Dover, jr., W. B. Fullerton, Clyde R. Hoey, J. P. Toms and E. B. Hamrick constitute the board of directors.

The Ora Mill started the process of organization last fall when Mr. Dover and associates decided to build a \$400,000 textile plant to manufacture specialties. The Beatty-Yarboro plantations on Brushy Creek two and a half miles west of Shelby were purchased and plans for the mill building, tenement houses, etc., were prepared by J. E. Sircene Company of Greenville, S. C. Contracts have been let and the construction work started last week with the hope to have the mill in operation within the next six months. The Katherine Mill in South Shelby will be abandoned and the usable machinery transferred to the new Ora Mill. The authorized capital stock of the Ora is \$500,000 but it starts with \$300,000 paid in on the common stock and \$100,000 in preferred.

McBrayer Moving This Week To Beam Bldg.

Evans E. McBrayer, clothing merchant is moving his stock of merchandise this week into the Beam building between the Farmers Hardware company and the W. L. Fanning company on S. LaFayette street, taking the store room recently vacated by Wray-Hudson company's No. 2. McBrayer has had the interior of the store room gone over and freshened up by Wednesday he will have all of his stock of men's wear open, ready for business at his new stand. Mr. McBrayer will feel perfectly at home in this location where he was in possession a number of years ago when "pop corner" was watering place for beasts of burden, yet a good stand for merchandising the old way in wooden store rooms with no show windows or show cabinets. No new lines will be added for the present to his already large line of exclusive men's wear.

Training School a Success.

(Special To The Star.) The training school for Sunday-school workers recently conducted at Union by the associational worker was a splendid success. An average of 65 attended the school with 35 or 40 taking the test.

The efficient superintendent Mr. George M. Gold states that he expects to have Union numbered among the standard schools in state by March. Rev. D. G. Washburn, pastor of the church is leading his people in a great way. A fine spirit of co-operation and willingness to be used in Kingdom work exists among the members.

Box Supper At Hollis.

There will be a box supper, cake walk and popularity contest at 7 p. m. at the Hollis school building on Friday January 16th. The public is cordially invited. The proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. S. S. Royster is in Mooresboro with her father who is ill.

Judge Webb Gives Work Statistics In His District

Declares Need of Third District Imperative. No Time to Write Opinions as Needed.

Washington.—Judge Webb has furnished Senator Overman with statistics on the amount of business done in his judicial district as compared with the business in districts in other states, in showing the imperative need of the establishment of a new district in the state. These statistics are taken from the attorney general's report for the last fiscal year and they demonstrate the very large amount of business done in Judge E. Y. Webb's court.

Judge Webb in his statement does not aver that because he is disposing of so many more cases than judges in other districts, these judges are lazy and idle. He is confident they are very busy and that he, himself, does not have time—and should have time—to prepare written opinions in reviews of referee's findings appealed to him. He states that he is compelled frequently to affirm or simply reverse a finding in a bankruptcy case, or merely find for or against the complainant in an equity suit.

Average Number of Cases. He says that it will be found from the attorney's report for the last fiscal year that the 57 districts with one judge in each district, disposed of an average of 571 criminal cases and 76 jury trials, while he disposed of 1,037 criminal cases and 203 jury trials. The average number of civil cases for each of these 57 districts was 73 while for Judge Webb's district the number was 174.

In the 16 districts each of which there are two judges, there was for each judge an average number of cases amounting to 1,052 while Judge Webb had for the same period 1,235 cases. The average number of criminal cases terminated by two judges in these districts was 735 while Judge Webb terminated 1,037. Each judge in these districts terminated an average of 377 cases against Judge Webb's 1,037.

Terminated Many Cases. In the 51 districts where there is only one judge to each district there were signed upon an average of 41 judgments in civil cases while Judge Webb signed 62 judgments. The attorney general's report shows that Judge Webb terminated more cases in his district than were terminated in any one southern state with three judges and more than in two other southern states with two judges in each of them.

A short time before Judge Connor died he told Judge Webb there was imperative need of another judicial district in the state and another judge. He also told Judge Webb that Raleigh should remain in the eastern district. Even while Judge Connor was in feeble health he terminated more cases than the average judge. Judge Webb says he works under high pressure all the time and that he can not stand up much longer under this heavy strain.

Senator Overman expects with the statistics in Judge Webb's letter and other information he has at hand to prepare an introduction his bill very soon creating the new middle district.

Many Crashes Over Rainy Week-End

A steady rain that started Thursday night and held up through the week-end, making the streets slippery and the windshields hard to see through, resulted in a number of automobile crashes and collisions in and around Shelby. Nearly every corner in the up-town section had its private collision with one or two having several more thrown in, rather jammed together, for good measure. However, so far as can be learned none were of a serious nature although several of the cars were considerably damaged.

A car driven by Mrs. Cline Lackey and a Ford touring car said to belong to a Hayes and driven by Lawrence Lowrance collided at the corner of Washington and Graham streets with damage to the Lackey car. The other car caught fire and was badly damaged, the fire originating from a lantern broken in the crash. Mrs. Lackey was considerably bruised and shaken up by the impact, but her injuries were not considered serious. There were two men, a woman and a baby in the other car and according to reports the baby was slightly injured.

One car took a disgruntled feeling at the bad weather out on the traffic sign at the Warren and LaFayette corner of the court square, and the heavy sign landed quite a distance up the street. At Marion and LaFayette corner in front on the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, two cars crashed Saturday evening and drivers of two others stopped to look and another shot into the rear end of one of them. The postoffice corner had its collision and there was also a slight bump at the Central church corner.

NEWTON GIVES AIM FOR 1925 KIWANIS

To Strive For Better Schools, Better Care Charity Patients, And Ample Playgrounds.

In his installation address before the Shelby Kiwanis club Thursday evening, J. Clint Newton, the new president, set as his goal for the club in 1925 many helpful things, outstanding suggestions being: Better schools, a normal for Shelby in the future; county-wide care of charity patients; ample playgrounds, and increased church and Sunday school attendance. In his talk the incoming president departed a bit from the usual, but stuck to the real and commonplace in announcing his aspirations for the club during the year.

As is the custom of the club, Odus M. Mull, retiring president, opened the installation program by presenting the president's pen to Mr. Newton. The retiring head of the club in brief speech outlined the big and real accomplishment of Kiwanis during 1924—the breeding of a better fellowship among the members, the building up of a friendly relation between business and professional interests of the town and county. Reference was made to the material accomplishments—creation of a big county fair, erection of a big textile plant and other such moves, "but the big thing, fellows, was the entrance of a spirit that made of us all friends, partners in the real building of our town and community." Mr. Mull made witty illustrations in telling of the relation between the doctors, lawyers and preachers, all leading to a serious portrayal of what Kiwanis really means and has meant to Shelby. "By fostering friendship among ourselves we have won the respect of the county. Never before has Shelby been thought so much of by the people of Cleveland county, who are now proud of their county seat and what the town is trying to do for the county. By 'getting right' among ourselves we have won the respect and admiration of outsiders."

Proposes Charity Tax. Mr. Newton, although on the floor for only a short period, demonstrated his ability to successfully entertain any assemblage and gathering and at the same time to impart information and advice worthwhile. Taking the Kiwanis motto "We Build," he described building in the worthwhile sense and in so doing thanked the club for the honor given him and assured his best in holding to the record of past presidents and preserving the club's reputation for activity. In his plans for the new year four major topics were stressed and apparently met with the whole-hearted approval of the club. Noting the passing of the one and two-teacher schools he urged a continuance of the consolidation plan that gives the boy or girl in the remote sections the same opportunity for an education as the city child enjoys. Holding up before the vision a big normal school for Shelby he spoke of the work and influence of I. C. Griffin, city superintendent, in educational circles and by so doing won the applause of the club. In connection with the schools came the plea for more playgrounds in Shelby—"a place where our boys and girls may secure wholesome and needed recreation; somewhere to direct the energy that is wasted on the street corners."

Speaking of the Shelby public hospital and care of charity patients he urged that the club by resolution or in some manner request the county commissioners to take action that would lead to a county-wide care of the sick unable to care for themselves. A plan offered was that of putting on a county assessment of one or two cents to take care of such patients in the public hospital. The need of such a move is urgent at the present, and a discussion following the talk revealed that the club was entirely behind such an action.

"Max Gardner once said that Cleveland county people are the greatest church going folks on earth, and he may be right, but another aim of the club should be to see that more people in Shelby and Cleveland county attend church and Sunday school, for we are builders in more than the material sense," was the final expression of aim of the new club head. "We have some of the finest churches and Sunday schools in the state, and here in Shelby we boast of big Bible classes and large church congregations, but there are between one and two thousand people here in Shelby who do not attend church or Sunday school anything like regular, and to see that these people do attend church is a worthwhile goal for the club during the new year."

As a part of the installation the new directors and the program committee were formally presented to the club. Mr. Joe W. Smith, building contractor, a member of the Forest City Kiwanis club, has transferred his membership and became a member of the local club at Thursday's meeting.

Weather Forecast. Unsettled Monday night. Clear Tuesday.