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J. R. DOVER WRITES AGAINST EXTENSION

Says New Area Would Be Four Times Present Boundary—Asks That Citizens Reason Together

To Editor of The Star: Petitions are being signed for and against the extension of the city limits from three quarters of a mile from the square to one and a half miles, making the area of the town four times greater than at present.

In that area, there are farms, homes, shops, stores and cotton mills, and with them all the rights, privileges, equities of ownership. Have these people been consulted, or have their interests, rights and privileges been considered, by the people who have signed these petitions.

I take it that at least nineteen out of every twenty of the people of the town of Shelby mean to do right and act upon the square in all their dealings. If this be true, they are willing to accord to the people living in this newly described boundary the same rights and privileges they would ask for themselves.

In the territory to be taken in, there are water works, electric light plants, school houses and other improvements that have been installed and paid for. If incorporated, would these amounts be refunded? Also would it be possible in such a wide area as contemplated to grant the same facilities that we enjoy up town? If so, does the town want this extra burden? If not, can we in fairness ask the people outside to come in?

All of these are grave questions that ought to be discussed, agreed upon and incorporated in the act extending the limit. Beside all this, there are moral rights that deserve consideration. The homes built in this area, as a rule, were not built by people moving out of the town of Shelby to avoid taxes. The same is true of most of the enterprises. The Ella Mill for instance was built almost exclusively by capital not made in the town of Shelby.

The Eastside was built almost exclusively by funds from the town of Shelby, but the money that redeemed it from oblivion was not made in the town of Shelby. Every stockholder who remembers his pledge of loyalty on the day of reorganization will be slow to ask that another burden be heaped upon this child of hard luck.

To the in-towners, I would say that the out-towners feel very deeply over this matter. They feel that any movement of this kind, without their consent, is simply an act to grab, seize and confiscate all property lying between the three-quarter and mile and a half limit, making the residents of this area, no less volens, a part of the town of Shelby, not only to help pay its future burdens but to assume a proportion of its past indebtedness amounting to some \$800,000.

Rest assured that these people will fight against this injustice to the last ditch. When the act has passed the legislature, the fighting will just have commenced.

To the out-towners, I will say they are after you and they are going to get you. It is the old story of the boy after the rabbit. He had to catch it—they were out of meat at his house. The in-towners are out of "meat." They have gone the limit on bonds. They must have this property as the basis of more bonds. They tried to get it through the Hon. Sam, but it did not work. What the course the Hon. Thurman will take, we do not know. But sooner or later, they are going to get you. And by the time they get you, there will be, in all probability, so much bitter feeling that both parties to the transaction will be heartily sorry. Ahab got Naboth's vineyard but he was mighty sorry he got it.

As Christian people, why not call a meeting of the representative citizens of all the districts interested and reason together, with a view of reaching conclusions that will be fair to all, to the end that the good feelings that now exist may be strengthened and perpetuated.

J. R. DOVER.

Women are steadily growing more beautiful, says an eminent English painter. Why not? They've been steadily trying to for several thousand

This is the time of year when plenty of folks are discovering that you can't spend your Christmas money and still have it.

Plan to Open Webb Theatre on Next Week: Changes

The new Webb theatre on the Washington-Marion street corner of the "court square" will be opened Saturday, February 10th, according to present plans made known by the owners, Messrs. J. E. and Claude Webb. Work on the building is not yet complete, but is being rushed along with the idea of opening by that time if possible.

The Webb theatre has a First National attraction franchise, which means that the best in the film world will be brought here. The name First National is known to theatre goers the country over and assures pictures that are popular. A number of exchanges are booked including the Pathe, F. B. O., Warner Brothers and others. It is the present plan of the Webbs to present only movies in the new show house, or at least through the present season, although a roomy stage and dressing rooms will make the showing of stage attractions easily adaptable.

Finely Equipped. Quite a transformation has taken place where the old Central Methodist church once stood. The front exterior of the new building adds much to the business section of the town, but the real change has taken place in the interior, where the place has been generally renovated and the equipment is the latest in theatre houses. The lobby is in keeping with those of larger cities with a refreshment stand, similar to those in large theatre houses, near one entrance. Across the lobby from the box office is the business office, which is on the Washington street side and faces the gallery entrance and ticket office, making it possible to seat colored people in their gallery section with their entrance or presence unknown to the house below.

The roomy orchestra floor will seat 800 and the seats are expected in this week. An Italian decorator is also expected during the week to put the finishing touches on the interior decorations and the stage and lighting. The big Seibold pipe organ-orchestra has already arrived and is being placed in the orchestra pit. The big instrument is the modern theatre organ and may be used by hand or automatic, the latter rendering the music of a 12-piece orchestra. To the rear of the stage are convenient dressing rooms and other necessities of a complete stage. The exact opening date is conditioned on the installation of the heating apparatus.

The projection room is modern throughout and equipped with the latest machines. The room is positively fire-proof, being lined with sheet-iron. The two machines are of the latest models of Powers 6-B and should project fine pictures. A late improvement noted in the projection room is the "transverter," an \$800 machine that even the current, and throws the light direct at all times, or in other words removes the glimmering that usually accompanies moving pictures and hurts the eyes. Local current is variating and the machine will serve in giving it a direct and even power.

The theatre will be another asset to the town and in arrangement and equipment is in keeping with the growth of Shelby.

Charlotte People At Cleveland Springs

Charlotte Observer. "The Dutch may have taken Holland, but Charlotte people have taken Cleveland Springs," said a traveler yesterday. Among the delightful hosts of Queen City folks there are the following:

Mrs. F. L. Sadler, Mr. John F. Reeves, Mr. C. C. Fesperman, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baer, Miss Laura E. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Orr, Mr. George D. White, Mrs. George D. White. Mrs. Evelin Payne and children visited Mr. and Mrs. George Brickenborough over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hanson, for the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Garringer, over the week-end, Mr. C. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cannon, Concord, and Miss Penelope Cannon and Mrs. Leslie Cannon and Gettsey Guelle, of Concord.

Mrs. W. H. Dula with her guests, Mrs. J. C. Leslie, of New York; Miss Hart, W. J. Hart, Mrs. E. K. Plyler, Kershaw, S. C.

The guests of the hotel enjoyed a dance Saturday evening from 9 to 11:30.

What passes \$2, and it's no trouble to say it with fours.—Wall Street Journal.

Our idea of a cinch job is being mouthpiece for President Coolidge.—Arkansas Gazette.

Blackstone said that law is common sense. Then no wonder we can't enforce it.—Nashville Banner.

EXPECT INCREASE IN COTTON DEMAND

Cost of Production Will be Heavier This Year. Prospects Hias Great Consumption.

The department of agriculture issued Sunday a report on prospects for cotton this year which is of particular interest to North Carolina producers and manufacturers. The demand for cotton, it states, promises to be good, but the cost of production is to be higher. The report says:

"The outlook for cotton production in 1925, although perhaps less favorable than in 1924 from the standpoint of production costs, is otherwise encouraging. From present indications stocks at the end of the current season will not be large. Foreign demand should be sustained. Industry is in a liquidated condition and cotton growers in general are in an improved financial condition.

"It appears that the world could absorb at sustained prices a crop of twelve to thirteen million bales and that producers in those sections of the belt where conditions are favorable for cotton production at present prices would be justified in planting not to exceed their 1924 average.

"It now appears probable that the consumption of American cotton during the season 1924-25 will be considerably greater than that of last season, and that although the carry-over at the end of this season will be somewhat in excess of that from the 1923-24 crop it will not be burdensome.

Easy Distribution.

"From the movement of the 1924 crop it may be inferred that the present season's supply of American cotton will be well enough digested to permit easy distribution of the 1925 crop. Exports to date have been much heavier than last year. European purchasers have been buying freely, and there is greater activity in the cotton mills in England and Germany than at this time last year. The establishment of exchange has made it possible for European merchants to participate to a larger extent in the handling of the crop, and stocks in European ports which have for the past three years been abnormally low are now increasing.

Training School At Elizabeth Has 60

The Training School for Sunday School Workers which is being conducted by the associational worker, Mr. A. V. Washburn, at Elizabeth Baptist church this week, is meeting with wonderful success. The class consists of some fifty or sixty members and much pep and enthusiasm is being shown.

We are hoping for much and lasting good to come from this meeting. In the near future we hope to be enrolled as a Standard Sunday School.

"Pep is the thing that is contagious around here." Rev. Lawrence Roberts preached at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, February 1.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS FOUR DOLLARS IN CARS TO ONE DOLLAR IN SCHOOLS

Chapel Hill.—Three hundred thousand people in North Carolina have invested four dollars in motor cars for every dollar invested in public school buildings, says the University News Letter in the leading article in its current issue. The article continues, in part:

"Common school and public high school properties in North Carolina now represent a total investment of a little more than 60 million dollars. It is sixty times the amount invested in public school properties twenty-five years ago. But since 1911 the automobile owners in North Carolina have invested a little more than \$240,000,000 in motor cars.

"Just now many people in North Carolina are in a panic about bond issues and taxes. And in very truth North Carolina has been piling up a stupendous total of bonds—state bonds \$108,847,000 in round numbers, county bonds \$87,000,000, municipal bonds \$97,563,000—all told; \$293,413,000 of bonds.

"Moreover, we spent 64 million dollars last year for brand new motor cars. It is a sum sufficient to support the state government and the state institutions of learning, benevolence and correction for the next 5 years.

"The plain people of North Carolina are not poverty stricken on the one hand, neither are they rich on the other. At any rate, they are rich enough to invest in motor cars in amazing multitudes—all sorts of people, white, black, blue and green!

"The workmen on the buildings of the University park more cars on the

Cleveland Third In Cotton Production

Cleveland county ranks third in state cotton production instead of second as was announced following the preliminary gin report of the state. An investigation of the complete report shows that Nash county leads this county by a little over one thousand bales. Johnston county is first with 51,852 bales; Nash second with 41,949, and Cleveland third with 40,563. In a manner though Cleveland leads, being the only county in the state where the yield was increased during a "poor season." Johnston and Nash lead in total production but Johnston fell nearly 10,000 bales behind the 1923 crop, while Nash was almost 6,000 behind. In this county there was a gain of over 1,000 bales.

In state production Harnett county ranks fourth and Wake fifth. The ginning figures for nearby counties are: Rutherford, 14,416; Lincoln, 11,483; Gaston, 9,718; Catawba 11,660.

Automobile Stolen In Gaffney Caught By Officers Here

About sundown Sunday Chief B. O. Hamrick spied a suspicious-looking car driven by a negro and in the round up captured the negro, J. G. Wilkey, and car, which was stolen Saturday evening at Gaffney. A short time later Gaffney officers were notified and Chief Bryant and two other officers came after the car and negro.

The ruse by which Wilkey secured the car was simple, but yet a new wrinkle in the larceny of automobiles according to both chiefs in conversation here. Wilkey, it is said, approached the owner of the Ford touring car and inquired "Doncher want a good battery fuh dat ole boat?" Of course the owner of the "ole boat" was not fond of cranking and learning that Wilkey had a battery that he would part with dirt cheap" decided to buy it. "The battery is up de road head a piece. Let me have de car an' I'll bring it back in about fifteen or twenty minnits". So the owner parted with his car and did not see it any more until the officers returned with it Sunday night. After Wilkey failed to show up in several "twenty minnits" he notified the officers and the car was tracked to the Earl neighborhood, where Wilkey stopped for a negro dance. Chief Hamrick was notified that the car was headed in this direction and about sundown noticed it cross the square and a short time later had both the car and driver in custody. Wilkey declared that it was his intention to return the car, and although the other negro did not get his battery there is likely to be "battery" when the two come face to face.

We can get along very well without elevating our navy guns if congress will only elevate its sights.—Omaha Bee.

MR. DOVER ANSWERED ON TOWN EXTENSION

Isn't it Democracy for the Majority to Rule? Equal Benefits and Rights For All.

The Star gladly publishes in this issue a communication from our good friend J. R. Dover in opposition to extension of the corporate limits. We believe Mr. Dover will concede the fact that it is democracy in its truest form for the majority to rule. If the majority of the voters, both inside and out, are not willing for extension, we pledge ourselves here and now not to advocate it any further. Won't you consent to abide by majority rule Mr. Dover?

Mr. Dover asks if the outsiders would be paid for their municipal improvements and he gives the same municipal advantages after extension as the in-towners now enjoy. He was not at the recent meeting of the board of aldermen and citizens for and against, at which the town officials went on record, offering to pay for the public improvements already made if the outsiders would agree to come in, offering the same advantages in the way of streets, schools, sidewalks, water and sewer that in-town people enjoy, but of course these improvements could not be made in a day and some sections would have to wait, just as in-town people have waited. The board declared it to be its policy to give these improvements as the taxable property and revenue therefrom would warrant. Isn't this fair enough?

As to the nearest of these industrial plants to Shelby. Did they not build near Shelby because of the advantages the town offers? Do they not receive benefits from the town? Are not home-owners on the outside clamoring for public improvements and are not many of them willing to become a part of Shelby so they can enjoy these privileges?

Mr. Dover seems to think the extension movement is an effort to "saddle" part of the town's debt on the outsiders. Let us say this is not the disposition and purpose, although the outsiders would pay their part of the present bonds, but why shouldn't they if they are to be a part of the town, enjoying the blessings and benefits of town government and its advantages. To take in the new territory to take in require a bond issue to pay for outside improvements and the insiders would help pay for what is out just as the outsiders would help pay for what is in. Aren't outsiders now enjoying advantages for which they are not paying? Does Mr. Dover think this fair?

We know Mr. Dover has a pride in Shelby. If he didn't have, he wouldn't live here. If there wasn't some advantages in being close to Shelby or some incorporated town, he would have built his mills at Casar. We are proud of him—glad that he is here and are willing to encourage him in textile building. We want Shelby larger for the same pride he takes in enlarging his mills. We want Shelby to get credit for its true population. We want all who daily use the streets, sidewalks, water and other public improvements to share some of the burdens and we are willing to assume our part of the burdens of the blessings given to outsiders. We want our water supply enlarged to meet its demands and know Mr. Dover would not ask or expect the inside to make this expenditure solely and continue to sell water to outsiders at the same price (40c per 1,000 gallons) insiders pay. Equal benefits and equal burdens for greater Shelby is our position in the matter.

We admire Mr. Dover's idea that both sides should reason together and settle the matter in good spirit, but extension must come and is coming.

REV. MR. WALL WILL PREACH AT M. P. CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Wall, of this city, will preach at the Shelby Methodist Protestant church next Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. C. B. Way, the pastor, will be in South Carolina next Sunday. He will preach at Liberty Hill Methodist Protestant church, near Greer, S. C., and will also speak to the Christian Endeavor society of that church in the evening.

WELL KNOWN FARMER HAS INSTALLED WATER SYSTEM

Lee R. Gordon, prominent farmer who lives just across the Cleveland county line in Rutherford county but is well known in Cleveland was a Shelby visitor Saturday and when asked for the news of his section he gave the information that he has installed a modern and up-to-date water system about his house and barn at a cost of \$750. For three years he has had a lighting system and now he has added a complete water plant, including the bath conveniences and he thinks the water system is the best investment he ever made at his home. He is pleased to learn of the rural lighting systems in Cleveland about which he has been reading in The Star and says every farmer should avail himself of this convenience.

When Mr. Voliva claims the world is flat, it is barely possible he has merely been studying the recent European debt discussion.—Detroit News

Eventually, however, when our present population become office-holders, we shall have to admit more immigrants to pay the salaries.—Columbia Record.

Six Weeks of Bad Weather Judging By Mr. Woodchuck

This section—several hours distance from Asheville and the "Land of the Sky"—is in for six weeks of rough weather—that is if the age-old legend about the groundhog and his shadow is taken at sunshine value.

There is no argument about it. If the woodchuck's 150-day alarm clock went off without a hitch Monday the marmot saw his shadow and in the night predicted a month and one-half more of raw climate. With the prediction correct perhaps the farmers will rejoice for such a winter speaks well for the crops. And that the next 40 days will be of the winter variety may as well be so as any other weather forecast for it is just about as reliable—which is not character testimony for any forecast.

Early in the morning to the superstitious in Shelby it appeared that winter with its wind and chills was almost ready for the curtain, for a hazy fog overhung and even bits of human chocolates failed to materialize into shadows, but about noon—the scheduled time for the debut of the woodchuck—old Sol broke through and there were shadows, shadow so distinct that the marmot was bound to see them unless he had thinned terribly from its hibernation diet.

Had the fog existed during the day and the ground hog not seen his shadow, then, according to the tradition, spring would be underway, or at least winter would be over. As it is he is supposed to have become frightened at the adumbration and returned to his burk for a nap that should continue through six weeks.

Just when, or how the ground hog legend originated and February 2nd became "ground hog day" no one seems to know definitely. But nevertheless it appears that the legend will never be forgotten and will be used as a weather forecast by many until the end of time. That "ground hog day" comes on February 2nd and George Washington's birthday anniversary on the 22nd some are inclined to get tangled up—but in passing along the legend we would not advise that as much dependence be put in Mr. Woodchuck as was in the "man who never told a lie."

Some Questions Are Asked The Aldermen

Shelby, N. C., Feb. 2, 1925. To Dr. S. S. Royster, Mayor Pro Tem. As a matter of information to the citizens of Shelby and vicinity interested in the extensions of the City limits would much appreciate your giving the public the following information:

The approximate amount of bonds that will have to be issued to make the extension of the proposed three quarters of a mile? What is the amount of money as near as possible that will be necessary to take over each mill vicinity and other suburbs, etc., generally. Also if this extension would tend to raise or lower the present City rate of tax?

Would the town of Shelby want those taken in to help finish paying the street and sidewalk bonds that are yet due by the town of Shelby and not give those on the outside streets and sidewalks in proportion to their taxable property?

What is the general experience of towns that extend their city limits as regards the increase or decrease of tax rate?

What proportion of the water from the town system is used by those on the outside of the present limits?

Will there be extra expense in operating the city government such as extra police force, firemen, street work, etc.? If so, how much?

—An Interested Citizen.

WIFE HEAR'S HUSBY'S DEATH ON PHONE

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Frederick A. Siebold, Jr., once planner and builder of hotels and amusement places and formerly owner of a steel construction company at Miami, Fla., killed himself in a downtown hotel here with a shotgun as his wife listened on the telephone.

Siebold, who became involved in disastrous financial troubles in 1923, when he disappeared and later returned here and was arrested, had endeavored to recoup his fortunes in the South and had recently returned from New York, his wife said. She said he had been dependent over his failure to obtain employment.

Early today Siebold registered at a hotel as coming from Miami. He bought a shotgun, took it to his room and called his wife on the telephone. "Well, I'm going to kill myself. This is the last you'll ever see"—he said, and pulled the trigger.

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W. Y. Weathers who was a patient in the Shelby Public Hospital for several weeks, undergoing an operation and treatment for injuries he received Christmas eve night when struck by an automobile, driven by an unknown party, says he received the very best of care and attention in the Shelby Hospital and wishes to make public his feelings in the matter. He says Drs. Harbison and Scruggs were both as attentive and solicitous as any one could expect and the nurses were kind and considerate of him in every respect. He is now at home much improved, although he has not as yet recovered the use of his leg because of a serious injury to the knee.

TALK GOLF PLAYING AT KIWANIS MEET

Speakers Declare it Prolongs Life, Promotes Social Life and Makes for Happiness of Players.

Thursday night was "Golf night" at the Kiwanis club with Charles L. Eskridge, president of the golf club in charge of the program devoted entirely to encouraging the game among business folks who say they can't find no time to play or partake of any sort of amusement and recreation. The arguments were so strong and convincing on the physical, social and mental benefits that are to be desired from the sport, that a number of new members joined and expect to don their golf togs and try the game right away.

Three Speakers and Players. There were three speakers on the subject, each speaker touching on a different line of thought and argument as to the benefits of the game. Prof. I. C. Griffin declared the golf course at Cleveland to be one of the greatest attractions to visitors, all of whom nowadays insist that the resorts which they frequent must have a golf course and that the one at Cleveland has been a great investment from the standpoint of attracting visitors. He stressed the fact that new life is created in a body that takes regular and systematic exercise and that the players go back to their daily routine with more "pep" and a happier disposition.

"There is more in life than making money by daily grind," declared O. M. Mull as he begged his fellows to divide their time between work and play and not grow old and broken in health, useless to themselves and their community because they have neglected to play and thus become prematurely old, useless to themselves and to the community, spending the money they accumulated by hard work in doctor bills and hospital bills, trying in vain to prolong their lives. Mr. Mull appealed for more interest in recreation and amusement and declared that a man's earning capacity and power is in no way impaired by the few hours he takes away from business to keep himself fit.

Mr. John Schenck, sr., of Lawndale is a living example of what golf will do in invigorating mankind. At first he had a mighty poor opinion of a man who would engage in what looks to an outsider to be a "silly" game. He tried it on the advice of friends with much misgivings and now instead of visiting hospitals and paying large bills, he is in better physical condition than ever before. He is opposed to a man over-working himself; he is opposed to "chain stores" or chain businesses of any kind that will grind the life out of a man, shorten his days and force him to a premature grave. In speaking of the social side of golf Mr. Schenck declared that a player meets pleasant gentlemen and forms lasting friendships and that the game is real sport that takes a man's mind away from business cares and worry and gives him mental as well as physical recreation that is bound to stimulate him to greater activity when he puts in his working hours.

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