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Of This Paper Is Greater  
Than The Population Given  
Shelby In The 1920 Census

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## Compromise Is Near On Extension of City Limits

Proposition To Let Boundaries Remain The Same Until Jan. 1st, 1928, After Which Time Limits Would Reach Mile And Half.

A compromise has about been reached in the matter of extending the corporate limits of the town of Shelby whereby the charter would be amended at the present session of the general assembly providing for extension to take effect January 1st, 1928, allowing all residents in the proposed addition a period of three years grace. In other words the leading opponents have agreed that they would submit to extension after three years have elapsed and are willing for the extension amendment to be passed now, providing for a three-quarter mile addition. This will serve to satisfy the fertile men who have been the most active opponents, but there are many other residents outside who wish to come in now in order that they might receive the municipal improvements. A three year period of grace, means that no city improvements will be made on the outside by the present Shelby until that time has elapsed.

While the advocates of extension feel that a wait of three years is too long, the leaders are willing to make this concession in order to avoid an election and have a unified people, all striving for the best interests of Greater Shelby three years hence. The following bill has been drafted as a substitute for the one heretofore published providing for an election and this bill was to have been presented to the mayor pro tem and aldermen at a called meeting yesterday for their consideration:

**Copy of Bill.**  
Sec. 1. That Chapter 194 of the Private laws of 1901 be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "three-fourths of a mile" in line 6 of section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one and one-half miles," and by striking out the words "three-fourths of a mile" in line 7 of said section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one and one-half miles."

Sec. 2. That the governing body of the town of Shelby shall ascertain the line of the corporate limits of said town as provided in this act and have same properly marked.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after January 1, 1928, and all of the territory covered by and included in the circle having as its center a point located in the center of the court house as now located, and situated in said town of Shelby, and made by a radius extending one and one-half miles in length from said center—that is all that territory within a radius of one and one-half miles from the center of the present court house of Cleveland county—shall hereafter constitute the town of Shelby and be subject to the charter of said town and the laws pertaining thereto; and the several ward lines shall be projected to the new corporate limits, and the new territory be thus divided among and added to the several wards of the town as thus partitioned.

**Property Agreement.**  
The following agreement has been drafted for the approval of the city fathers and for the signatures of leaders both for and against extension, showing the basis of settlement on which Shelby will take over the outside public improvements when the extension takes effect.

"This indenture, made and entered into this February 11, 1925, by and between the town of Shelby, a municipality located in Cleveland county, North Carolina, of the one part, and Belmont Cotton mills, Consolidated Textile company, Lily Mill and Power company, Eastside Manufacturing company, and Cleveland Springs company, of the other part, witnesseth:

"That, whereas the corporate limits of the town of Shelby are to be extended by an act of the legislature to be passed at the present session, by which extension the property and plants of the parties of the second part will be included within the limits of the town of Shelby; and whereas said parties of the second part have at their own expense installed certain water and sewer mains and electric light lines, which said property the said parties agree to sell to the said town of Shelby, the said town of Shelby on its part agrees to buy same under and pursuant to the following terms and provisions:

"1. That the water and sewer mains to be sold and purchased under this agreement shall include all water mains and sewer mains located within streets and alleys from which taps are made to supply patrons of said systems, and the electric transmission lines to be thus sold and purchased shall include only those trunk lines from which taps and connections, are made to supply various patrons, and

shall not include the service lines.

"2. That the price to be paid said individual owners by the town of Shelby for the water and sewer mains and electric transmission lines shall be determined by a board of appraisers composed of three members, one of whom to be chosen by the town of Shelby, one by a majority of the owners and the third by the two thus selected, and the decision of any two of said appraisers shall be final and accepted by all the parties as the amount to be paid and received for said property; and that the amount so fixed shall be paid on the date said bill extending the corporate limits of the town of Shelby goes into effect, and if not paid on said date, interest thereon shall be paid at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid.

"3. That the town of Shelby will furnish the Lily mill district, included within the corporate limits, reasonable water, sewer and light service similar to that supplies to other districts of like character within the corporate limits.

"4. That other parties, who have at their own expense constructed and now own water and sewer mains and electric light transmission lines, will be give settlement by the town of Shelby similar to the above enumerated for said mains and lines in the new corporate limits.

"5. That the town of Shelby will assume and pay such obligations as may be outstanding against the South Shelby school district, at the time the city extension bill goes into effect, for the cost of the new district school building now contracted to be erected in South Shelby, which obligations are only to cover items of original cost of said building and equipment, and not to exceed fifty thousand dollars; and upon the assumption of said indebtedness the said school building and lot shall be conveyed to the town of Shelby as a part of its school property.

"In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their proper officers or agents and their corporate seals attached, the day and year first above written."

**Unintending Couple Is "Hitched Up"**  
Ellenboro Colored Couple Takes Up Bargain Offer Made by Gaffney Probate Judge.

Eva Lee Sanders and Ellis Strother, Ellenboro negroes, went to Gaffney, Saturday to see Eva's sister get married, but they got married themselves, because perhaps "they knew a bargain when they saw it." The unique marriage is related in the Shelby Ledger as follows:

Eva Lee Sanders and Ellis Strother, young negroes of Ellenboro, N. C., came to Gaffney Saturday with Maybelle Sanders, sister of Eva and Nalle Thompson, also of Ellenboro, to see the latter couple properly united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The four went to the office of Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup at the court house, Mr. Stroup lost little time in tying Cupid's knot.

Upon completing the job, just to see what would happen, Mr. Stroup told the other couple if they would get married he would furnish the license and perform the ceremony without charge.

Ellis promptly invited Eva Lee to a private conference in the court house hall, just outside of the judge's door, and in a few minutes the two came back in and announced they were ready.

The Judge kept his word and performed another ceremony.

**Moorsboro Man Held For Having "Bitters"**  
Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 11.—C. O. Champion, of Moorsboro, N. C., was released under \$1,500 bond after being arrested here Tuesday in a Ford coupe in which the officers alleged they found six cases of bitters. Six additional cases of bitters consigned to Champion were seized at the local freight office.

No charge had been preferred against T. C. Petty, well-known Gaffney man and uncle of the North Carolinian, who was in the car with Champion, it was stated. Officers said Mr. Petty had a shot gun and some shells in the car, and upon being questioned he said that he had been planning to return home with Mr. Champion and was carrying weapon for the purpose of going fox hunting.

The 12 cases seized by the officers contained 288 ounce bottles labelled 4 per cent alcohol, it was said. At the retail price quoted by officers the shipment was worth \$432.

**Snowflake Laundry Starts Operation**  
The Snowflake Laundry recently erected on E. Graham street has been fitted up with the most modern machinery and is now in full operation. The laundry is owned by Hamrick and Willis and is housed in a brick building. The machinery is of the very latest pattern and design and the setting up process has been completed so that every department of the plant was put in full operation this week. Two laundry wagons operate in Shelby and near-by towns to collect and deliver the parcels.

Every member of the Methodist Men's Bible class is urged to be present Sunday morning at 9:45. Make your plans now to be there.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.**

The larger Shelby grows the more people that eat at Heavy's Cafe. Ad

## Want 12 Standard Sunday Schools In Cleveland This Year

The Baptist ministers of the county are anxious to have a round dozen Sunday schools in the Kings Mountain association attain credits and receive their certificate showing they have met the requirements for the A-1 grade. Rev. G. P. Abernethy received notice this week from the Sunday school board notifying him that the applications from Sandy Plains and New House schools had been received and approved. Waco and Double Shoals have already been added to the list, while Union, Fallston, Elizabeth, Zoar, First Baptist and Second Baptist of Shelby are about ready to make application. A. V. Washburn, association director of Young Peoples work has been conducting training schools the various churches and has wrought a wonderful work. He started out last fall and has been engaged most every week at some Sunday school.

Double Shoals holds the record of a AA-1 standard and is said to be the only rural church in the Southern Baptist convention which ranks so high.

## Inside Population Over 5,000 People

There are 5,014 people living in Shelby, the official Shelby city limits of only three-fourths of a mile, according to an unofficial census made by County Welfare Officer J. B. Smith to be used in connection with school and welfare work. The census made by Mr. Smith was complete if not official and will serve as a guide and reference for school officials and in welfare work. The actual figures by wards are not available at present, only the total being given out.

Just how many people live in Shelby—the town they call home but do not live in formally—is still a puzzle.

## Captain McSwain On Staff Of Governor

The following officers of the North Carolina National guard have been detailed as aids-de-camp on the personal staff of Governor McLean:

Col. Don E. Scott, Graham; Col. Wm T. Joyner, Raleigh; Major Graham K. Hobbs, Wilmington; Major J. Vance McGougan, Fayetteville; Major Kenneth E. Caldwell, Concord; Captain Peyton McSwain, Shelby; Captain F. Eli Wishart, Greensboro; 1st Lieut. Joseph L. Murphy, Hockory.

The appointments were made by Special order No. 45 issued by the adjutant general's office Feb. 9, 1925.

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## DYING WISH OF DIANA OF THE DUNES DENIED BY HUSBAND'S LACK OF MONEY

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The dying wish of Diana of the Dunes cannot be respected. Sinking to rest in her little hut in the sand hills of Indiana which creep down to Lake Michigan, the college bred woman who retreated to the wastes nine years ago begged her giant husband, Paul Wilson, to cremate her body and cast the ashes to the winds from Mount Tom, the highest of the sand peaks.

Wilson, of whom little more than his name is known, eked out a living as a fisherman. His purse will not permit a cremation. Instead, Diana will be buried from a Gary, Ind., undertaker's establishment.

No explanation of the young woman's abandonment of a promising future after she had been graduated with honors from the University of Chicago has been advanced. As Alice Gary, then reputed pretty, she was a stellar mathematician and editor of a college publication. As Diana of

## MAN COMES BACK AFTER 30 YEARS

Refused Enlistment For Spanish-American War, Man Vanishes. Writes Local Officers.

Several weeks ago local county officers received a letter from far away Mankato, Minnesota, written by Mrs. S. T. Sheppard and inquiring about relatives of her husband and the letter was the first that was heard of Samuel Sheppard in almost 30 years. Mr. Sheppard is now visiting at Blacksburg and says the Gaffney Ledger as follows:

"Twenty-nine years ago Samuel Tilden Sheppard, of Blacksburg, was refused enlistment in the United States army for the war with Spain because of defective eyesight. He failed to return home and his relatives never heard from him again until about three weeks ago Cleveland county officials at Shelby, N. C., received a letter from Mrs. S. T. Sheppard, of Mankato, Minn., asking if any information could be supplied relative to her husband's family. Mrs. Sheppard's letter was forwarded to Mrs. McK. Albergotti, of Blacksburg, a sister of Mr. Sheppard, who answered it.

"The other day Mr. Sheppard arrived in Blacksburg to visit his sister.

"After being refused by the army Mr. Sheppard decided to go west. He engaged in the flour milling business with considerable success, and has now retired from active business. He has a family consisting of his wife and six children."

## Hundreds Use "Penny Ads" For Bargains

The Star with the last issue made the bid for being the leading "want ad" semi-weekly in North Carolina, meaning that the paper carried more "want ads," or "penny column ads" in the last issue than any semi-weekly in the state, or any one or two small dailies combined. Five full columns and a part of another column were devoted to "penny ads" alone. Two years ago one column of "penny column ads" was an unusual thing, but the bargains offered and sold in the little business boosters has brought about the increase, and although it is advertising it is one of the most read sections of the paper. For sale, lost, want and found the leading classifications, but a perusal of the full five columns reveals everything imaginable.

**Found Hound and Money.**

Among the items found recently by The Star's "penny columns" were a vacuum cleaner lost away up near Cliffside, a possum hound in a distant rural section, and a \$10 bill on the streets of Shelby. Daily there are dozens of calls and inquiries about rooms and homes for rent and sale and this perhaps is the most used classification. As an idea as to the value of the "penny columns" the following were among the things offered for sale in the last issue alone: Automobiles, Fords, hay, houses, five-gaited saddle horse, coats, business and residential lots, farms, coal, auto tires, chickens, registered jack, eggs, motorcycle, cotton seed fertilizer, incubators, pigs, spring hats, brick, bath tubs, bank and textile shavers, cord wood, gasoline and insurance.

Can you beat it? Is there anything else one could want? Read the "penny ads"—Use them.

## At The Princess

Rudolph Valentino will be at the Princess Theatre Friday in Rex Beach's well-known "A Sainted Devil." This is one of the best of the incomparable Valentino's pictures and combines the best of "The Sheik" and "Blood and Sand." It's the greatest role the favorite star ever played—bar none. And that's enough to draw the crowds. Saturday comes Tom Mix in "Deadwood Coach," a picture that's more than a western romance. It is taken from Mulford's novel "The Orphan" and portrays a bad man in the Bad Lands. For thrills it is a mile-a-minute clip of the only Tom Mix, the daredevil of the plains. Monday, William Fox presents Edmund Lowe in the "Blossom Row" Two women cast by fate from the same mold and tossed by circumstances into the life of one woman—U. hub, Romance.

## First Baptist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45. Interesting lesson. Last Sunday we had 647 present. Let us maintain this record the coming Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 by the pastor. Juniors meet at 4 p. m. and Intermediates at 6:30. Let all be present.

Heavy fired his cook, but the "eats" were so good the cook stayed on for his meals.

## Blacksburg Miner Says Collins Cave Case Is Sure Fake

Old Time Miner Thinks It is a Profit Scheme and That Collins Still Lives in the Cave.

D. W. Harris, a miner for 20 years who is now engaged in prospecting for gold near Blacksburg, S. C., was a Shelby visitor yesterday and when he asked for a morning paper bearing the latest account of the Floyd Collins cave case in Kentucky, declared that he is firm in his conviction that it is a pure hoax, framed up for profit. "You will notice that hundreds of moving picture men are at the mine, that crowds numbering in to the 20,000 visit the scene where Collins is fastened in a cave," said Mr. Harris.

He says Collins still lives and that when he is rescued, the cave will be in the limelight to such an extent that thousands of tourists will visit the scene and pay for the privilege. Soon after Collins was fastened in the cave and the word got out that a reward of \$500 would be given to the one who would release him, Mr. Harris wired, offering to rescue him, but soon thereafter the opening caved in. Harris has had experience in rescuing miners. Out in Idaho in the Morning Glory mine some years ago, Harris says he drilled a hole by an extension drill, blew hundreds of yards of silk into the mine for the imprisoned men to make a bed out of, blew food for them through the small opening until they could be rescued. In seven days they were brought forth to regain all of their impoverished faculties after a few days in a hospital. If the would-be rescuers could reach him, certainly they could have drilled him out with a small drill and if the entrance was closed up by a falling of rocks, certainly the entrance could have been opened easier and in less time than drilling from the surface. Mr. Harris goes so far as to say that the entrance might have been intentionally blocked in order to carry the hoax further. Cave City and Floyd Collins have gained more publicity than anything that has happened in many years. Newspaper readers have sought the latest news from the cave man with peculiar interest and if it is a hoax, it is one of the cleverest planned schemes that was ever devised by man.

Whether Collins lives or not is the question. Harris thinks he is perfectly safe but in order to keep the public thinking it is horror and one of the most peculiar situations in the annals of cave exploration, he might have to "wrench his foot before he is rescued."

## Coops Not Selling Farmers Fertilizer

The Cotton Co-operative association is not selling fertilizer to farmers, but only helping the farmers raise the money to pay cash for their fertilizer. The mistaken idea prevails with some that the Co-ops are selling fertilizer, the mistake coming about through the financing plan. The association is aiding all members to borrow money so that they may pay cash for their fertilizer and thus save on the purchase.

"Some of the dealers think we are selling fertilizer," remarked O. F. McGill, local field representative, "but we are not. We are only helping our members secure money needed to buy their fertilizer and as much as possible we are encouraging buying from local and nearby dealers, and also arranging that these dealers be paid cash."

## Mercury Flops And Overcoats Appear

Br-r-r! Top coats, mufflers and winter attire have again made their appearance on the streets of Shelby following a few days of almost spring like weather and the donning of semi-spring-like garments. In something like 12 hours Wednesday night the mercury flopped about 22 degrees, and felt like a rapid descent of 50 or more as a result of several days of sunshine that made the cold snap all the more snappier.

About 7 o'clock Wednesday evening the town's standard weather gauge—Mr. Ebeltoft's thermometer—registered 54. Thursday morning it had dropped to 32 and seemed undecided about dropping several more degrees. Wednesday afternoon the change started and by late in the evening those few who predicted that the seasons have changed and that spring was already here changed their minds with more rapidity than the weather. Along about noon Wednesday and in the afternoon hail was reported in several sections of the county, reports having it that it hailed quite a bit around Lattimore at the noon hour, according to S. C. Crawley.

Perhaps the groundhog is a woodchuck, but his festival day is too near the birthday of George Washington to term the marmot a liar as yet.

## Chief Irvin Allen And Citizen Mix

Kings Mountain Herald.

And a dog was to blame. Chief Irvin Allen and Mr. M. L. Plonk had a little social mixup early Monday morning with the result that some licks were passed, and Dr. Hord pulled Irvin's finger back in place and Squire Rhea dished out a fine and costs to each amounting to \$14 per. The trouble arose over the ownership and disposition of a dog. The flurry was soon over and peace again established even between the principals in the affray.

Fresh strawberries at Piggly-Wigly. adv

## New Quarter Million Dollar Mill Organized in Shelby

E. T. Switzer And Gastonia And Shelby Associates To Build Weave Mill Here, Making Fine Fancy Fabrics. To Be Close In.

## MRS. MELVIN GANTT BURIED AT KADESH

Beloved Christian Woman Dies at Age of 74 Years. Leaves Five Children.

Mrs. Georgiana Gantt, widow of the late Melvin P. Gantt died Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Peeler, one mile southeast of Shelby, following an illness of a year or more from a foot trouble and old age. Mrs. Gantt had been a patient in the Shelby hospital for some time and was recently taken back to the home of her daughter where she had been making her home, there being little hope for her recovery. Mrs. Gantt before marriage was Georgiana Jones, daughter of Robert and Jane Warlick Jones, and was born January 27th, 1850. On December 8th 1880 she married Melvin P. Gantt who became one of the county's staunchest citizens and the pioneer tanner and harness maker at Belwood. Mr. Gantt was killed in a railway accident in 1904 while returning from a visit to California and since that time she had been living at the old homestead at Belwood and among her children. Mrs. Gantt was a fine Christian character, loved and respected by a host of friends to whom the news of her passing is a source of great sorrow. She joined the Kadesh Methodist church 45 years ago and was a consistent member.

Mrs. Gantt is survived by three children Hon. Robert Gantt, prominent lawyer and lodgeman of Durham, Samuel J. Gantt, of Beaumont, Calif., who arrived at her bedside in time for his mother to recognize him before her death and Mrs. Clayton Peeler, of Shelby. Two step children also survive, A. T. Gantt of Beaumont, Calif., and Mrs. J. N. Ledford of Charlotte. H. F. Jones, D. Will Jones and C. Dool Jones, brothers and Mrs. A. E. Fort, a sister, preceded her to the grave, making her the last of the family.

The funeral was conducted at Kadesh church, Belwood, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Revs. A. L. Stanford, L. E. Stacy and John Green, a large crowd being present and a beautiful floral offering attesting the esteem in which she was held.

## Officers Think Man Was Shot In Escape

Kannapolis Officers Say Either Taylor or Hill Was Shot When Caught in Garage.

Cabarrus county officers Tuesday came to Shelby after Lonnie Taylor, who has been in jail here for several days, being arrested following discoveries that came up when Taylor's pal, Arthur Hill was found to have in his possession an automobile that was stolen in Rockwood, Tennessee. Hill was taken to Tennessee Monday, and Taylor was held for the Kannapolis court.

According to Chief Hamrick the officers from Cabarrus stated that Hill and Taylor were caught in a garage by the owner after they had made an entrance and that one of them shot at the owner, who returned the fire and hit one of them before they made their get-away. The opinion there is that Taylor was the one shot and the officers say that an examination will be made when they return to Kannapolis to see if he bears the mark of a wound.

## SCREW SWALLOWED IN 1896 TAKEN FROM LUNG

Pittsburg—A one-inch brass screw, swallowed 28 years ago was removed from the right lung of Frank Crawford by Dr. J. Homer McCready here. A tube, equipped with a small electric light bulb, was inserted through the mouth, and, after the screw had been located, a long forceps was used in its removal. The patient's condition is reported as being "good."

## TAX NOTICE.

City taxes are now past due. Please call at office at the city hall and settle. O. M. Suttle, collector. Ad