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PROTEST AGAINST LIMIT COMPROMISE

Outsiders Who Were Against Extension. Now Want Election. Insiders Think Jan. 1, 1928 Too Long.

Letters and telegrams of protest against the compromise in the matter of extending the corporate limits of the town of Shelby are being forwarded to Raleigh to Representative Falls, the advocates of extension protesting against a wait of three years before the extension takes effect.

Now it develops that some who have been opposed to extension, knowing that it will come at the end of three years, but that the town will make no improvements until that period has elapsed, do not want to wait, but prefer to come in now and begin receiving municipal benefits.

Just what will be done in the matter remains to be seen. In replying to the telegrams of a friend protesting against the compromise of three years exemption, Representative Falls assured him that the people will be heard in the matter before any action is taken.

Hoey Outgenerals District Attorney

Greensboro, Feb. 13.—It develops that the case of the United States government against J. D. Norwood, J. K. Doughton and M. L. Jackson, charged with violation of the national banking laws, was postponed for trial after Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, attorney for Hood, went to Washington and conferred with the attorney general regarding it.

Mr. Hoey had been to see District Attorney Frank A. Linney about postponement of the case, which had been set for trial in federal court here to start February 23, and he asked Mr. Linney for a continuance, but Mr. Linney did not accede, stating he was ready to proceed with the trial.

The case has been continued until an indefinite date.

SHORT SKIRTS FORCE TABLES & CHAIRS DOWN

London, Feb. 9.—Chair and tables in the fashionable London cafes are an inch or more lower than they were a few years ago due to the change in women's dress styles.

The average short-skirted woman could not sit gracefully at the higher tables, it was explained recently at a meeting of a cafe owners' association.

Mass Meeting

To all Persons Interested in the Proposed Extension of the Incorporate Limits of the Town of Shelby, N. C.:

In order that the people to be affected in the extension movement may have an open and frank discussion of the whole matter, we hereby call a mass meeting for 7:30 Tuesday night, Feb. 17 at the Court House.

It is hoped that this meeting may be harmonious and that we may all work together for the welfare of the town. We want those on the inside and those on the outside to be present.

S. S. Royster, Thad Ford, John McClur, T. W. Hamrick, Aldermen.

Schoolboy's Skull Fractured By Bat; W. C. Wright Hurt

Son of Rev. G. P. Abernethy Injured When Playmate Tosses Baseball Bat Over Shoulder.

G. P. Abernethy, jr., 10-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Abernethy, is in the Shelby Public hospital suffering with a fractured skull as the result of being struck in the head by a baseball bat thrown over the shoulder of a playmate, a Putnam boy, about 10 o'clock last Thursday at the city schools.

The Putnam boy and another boy were "choosing up" to play baseball according to the old-time way of hand-over-hand on the bat with enough grip left at the end of the bat for it to be tossed over the shoulder by one winning first choice.

Mr. Wright, who recently sold his machine shop on North Washington street, was painfully injured last Thursday at his saw mill plant in No. 11 when a big caterpillar tractor turned over on him.

Mr. Wright under it and the motor continued running causing the grinding caterpillar tracks of the tractor to keep turning on his left leg. The lacerations which are very severe were caused by the turning tracks. Reports immediately after the accident had it that Mr. Wright's leg was broken or cut off by the tractor, but the injuries consist only of lacerations, according to advice from the hospital.

TO BOTTOM OF LAKE IN AUTO. ARE SAVED

St. Paul, Feb. 9.—Trapped in their automobile 25 feet beneath the icy surface of Rush lake near here, three St. Paul men and a 12-year-old boy escaped by tearing away the side curtains and fighting their way to the hole in the ice through which the car had plunged.

The four, quickly ripped away the side curtains when the car struck the bottom of the lake, and swam to the edge of the ice. Men in an automobile following pulled them from the water.

We trust that national economy does not involve a cheaper grade of officials.—Philadelphia record.

LAWSON A. BLANTON IS BURIED MONDAY

No. 6 Highway Commissioner and Former Alderman Succumbs in Shelby Hospital at Age of 57.

Mr. Lawson A. Blanton, one of Shelby's leading citizens, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at the Shelby hospital where he had been a patient for the past several weeks suffering with diabetes. His death was no shock to his many friends for his condition was known to be serious for some time and little hope was held out for his recovery.

Mr. Blanton was the youngest son of Albert and Roxana Irvin Blanton. On December 26th last he was 57 years of age and had spent most of his life in Shelby, engaged in farming. Some years ago he sold his large plantation east of Shelby and retired because of failing health. Mr. Blanton was thoroughly practical, keen-witted and gentlemanly—a thoroughly competent and conscientious public servant.

Mr. Blanton was a member of the First Baptist church and the funeral was conducted from his residence on S. DeKalb street Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. R. L. Lemons, assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford, a large crowd and a beautiful floral offering attesting the high esteem in which he was held.

Ledford Interests Kiwanis Members

Mr. J. F. Ledford of the Rex Cigar company, who had charge of the Kiwanis program Thursday night, asked a variety of questions about Shelby and Cleveland county and brought out information that has not been heretofore known.

Others Notice That Morris Is Skipped

Gastonia Also Wonders why Charlotte Does Not Consider "Casey" For Catcher. Is it That?

Local baseball fans, who are already laying the 1924 games over and over around the street corners and in the drug stores, are asking the world and Felix Hayman, Charlotte owner, why Roy "Casey" Morris is not being mentioned in the Charlotte papers as a probable candidate for the 1925 Sally league team over across river.

Both sports editors of the Charlotte papers are harping on the fact that Ray Kennedy is without a catcher and is having some trouble landing one. He seems to have forgotten that Casey Morris is under a Charlotte contract to report to him when spring training starts.

Morris is a catcher, of course, and a dependable one. He was captain of the Carolina team last year. He has played semi-pro ball in both North and South Carolina leagues. He himself does not know where he will play. Hayman may send him to Salisbury in the Piedmont league. Casey figures that if he hits well in practice, he will stay at Charlotte.

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

TWO OF OLDEST WOMEN IN COUNTY DIE AFTER PASSING 103rd MILESTONE



MRS. SUSAN COSTNER GRIGG, 103 Years, 6 Months, 3 Days.

It develops that Mrs. Susan Costner Grigg who died last Wednesday evening February 11 at 7 o'clock at the home of her daughter Mrs. Rachel Poston near the three county corners at the age of 103 years, six months and three days was the oldest woman in Cleveland county, being approximately five months older than Mrs. Nellie Ledford who preceded her to the grave a week earlier.

Has 202 Descendants. Mrs. Grigg was born August 8th, 1821 when James Monroe was the fifth president of the United States, when newspapers were unknown, the telephone, cotton gin, steam engine, phonograph, automobile, radio and other common-place things of today were only dreams.

The remains of Mrs. Grigg were buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Beams Mill Friday, Rev. John Green of Fallston conducting the funeral services and a large crowd attended the services, paying a tribute to her noble life and the ripe age she attained, due to good habits and simple living.

Dover Gin.

The Dover Gin will operate Monday February 23rd to gin up all the odds and ends cotton. This will be the last gin day this season, so make arrangements to gin up on this date.



MRS. NELLIE LEDFORD, 103 Years, 1 month, 5 Days.

The above is a likeness of Mrs. Nellie Ledford, the oldest woman in Cleveland county who died at the home of Mrs. Em. Lee, Lawndale, 103 years old with 150 descendants. When Mrs. Ledford was a young girl most of the shopping was done at Charleston, S. C., where the farmers marketed their liquor, cotton, molasses, tobacco, etc., and bought coffee, sugar and a few other things that could not be grown at home.

Sitting in her lap is Franklin Lee representing the fifth generation, the youngest being her great-great, great grandchild.

Says She Is Wife Of One Killed By Mate

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Frank Fowler, Union county farmer and former railroad employe, who was shot and killed Monday morning near Monroe, by his common law wife, Bertha Case, is believed to have left a widow in Raleigh, according to Mrs. Etta Fowler of this city, who states she believes the man killed was her husband from whom she was separated.

Mrs. Etta Fowler of this city, claims to have been Fowler's lawful wife, having separated from him shortly after their marriage about four years ago.

The marriage records of Wake county disclose that May 18, 1921, Frank J. Fowler of Monroe and Miss Etta Bagwell of Raleigh were married. At the time of the wedding according to Mrs. Etta Fowler, Fowler was a railroad employe here. They were separated shortly after and he returned, she said, to his home in Union county. The man she added, had but one hand, having lost the other in a railroad accident.

Mrs. Fowler made the statement today that she was sure the man killed Monday was her husband from whom she was separated.

Gaffney Personals.

Gaffney Ledger. Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, and Mrs. Wynny Davenport Partin spent yesterday in Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Morarity of Charlotte N. C., who are spending the winter at Cleveland Springs, out from Shelby, motored to Gaffney yesterday.

Mr. A. N. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hames and Col. T. B. Butler and Mrs. Butler motored to Shelby the first of the week and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lipscomb and Miss Jessie Lipscomb were recent motorists to Shelby. Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Allen have returned from Shelby where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cline Lackey.

Body Servant Of Civil War Hero To Get Pension

Faithful Servant Of Confederate Captain Is Remembered By State Of North Carolina. Rewarded.

Phillip Roseboro has been recognized by the State of North Carolina. Four faithful years of service to his master in the cause of the south in the trying days of '61 will at last be rewarded. Roseboro is just an old-time "darky" now bent with age, but his services have not been forgotten.

Occasionally there creeps into the relentless rush of modern life a reminiscence that brings back proud memories of days gone by; of the Civil War period, when the South suffered; of the day when records were made that time will never destroy. Of the interesting eventful Civil War chapter of American history there are few things more touching than the loyalty of the old time negro to his "massa." The four years of conflict might have been for his freedom, his relief from slavery, but of loyalty and devotion history records no more binding ties than that of the body servants of the "boys in Gray." Hundreds served their masters during the war, many died through their faithfulness with never a murmur. Many returned to the devastated Southland as did their former masters with nothing to start again, little to look forward to, but they never complained.

On the ruins the returning Confederate soldier built the Southland we are so proud of today; Kipling's "If" could not have been better symbolized than by the men that followed Lee and Jackson. In a way what they have left to the succeeding generations is their reward. But to the faithful body servant, the loyal "darkies" who served and suffered along with their masters, rewards have been small, except for the remembrance that they served well.

Phillip Roseboro is just a bent old darky that plods about the streets of Shelby. There is no reason why he should be noticed more than any other; he's just an immaterial cog in the human whirl, apparently worthy of little notice and about at the end of the trail.

But he has a history. Back in the days of '61 there went away to war from South Carolina a young planter, who in the conflict by his deeds of bravery and fighting prowess won favor with his fellow soldiers and was commissioned—Captain John Roseboro. With the young captain was his body servant, Phillip, who stuck through the entire four years with never a thought of forsaking his master, and at the end of the war trudged back southward to the home that had been, but was no more.

Recently the pension board of Cleveland county—A. M. Lattimore, of Lattimore, W. F. Gold, of Double Shoals, and A. E. Patterson of Kings Mountain, all Confederate veterans, met and added to the pension list of veterans and widows 30 additional names, and one of the names was Phillip Roseboro. His application was approved and forwarded to the state board, where in all likelihood it will be favorably passed upon with the others, for his service was the best he had to give, and he needs a reward. "Taps" for him will be sounded ere long, but perhaps at the end in his humble way many of his hardships will be forgotten in the pride that his loyal services were worth a reward.

At The Princess

Betty Compton will feature the big Cruze production "The Garden of Weeds" Tuesday at the Princess theatre. This is a startling drama of a Broadway girl-digger's garden of "Gold-diggers" with Betty as a Broadway beauty who learned too late that Broadway soil grows only weeds, or just a girl men couldn't forget—until her husband used his fists. More over this is the first picture Betty appears in under the direction of her husband, James Cruze.

Wednesday the Princess will show Glenn Hunter in "Grit," a crook-tale with a new twist; a romance of young love with the Fitzgerald touch, or the regeneration of the best lock-picker of the underworld. Rupert Hughes' famous production "Excuse Me," will be the attraction Thursday at the Princess. A whirlwind comedy from Chicago to San Francisco with a laugh every mile. If you don't like to laugh don't see this picture.

LENT THIS YEAR BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 25

The lenten season this year will begin Ash Wednesday, February 25, continuing through Easter on April 12.

Holy week will be April 6-11, Good Friday coming April 10. The lenten season is especially observed by Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans, who put aside social activities during that period.

TRY STAR WANT ADS.

SHELBY RETIRES \$30,000 IN BONDS

Bonded Indebtedness Will Have Been Reduced \$42,000 At End Of Fiscal Year.

The town of Shelby has retired \$30,000 worth of bonds since the first of January, according to Mrs. Oscar M. Suttle, city clerk, who feels relieved of a heavy burden, both financial and in the matter of work. She has a most exacting job to keep all of the finances of the city straight and separate, but in a few minutes time can tell how the various funds of the city stand. The city has retired \$1,000 worth of water bonds, \$21,000 of street improvements bonds and \$8,000 worth of street and sidewalk bonds. In addition to this the city has paid on the above bonds \$12,825 in interest on outstanding bonds.

The bonded indebtedness of the town of Shelby at the beginning of the fiscal year last June was \$777,500 which of course includes the amount taxed against the property owners who are required to pay two thirds of the street improvements and one half of the sidewalk improvements. Most of the property owners are paying these assessments in ten annual installments, the deferred payments bearing the same rate of interest which the town is paying the bond holders. At the end of the fiscal year about June 1st the town will have paid during the 12 months \$42,000 of bonds and paid \$43,235 in interest.

New Webb Theatre To Open Thursday; Harold Lloyd On

Prince Of Merry Makers To Open New Show House Bill. Town's Youngest Merchant.

The Webb Theatre, Shelby's new show house will open Thursday, February 19, and as an opener will present America's greatest gloom chaser, Harold Lloyd. In his most outstanding picture "Girl Shy." The grand opening of the new theatre, on the church corner of the "court square" at the site of old Central Methodist church, will cover two days, Thursday and Friday, and on both opening days shows will start at 2 in the afternoon and continue until 11 at night.

During last week and the first of this week the new show house has been completely equipped and on Thursday it will open with every up-to-date arrangement known to the modern theatre. As an operator the Webbs, J. E. and Claude, have secured one of the best in the entire south, C. C. Mize, who is recommended by film exchanges in the Southern States. At the refreshment stand at the box office entrance will be the town's youngest merchant, Pete Webb, 12-year-old son of Mr. J. E. Webb. The motto of the new theatre is "Photoplays that Please" and in the opening announcement the Webbs say they will show only the best of pictures.

Harold Lloyd in filmdom's greatest scream "Girl Shy" will be shown both opening days as a capacity crowd is expected for every showing. With "Girl Shy" will be another two-reel comedy "All Night Long" and the Pathe News. On Saturday Buddy Roosevelt in "Rough Ridin'" will be the big feature with a comedy as a side attraction. Among the pictures booked by the new theatre are films considered the best of the year and now being shown in the leading theatres of the larger cities.

To Give Gilbert Hearing Thursday

Wade Gilbert, in whose garage at Newton town stolen Cleveland county automobiles were recovered a year or more ago and who skipped his bond following their recovery, has been captured and will be given a preliminary hearing here Thursday, according to Deputy Sheriff M. H. Austell.

It will be remembered that on "circus day" here last fall one year ago cars belonging to Clarence Hardin and W. C. Lanier were stolen. Some time later they were located in a garage said to belong to Gilbert, who is a son of a former Catawba county jailer. Gilbert was put under bond for a preliminary hearing, but at the time set was not on hand and could not be found. A short time back he was captured and Solicitor Huffman notified local officers of his capture. Last week he was placed under another bond of \$1,500 for the hearing here Thursday.

Messrs H. Fields Young and Grady B. Lovelace left Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., to attend the semi-annual shoe convention of the Star brand factory.

Next eclipse will occur March 15, when the income-tax blots out the bank balance.—Brooklyn Eagle.