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312 HOMES BUILT IN TWELVE MONTHS

By A Careful Count It Is Found That A Million Dollars Was Invested In Homes During 12 Months.

At the Kiwanis meeting on Thursday night it was disclosed by Oliver Anthony, real estate agent, who had a part on the program that a total of 312 homes have been built or started in process of erection during the past twelve months and that these homes represent an investment of over a million dollars, placing a fair average on the homes in the different localities of Shelby.

Mr. Oscar M. Suttle had charge of the program and "pulled" an evening of good entertainment, having Lee B. Weathers, Max Washburn and R. L. Lemons read short poems on the growler, the pessimist and the old type of citizenship that hinders a town's growth because growth and progress might cost him something.

OLD SHELBY BONDS RE-SOLD AFTER 2 YEARS

Immediately following the extension of the city limits of the town of Shelby, \$109,000 worth of street improvement bonds have been sold by the First National Bank of Shelby at par and accrued interest.

The impression got out, particularly in South Shelby, which was opposed to city extension, that the town of Shelby has issued \$109,000 worth of additional bonds since the extension matter was settled. This is a mistake.

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The city election takes place in May. No other candidates have announced themselves either for mayor or alderman.

Baby Chicks for sale. Finest stock, lowest price. Any quantity. J. Boyce Dellinger, Box 343.

Contract Let And Work Starts On New Cotton Mill

The contract for the new quarter of a million dollar Shelby Cloth mill organized by Switzer, Gardner, Mull and the Blantons, has been let to Guion and Withers, Gastonia contractors and construction work began this week.

Financiers behind the new industry say that the building will be completed about the first of July and that they hope to have the plant operating by some time in September. The main building will be of brick and steel and 112 by 192 feet in size, and will be lighted the Monitor style, which means that employees will have full benefit of the sun light of day hours.

The Shelby Cloth Mill, as it will be known, will manufacture fancy dress goods from cotton and silk yarns.

Dr. Boyles Arrested In New York City on A Serious Charge

Dr. M. F. Boyles, Gastonia physician and native of Toluca section of Cleveland county was arrested Saturday in New York City on a federal warrant charging violation of the anti-narcotic act, his apprehension marking the 27th person arrested in connection with a drive federal agents have been making against an alleged "drug dealing gang" operating in this section of North Carolina.

Federal agents who announced the arrest, said the physician would fight extradition. Dr. Boyles' brother was arrested in Gastonia several days ago on a similar charge. Miss Oran Hicks, whose home was said by agents to have been a "dope" distributing point for a number of North Carolina cities, gave information which resulted in the warrant against Dr. Boyles, officers stated.

Refuses Place On City School Board

Mr. R. E. Carpenter, for many years a member of the Shelby city school board will not be a candidate for reelection and will refuse to accept a place on the board for another term it was announced this week.

Mr. Carpenter gives no specific reason other than duties of his business that require his time. During the time he has been on the board he has rendered valuable service and many will regret to hear of his intended resignation.

With the limits extended and the city election nearing—getting some closer meaning nearer in this instance—candidates for many of the offices are being mentioned by their friends.

School Bond Loan To Help Cleveland

The passage of a \$5,000,000 loan fund by the present legislature for the purpose of building new school houses over the state will be watched with interest here as the school building program for this county will be dependent upon the fund.

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School Heads To Arrange Contests

The high school principals or representatives of the high schools of Cleveland county will meet in County Superintendent J. C. Newton's office Wednesday afternoon March 4 at 4 o'clock, to make arrangements for the Hoey Oratorical contest and the Selma Webb Recitation contest.

These are two of the most important events in the high school year of the county and high school students look forward with eagerness to the annual contest that determine the best high school orator and reciter in the county. Announcement giving the time and other details of the contest will be made in the next issue of The Star.

COUNTY JAIL IS NOW "FULL HOUSE"

Sheriff Logan Begins to Wonder What He Will do if Many More Prisoners are Brought In.

A "full house" in gambling parlance may be made up of three jacks and a couple of aces, or a trio and a couple of anything, but as Sheriff Logan looks at it a full house is made up of a wide variety of people and is so full it nearly overflows.

There are in the structure known as the Cleveland county jail—a new one is being built—six cells and a run-around. Over last week end an even two dozen prisoners were huddled in the space. Now, if they were all men of one race, or women of one race housing them might not be such an inconvenience even with just six cells and a run-around.

Philbeck and Mrs. Francis Brought Back From Texas. Ends Second Trip

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"Old Reliable" Calls Falls New Leader

Local people will be interested in the following editorial appearing in the Raleigh News and Observer, known as the "Old Reliable," concerning Cleveland county's representative in the legislature, B. T. Falls, of Shelby:

"As a rule a man must serve more than one term in a legislative body before he attains leadership. There are exceptions as the vote in the house with reference to the Australian ballot showed. Championing a minority report, Representative Falls, of Cleveland, won over able and experienced leadership in the first test over the Australian ballot measure and on the final vote lost out by only one majority. It demonstrated the growth of the new idea of safe-guarding the secrecy of the ballot in North Carolina and the wise leadership of the member from Cleveland."

Shelby A Town of Get-Together

Morganton News-Herald.

Last week in Raleigh the editor of the News-Herald in conversation with a prominent citizen of Shelby remarked on the fact that the people of Shelby seemed to have the happy faculty of settling local differences and getting together on practically every proposition. The reference was directed particularly to the way in which a satisfactory settlement of the differences of opinion in regard to the extension of the town limits was effected. The leaders got together and outlined a plan that was entirely agreeable to both "insiders" and "outsiders" and what might have developed into a lively scrap was diverted into a happy compromise in which all were satisfied.

Such a policy is worthy of adoption by any town. Nothing can be gained and much lost by the bitter-enders who are satisfied in nothing short of having their own way.

DIDN'T HAVE FIGURES OF SHELBY B. AND L. RIGHT

In the advertisement of the Shelby Building and Loan association which appeared on the program of a local talent play entitled "In Wrong, So Long" at the graded school auditorium Friday night there was a serious error in the figures. The copy writer, the printer or the proof reader could not understand figures so high and let it appear on the program that the assets of the Shelby Building and Loan were only \$110,000 and the association had 2,000 shares in force. As a matter of fact the assets of Captain Robert's building and loan totals \$1,100,000.00 and the number of shares in force exceed 20,000 instead of 2,000.

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Ellenboro, Mar. 2.—Electric lights are a long felt need in Ellenboro and the people are justly proud that they now have the lights. The ladies selected Mrs. J. A. Martin as chairman on the committee of arrangements, assisted by Mesdames J. E. Bland, O. E. Houston, W. B. Stockton, Ed Harrill, W. H. Payne and Fred Harrill.

Seventy-five homes cut in lights the first day. A total of one hundred are expected soon. Many farmers are installing lights. One line has been built to the Piney Mountain section, toward Bostic, while 15 farmers have already installed lights in the Race Path section. Every community within a radius of several miles of Ellenboro is planning for lights.

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Home Demonstration Work

On account of an important conference for the Piedmont agents to be held in Charlotte March 3rd and 4th the Union Woman's Club will be postponed until Saturday March 7th, and the Spake Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, March 11th.

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Shelby on Friday Became City by Limit Extension

Cars rolled up to and away from the postoffice Friday afternoon. The business section was abustle and the town the same as that of any other Friday. From outward appearances everything was the same, but along in the afternoon one of the khaki-clad messenger boys at the Western Union darted out the door, stuck a message under his cap, mounted his wheel and sped on uptown where he left a message that read: "Extension bill has passed Senate. Watch Shelby grow." It was just an informal message announcing the formal appearance on the map of the Greater Shelby with near 10,000 inhabitants. Several telegrams during the afternoon announced the final passage of the bill that was agreed upon by the people of the former Shelby and the Greater Shelby in mass meeting here some time back and among them were messages from the senate committee and Representative Falls.

Fix Boundaries Soon

Everything within one and one-half miles of the court house, which is exactly in the center of Shelby, is now a part of the town, although the official lines have not been run that will designate it as such. Representatives of the city government say that a competent engineer will be employed at once to determine the boundary lines and the location of the city limits. But officially the city limits have already been extended, the matter of formal ratification following shortly after the passage.

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URGES A LIBERAL USE OF FERTILIZER

Cleveland Cotton Crop May Be Reduced Unless More Fertilizer Is Used Says Gardner.

That Cleveland county with the proper fertilization may produce 50,000 bales of cotton in 1925 is the belief of O. Max Gardner, head of the county Board of Agriculture. But without proper fertilization our crop may fall below last year's record. An advance in fertilizer prices is causing some farmers to cut down in their purchases of fertilizer, which would prove disastrous to the county if followed to a great extent. Even if the price is higher a farmer will make more by buying the proper amount of fertilizer than through the attempt to be economical by not buying and using enough.

Asked about crop prospects for this year, Mr. Gardner had the following to say about cotton, fertilizer and corn and his message is well worth reading and heeding by every farmer in the county: "There is one grave danger I fear our farmers are going to make this year. And it is the disposition upon the part of many to use less fertilizer than was used in 1924. This would be a fatal mistake in my judgment. It has been demonstrated beyond question that our present cotton production is directly attributed to nitrate of soda. It is true fertilizer costs more this year and it seems as if fertilizer companies have combined to hold the price, but at that it is not up over \$5 per ton and we cannot afford to permit even a fertilizer monopoly to reduce the cotton production in Cleveland county."

Falls' AUSTRALIAN BALLOT BILL KILLED

Cleveland Representative Loses Measure By One Vote In Night Session of Legislature.

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