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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1925.

ONE IN RETURN.

In a recent issue The Gastonia Gazette directs a few questions our way regarding things athletic in Shelby. For the satisfaction, rather approval, of that particular writer we will attempt to answer the queries, not, however, to continue a discussion, and in turn will ask one question. Shelby never considered it "an unethical and unsportsmanlike thing to investigate Caldwell's record." However, such an investigation seems to have been untimely staged—after a club had won sectional honors and after vain attempts had been made to have a game thrown out. After the game in question, which it might be said was officiated over by Gastonia athletes, and after the officials refused to change their decisions that would have made the other club a winner, then began a thorough investigation of every player on the Shelby club, including one youth that celebrated his 15th birthday anniversary the day before leaving for Chapel Hill. Again we say the investigation was not considered unsportsmanlike but the time it took place was so considered.

As to the "hullabaloo": No such disturbance was raised here. Naturally the town stuck to the boy and his version of his age until there was reasonable proof that he was wrong. (And a code of morals in our opinion also includes loyalty). Then on learning that unintentionally we violated the standards set down, the cup, tokens, and other honors were returned, and announcement of the fact and the regret of the school and the town expressed in the press by Principal Grigg. And by our code when you find that you are wrong, even unintentionally, and admit it with regret there is nothing else to do but keep silent.

But, what puzzles Shelby is that those who intended to "make North Carolina athletics clean" halted their noble work once Shelby was put out of the running. Surely there must have been other spots to which the investigation might have been carried. One of the leaders in the investigation admitted in conversation with us that there were other teams in the state, especially one, where the rules and eligibility regulations were openly violated. These teams have never been publicly mentioned, but for overstepping a regulation unknowingly and with no intent of violation Shelby is soundly berated.

Why, please, did the investigation stop at Shelby, and with this one over-age player out of the lists has North Carolina athletics been made clean?

As a Davidson man we wonder if the slur packed in the last paragraph of the Gazette editorial could have been written by one who so ably described "The Davidson Spirit." We thought that with a man who so described that manly characteristic that has made Davidson teams famous that we could have safely left our reputation as sportsmen. Mayhaps we were disillusioned, and perhaps he judged before the entire story to him was related.

OUR IDEAS CHANGE.

My, how our ideas change. But the changes are not quite as rapid as the styles in wearing apparel, but our outlook toward public matters is always undergoing a change. Back a few years ago, under the administrations of Aycock and Bickett, we boasted of building a school house a day in North Carolina. Now the decrease in the number of schools is about as rapid as the increase was. It does not mean that we are going out of the school business—simply consolidating in order that the rural communities might have the same advantages that are enjoyed by the city schools. The slogan is fewer schools and bet-

ter schools. Here in Cleveland, the program is for three new consolidated school buildings this year. When the program of consolidation is completed we will not hear of any more moving to town to get better school advantages and when the rural lighting systems are all turned on, there will be no more moving to town to enjoy city conveniences. With the automobile, social advantages are the same, with consolidated schools the educational opportunities are the same and with the rural lighting system the conveniences are the same.

A BALANCED GROWTH.

During the past two years, Shelby has experienced a remarkable growth. Along with the great number of homes, there have been a few manufacturing plants but practically all of these have provided homes for their employees. At present there are still more homes under construction and there seems to be a demand for all of them, but unless there is employment to keep these workmen busy when our building subsidies, there might be a slump in values and jobs. We are not pessimistic over the future, but know that homes and business houses alone can't make a town. A few more industries, employing skilled labor, would help balance our growth as nothing else will do.

NOT OUR GAME.

To you of Shelby—Greater Shelby: Back in the days when the prophets of pointed puns packed our proverbs, then originated a remark "that all is fair in war and love," and in the years that followed 3 words were added—"and in politics". But the three words are sometimes construed to suit the code of ethics of those playing the game. Even here in Shelby we have known two politicians of the same faith to put different constructions on the addenda to the proverb in re politics.

In the editorial columns of this paper, A. P. Weathers, an announced candidate for mayor was given a boost, and it was a boost without a knock or insinuation directed against any opponent. Insinuations, cloudy criticism and misinterpretation may win political offices—and we might say, have—but such a victory eventually proves anything but a harbinger of happiness. Defeat can mean more than victory when the loser so plays the game that the manner of his playing is more admired by men than the laurels victory might have bestowed. And so, we frankly say, the plane on which the insinuating reply of the Cleveland News was based is lower than we care to sink to further ambitions for Shelby. In the past we have praised the black and white columns of the Star's news columns, and when tributes to each of the three were announced for the man who now speaks the voice of the people in that office. All were made in a room, when tributes were desired and men thought clearly and fairly of their fellowman with no mingling of political heat, nor will we in a political mud-slinging, despite sneeringly unjust insinuation, retract a word of the tributes. They were deserved—and to every man his dues as men play with men.

—But, for the sake of a man we respect and admire, one who is not seeking a political office, we do have a word to say. Not directly or indirectly will we permit an unjust smirk at a man that all Shelby reposes confidence in. That man is the present mayor of Shelby, W. Dick Lackey, highly honored numerous times by his town and his county. No seeker of office in this section has ever received more loyal support from this paper; no office holder has received more of our co-operation and confidence. A statement regarding the health of one man was a statement regarding the health of that man only. No other was thought of. We say frankly what

we have to say and have no cause to use insidious innuendoes.

Our sympathy for Sheriff Lackey was duly expressed at the breaking by death of the ties that by God and man are considered the world's tenderest and upon what our real civilization is largely based. In the present mayor's physical affliction The Star concurs with the community and county in extending a wish for the best and a speedy recovery for the noble and upright citizen so afflicted. That his name for the sake of a few votes and to incur enmity against a candidate was so thoughtlessly and wantonly handled has brought protest after protest to this office. But a reply in full would necessitate one directed from the same level and such, we say, win or lose, is not our game.

"Hit Back" "Let Loose a Broad side" come the words of advice that almost encourage our weaker selves so to do. But why? Besmirch reputations, mar the merriment of contented homes, create strife in a happy, growing little town for the sake of a political victory that after such a battle might prove a victory not worth the price, by far. No! Never.

However: Let's hope our next mayor from every angle is the equal of Dick Lackey.

DR. ROYSTER TELLS HOW WARDS DIVIDE

Says Ward Lines Are Divided by Center of Court House Running North, South, East, and West

To Editor of The Star

There are quite a number of citizens of the Town of Shelby, living within the new incorporate limits that do not understand as to lines of the several wards and that this matter may be understood, this statement is made.

The Town is divided into four wards by lines running North and South direct through center of the Court House and East and West direct through center of court house, each being a straight line to the new city limits.

The line running North runs through the center of alley between Star Publishing Company and Courtview Hotel property direct to the city limits.

The line running South runs through alley between Pendleton's music store and Paragon Furniture Co., direct to the city limits.

The line running East runs through alley between Methodist church and Postoffice direct to city limits.

The line running West through alley between Riviere Drug Company and Ten Cent store, direct to the city limits.

Ward No. 1 is that section between Northern and Eastern lines.

Ward No. 2 is that section between Eastern and Southern lines.

Ward No. 3 is that section between Southern and Western lines.

Ward No. 4 is that section between Western and Northern lines.

There are to be elected one alderman from each ward and one school trustee to be elected from the town at large.

All residents of the new incorporate limits must register in order to vote in coming election and all those within the old incorporate limits that have not registered must register before they can vote.

The engineers that are now surveying the town for new map and locating the new corporate limits are locating the points where the lines from each ward reach the city limits, and we will be glad to give any one information in regard to these lines.

S. S. ROYSTER, Mayor Pro Tem.

Will Speak to Colored Folks.

The colored citizens of Cleveland county are asked to meet at the court house Thursday night April 7, at 8 o'clock and hear Mr. Lawrence, county demonstration agent and Mrs. Irma Wallace, home economics demonstrator. A good crowd is expected to hear these white people.

For Alderman.

We the friends of J. F. Ledford, having confidence in his ability to assist in properly administering the affairs of the city, present him to the voters of Greater Shelby as a candidate for alderman from ward No. 1. CITIZENS.

Blanton & Greene's

—REAL ESTATE BULLETIN—

We have been thinking all the time that we have had the best list of farms of any other real estate people in this part of the country and now we know it as the land owners that are giving us their farms for sale will not own anything but the best and that goes to prove what we say. Below are some dandies.

HERE'S A DANDY

FIRST—We have a farm that is so valuable that we can't value it. It is located in a live town and contains 53 acres of fine land that will sure produce, and the beauty is, it has two nice homes on it that will please the most fastidious, joining the property of one of the best high schools in the state. Just the place to school your children and have a married son or daughter or a good renter for a next door neighbor. Here is a farm where you can live in the town and farm in the country or live in the country and farm in the town, with electric lights and all the city conveniences. For homes they are beauties; for a farm it is the best; for an investment you can't beat it. Let us show it to you and tell you why you can buy it, a reason.

COULDN'T BE BETTER

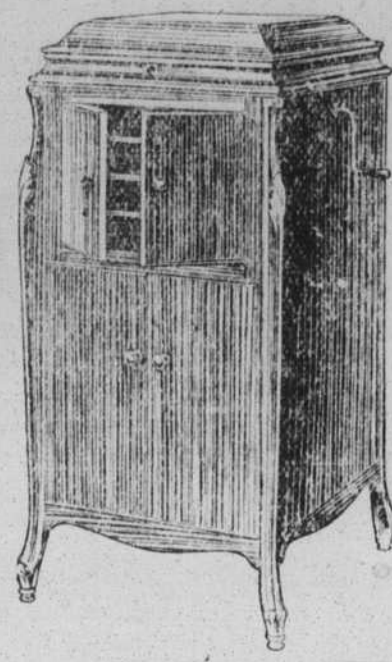
SECOND—We have a thirty four acre farm that is in about one mile of Mooresboro that is so near perfect that the Lord would have to make it larger to make it any better, so there is no use for us to try to describe this farm; all we can do is to show it to you and let you pass judgment on it yourself. We will tell you this much: The party that owns it made seventeen five hundred pound bales of cotton on it last year and other stuff according. Terms on this farm.

This property all lies in Cleveland and Rutherford counties just in the middle of what we call the Garden Spot of the world. We will give immediate replies to any inquiries about any of our farms, homes and business propositions that we have for sale, or will take pleasure in finding just what you want.

BLANTON & GREENE

GARAGE BUILDING. MOORESBORO, N. C.

Methodist Protestant Church. Services for Sunday, April 5: 10 a. m. Sunday school. Mr. S. Clyde Tate, superintendent. All who do not attend Sunday school anywhere are cordially invited. 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Way, followed by the Lord's supper. 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor society meeting. Miss Rlsberth Tate, president. All young people of the community are invited to this meeting. 7:30 p. m. Regular preaching service with sermon by the pastor. The pastor will be out of town from Monday, April 6, to Saturday, April 12. On Sunday, April 12 at 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Wall, of Shelby, will preach in the absence of the pastor. An Easter program is being prepared by the children of the Sunday school and will be rendered on Easter Sunday at 7:30 p. m.



(Continued from last week.)

FROM P to Z

And What It Stands For In Our Business.

- P—Stands for Piano which is the king of all musical instruments.
- Q—Stands for Quality which is in every piano and phonograph we sell.
- R—Stands for Records for all players pianos and phonographs.
- S—Stands for Service which we give each and every purchaser of any musical instrument at our store.
- T—Stands for Terms which is very liberal to responsible parties.
- U—Means You should see and compare our goods and prices before you buy.
- V—Stands for Victrola for which we are the sole agency for this territory.
- W—Stands for When you are interested in any kind of a musical instrument you are doing yourself an injustice by not giving us the once over.
- X—Stands for Xtra values we are giving you by our twenty-five years experience.
- Y—Stands for You who must be satisfied and satisfaction is what we have given more than eight thousand homes.
- Z—Stands for Zenith which is a very fine Radio, but we are not losing any sleep with Radio now, we will tell you about it later.

W. A. PENDLETON,
Shelby, N. C.

SPECIAL TRADE WEEK

During all next week on account of the Legion Circus we are making special prices all over our mammoth stock of new Spring Merchandise.

NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE SHOWN SUCH AN ARRAY OF NEWEST NOVELTIES. IT WILL PAY YOU THIS NEXT WEEK DO YOUR SPRING SHOPPING AND ALONG WITH IT TAKE IN THE LEGION CIRCUS AT THE TENT WHICH RUNS ALL NEXT WEEK.

COME IN AND TRADE WITH US AND FOR \$5.00 CASH PURCHASE WE WILL GIVE YOU A FREE TICKET TO THE CIRCUS.

THIS WILL ENABLE YOU TO TAKE IN THE LEGION CIRCUS WITHOUT COST TO YOU.

REMEMBER ONLY \$5.00 CASH PURCHASE GETS YOU A FREE TICKET TO THE LEGION CIRCUS.

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