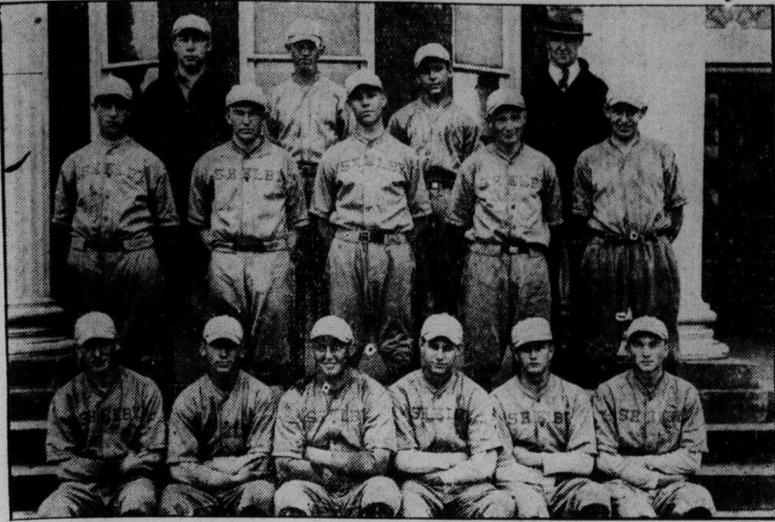


ANOTHER CLUB OF CHAMPS



Shelby Highs Win Western Carolina Title Second Straight Year

By defeating Bessemer in Salisbury last week the Shelby Highs won the Western North Carolina baseball championship for the second successive year, it making two championships for Coach "Casey" Morris in his first year of coaching. The Western champs play at Chapel Hill Saturday for state honors, which they won last year. The club is pictured above—Front row reading left to right: George Dedmon, pitcher and outfielder; Max Connor, shortstop; Fred Beam (captain) catcher; Max Dixon, second base; Jim Grice, first base; Roy Self, third base. Middle row: Clyde Wilson, left field; Jack Hoyle, pitcher; Melvin Peeler, pitcher; Charlie Magness, center fielder; Ed Harris right field. Back row: Roy W. (Casey) Morris, coach; John Sparks, outfielder; Johnny Washburn, infielder; Broadus Newman, manager.

Sims Says Clyde Hoey's Bible Class Is An Inspiration To Western Carolina

Class Grows Rapidly In Numbers And Efficiency. General Superintendent Gives Facts About Six Largest Adult Bible Classes In State.

(By D. W. Sims, General Superintendent, North Carolina Sunday School Association.)

The life and size of the adult Bible classes is considered one of the best indications as to whether or not a present-day Sunday school is meeting the needs of the community in religious education. Never before have there been as many large Bible classes in North Carolina as at present. This statement is verified by reports from classes of various denominations throughout the state. The reports also indicate that never before have the classes been so determined to do something besides listen to a Bible lesson taught on Sunday. As an indication that many classes are not only large in numbers, but are also doing real worth-while service, following facts and figures are given from six of the large classes in the state:

The Berean Bible class of the Loray Baptist church, Gastonia, leads all classes in the state in point of attendance, according to reports in the office of the North Carolina Sunday school association in Raleigh. The average attendance in this class for the first four months of this year was 298 1-5 per Sunday. This high average reaches back several months. The class is rendering a special service to the community by publishing an 8x11-inch 16-page monthly magazine, "The Loray Berean," in interest of the classes and Sunday school work in general in the community. Julius W. Whitley is the class teacher, and A. D. Blanton, is the secretary.

The Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church, Rocky Mount, of which T. A. Avera is teacher, and C. B. Sewell is president, has had a steady, but unusual growth. The average attendance per Sunday for January, February, March and April was 231 9-10. The officers of the class attribute the steady growth and high average attendance to the thorough working of the "group plan." The class is divided into ten groups, with a captain for each. When the records are taken at the class session the captains report, and immediately assign different members of the groups to look after absentees, while the whole group constitutes a membership committee. A regular part of the program of service in this class is giving the entire offering each first Sunday in the month to the Baptist orphanage. This monthly offering is never less than \$25.00 and is often much more.

The Hoey Class.
The Men's Bible class of the Central Methodist church, Shelby, of which Hon. Clyde R. Hoey is teacher, and Oliver S. Anthony is secretary, is said to be an inspiration to Sunday school workers throughout the western part of the state. The average attendance in the class for the first four months of the year was 204 4-5 per Sunday. The attendance was almost as good for the fall months, however the class is growing steadily both in numbers and efficiency.

The Simms Baraca class of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, maintained an average attendance of 165 1-4 per Sunday for the first four months of this year. September 27 will be the 25th anniversary of the organization of this class. Throughout all these years this has been one of the largest Bible classes in the state. Officers of the class believe that one reason the attendance has held up so well is because the class takes part in so many different kinds of Christian work. For example, during the past school year the class paid \$20 per month on the

expenses of a ministerial student in Buie's Creek academy, and \$50 per month towards the expenses of a student in the Theological seminary. At present the class is putting a drinking fountain in the vestibule of the church. The class teacher, Hon. R. N. Simms, is known throughout the state and the Southland as one of the greatest Bible class teachers in the country. The class president at this time is John D. Berry.

The Baraca Class of Edenton Street Methodist church, Raleigh, a few weeks ago assumed the task of raising \$25,000.00 to buy sites for the new buildings for Central Methodist and Epworth Methodist churches in Raleigh. As this report is being printed the class has already raised more than \$19,000.00 of the amount. The class has had a steady growth through a long period of time. In April it had grown so large that it was necessary to take down a partition in order to enlarge their meeting place. The average attendance in the class for the first four months of this year was 147 4-5 per Sunday. Judge W. P. Stacy, of the Supreme Court, is teacher of the class, and N. C. Newbold is the president.

The Vanguard Bible class of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, is sometimes referred to as the largest Men's Bible Class in any Presbyterian Sunday school in the state. On account of the church being rebuilt, the class has been meeting in the High School building since last fall. Notwithstanding this handicap the attendance for the first four months of this year averaged 104 2-3 per Sunday. While the new building is not complete, the class used its new room for the first time on Sunday, May 10, and had an attendance of 420. Some members of the class feel that the new quarters the attendance will be practically doubled in a short time.

The class has fathered the movement and raised practically all the money for building two new Presbyterian churches in Raleigh. One of these buildings has been in use for more than a year and the other is almost completed. The class has a history running back about 20 years, and the list of good deeds done would read like a fairy tale. It is said that no man can stay in this class many months without becoming thoroughly converted to the titling system. The teachers of this class, E. B. Crow, is one of the most prominent Presbyterian laymen in the State. Frank Fant is the class secretary.

SPARTANBURG BANKERS

UNDER BOND FOR VIOLATION

Bonds having been arranged by L. G. Miller, former treasurer of Spartanburg county and president of the defunct Bank of Duncan and R. S. Ballenger, cashier of the insolvent institution charged in warrants issued Monday with violating the state banking laws, it was expected that a preliminary hearing would be scheduled at once before a local magistrate. Miller furnished bond for \$6,000 and Ballenger for \$3,000. Neither official had any statement to make.

One warrant against Mr. Miller charges that on or about June 28, 1924 and thereafter he violated the state banking law by concealing the liabilities of the Bank of Duncan in failing to report time certificates of deposit on the control account. The other one charges that he violated section 298 of the 1922 criminal code of South Carolina by lending to the Duncan Lumber company, of which he was president, an amount or amounts exceeding at any time one-tenth of the capital stock of the Bank of Duncan.

Mr. Ballenger is charged with violating the state banking law "by concealing the liabilities of the Bank of Duncan, by failing to report the time certificates of deposit on the control account of said bank and by making false statements to deponent, a bank examiner of the state of South Carolina."

MARRIAGES And DIVORCES

N. C. Christian Advocate.
In 1923, 165,000 divorces were granted, or one divorce to every 7.5 marriages in the United States. In 18 years the number of divorces has increased by 100,000, or over 140 per cent, while the population has increased but about 30 per cent. Oregon in 1922 had one divorce for every 2.5 marriages. Wyoming, one to 3.9; Montana, one to 4.3 Missouri, one to 4.7; Oklahoma, one to 4.8; Texas, one to 4.9; California, one to 5.1; Ohio, one to 5.2; Indiana, one to 5.4; Colorado, one to 5.5; Kansas, one to 5.7, and Maine, one to 5.8. In Switzerland, where divorce is as easy to obtain as it is in the United States there is only one divorce to every 16 marriages; in France there is one to every 21 marriages; in Denmark, one to twenty-two; in Germany, one to twenty-four; in Norway, one to thirty; in Sweden, one to thirty-three; in Britain, one to ninety-six, and in Canada, one to one hundred and sixty-one. Such is the showing that our boasted country makes in comparison with Europe and our neighbor to the north. We ought to hang our heads in shame. We ought to do more than manifest a sense of shame because of this deplorable record. There should be a fresh emphasis put upon the sanctity of the marriage tie and the sacredness of the home.

Unique Contest at Princess Theatre.

Beginning Saturday May 23rd the Princess theatre will start a prize contest, assisted by local merchants. If you are a live wire, you may be able to win one of these beautiful prizes as the contest is open to everybody.

As you enter the theatre Saturday you will be given a weekly program carrying ads of local merchants also the names of pictures that will be shown during the week, these are the "open Sesame" to the prizes, be sure and get one.

First or grand prize will be a beautiful electric parlor lamp which sells for \$30, given by John M. Best Furniture store. Second will be a Seiberling tire and tube, given by the Ideal service station. Third a \$6 electric iron, given by the Electric Service company. Fourth, Swofford Grocery Co., will give something you will be proud to get. Fifth South Shelby Pharmacy will give to some lucky young lady toilet articles of real value.

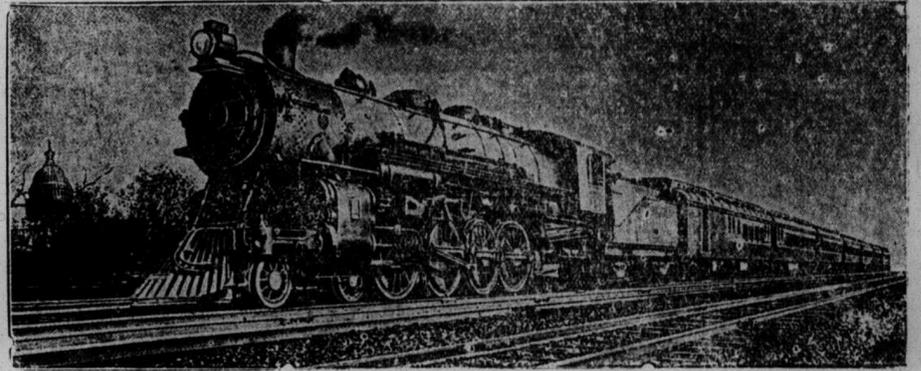
Other business men taking advertisements on this program are K. Kendall, tailoring and pressing; Wright's Oldsmobile dealers; Morrison Transfer; Central Barber shop; U-Drive-Um System; Stowe Brothers Market; Landis Shoe shop.

He who boasts about the handicaps of youth which he overcame, seldom ever has anything else to boast about.

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