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SHELBY BUSINESS MEN ENDORSE \$200,000 BUILDING PROGRAM FOR CITY SCHOOLS

School Board Points Out That School Facilities Must Be Increased Immediately Or Many Children Will Be Turned Away. Conditions Already Crowded With Increased Enrollment Expected This Fall.

Following a presentation by the school board of the needed city school facilities the local Kiwanis club on Thursday night endorsed by a unanimous vote a \$200,000 building program for the Shelby schools. It seemed following the discussion that there is no alternative. Shelby has grown with such rapidity in recent years that school facilities now fail to comfortably accommodate the enrollment, and with the school board, all members of which are conservative, cool-headed business men, saying that next year unless something is done some of our children must be turned away from school, the business men present apparently favored an immediate extension by a building program.

Prior to the extension of the city limits there were in old Shelby 1,430 school children to be housed in 40 rooms, and this fall with the city embracing considerably more territory there will be at least 2,000 white school children to take care of. School enrollment for whites alone is expected to be 2,500 within the next three years and this would demand at least 70 rooms. The tentative program discussed at the meeting called for a \$220,000 program that would give the city 69 class rooms.

Building In South Shelby Now. Mr. George Blanton, a member of the school board, was in charge of the program and thoroughly explained the problem facing the board in taking care of the children. Figures bearing out his statement were given together with a prospective plan for the proposed program. Other members of the school board reiterating the statement of Mr. Blanton that "something had to be done" were Capt. J. F. Roberts, and Messrs. R. E. Carpenter, B. H. Kendall, and John McKnight.

Following their talks a stirring speech on the imperative need of increased school advantages here was made by J. C. Newton, president of the club and county superintendent of schools. Mr. Newton spoke of the two and three hundred thousand dollar high school buildings being erected by Gastonia, Hickory, Rutherford and other nearby towns and cities and reminded the business men present that their school board was not asking any such amount for just one high school structure, but to increase all the buildings so as to take care of grammar grade and high school children. Mr. J. D. Lineberger followed Mr. Newton on the floor with a motion that the club endorse a \$200,000 building program and back it to the limit. The motion was seconded and carried upon a vote.

Growth Demands More Buildings. The problem that faces the school board in taking care of the rapidly increasing number of school children was presented by Mr. Blanton as follows:

"When the Board of Education completed the two ward buildings in 1922, adding 16 class rooms to the 20 then in use, many of us thought that we had planned sufficient accommodations for our children for a period of five or six years. No one guessed anywhere near the rate of Shelby's growth in school population.

"In 1922-23 the LaFayette and the Marion buildings were opened, each with a seating capacity of 280, allowing 35 children to the class room, which is five more than the state estimate for each teacher. The enrollments for these buildings have increased from 150 each to 350 within the three years, making it necessary for us to fit up and use a room in the basement of each building. We now find ourselves with only 40 class rooms, counting the two basement rooms, in which to accommodate the 1430 white children in school last year. At the rate of normal increase there will be 1600 white children demanding admission to these present buildings this fall, which will make it necessary to place an average of 40 children in each of the 40 class rooms now in use.

"The new territory added to Shelby also presents some problems. "In South Shelby, the County Board of Education and the local committee had already let a contract for a school building before the extension of the city limits had been effected. By agreement the city Board of Education assumed the contract at a cost of \$100,000. It was understood that the

building as planned had only enough rooms to accommodate the children attending this year. The plans were modified so as to provide 12 additional rooms at an additional cost of only \$12,000.00.

"In Eastside we have a small 4-room building with an enrollment of 1315. We have been informed that the new Art Cloth mill will bring to this section 50 new families this fall. This means an additional school population of over one hundred to be cared for in some way.

"Taking all these facts into consideration, your Board of Education has adopted tentatively the following program of building for your schools:

- 1. South Shelby: Complete building now in process of construction.
2. Build at once a 10 or 12 room building in Eastside.
3. Build next year an eight room building in North Shelby.
4. Build year after next an 8 room building in West Shelby.
5. Remodel at once the present high school building and connect with the eight room temporary building.

Summary Of Needs And Proposals. Already in use:

Table with 3 columns: Building, Class rooms, Est. Cost. Rows include LaFayette, Marion, High school, Temporary, Total (38).

Proposed buildings:

Table with 3 columns: Buildings, Cl. rooms, Est. Cost. Rows include South Shelby, Eastside, North Shelby, West Shelby, Remodel H. S., Total (69).

Total 69 \$220,000. "There will be enrolled in the schools next year not less than two thousand white children. Within the next three years our school population will reach 2,500 white for which there should be 70 class-rooms available."

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Shelby Auto License Tags Are Ordered

The city fathers having decided to require a license tax on motor vehicles owned in Shelby, an order has been placed for 1,200 small white and red plates to cost \$13.50 per hundred. The license fee for passenger cars will be \$1 each and regardless of the size and horsepower of the engine. It is expected that this new source of revenue will raise about \$1,000 net after deducting the cost of the license tags. It was felt that the license tags would not only be a source of revenue to the town but would be an advertisement for the City of Springs when they are in other towns and states. The tags have a white background with Shelby N. C. showing in red raised letters. The N. C. forms a monogram like the official state emblem. Tags are also numbered in numerical order and show date of expiration.

Special tags have been ordered for trucks and cars for hire. Those have carried license fees in the past. Truck owners and drivers of cars for hire will be required to pay \$25 per year for the first car and \$15 for each additional car.

Thursday And Friday Hottest Days Here

For the sake of the up-town toilers the first half holiday of the summer season in the business houses of Shelby could have found no more suitable vacation day. The afternoon saw the thermometer register the highest temperature of the year—a little over 100 by the Ebeltoft gauge. The night was almost as warm and sultry with the temperature remaining as high as 92 for a portion of the night. Friday was very little cooler, the mercury climbed to 100 about mid-afternoon and holding between 95 and 100 all day. However, a slight breeze Friday night made the heat more bearable than that of the preceding night.

BELK INTERESTED IN ELLENBORO MILL

Of much interest in textile manufacturing circles in the Carolinas is the proposed yarn mill that will in all probability be established at Ellenboro.

A meeting of the citizens of that thriving little place was held a few days ago, at which John Lumley, who was formerly connected with the Henrietta mills at Caroleen, and is an experienced textile man, representing W. H. Belk, prominent department store owner of Charlotte, brought before the meeting the proposition.

The business men and capitalists there are reported very much interested in Mr. Belk's proposition and it is thought it will be readily oversubscribed the amount of stock required.

It is proposed to sell stock to the amount of \$50,000 for the textile plant, while Mr. Belk has proposed to furnish the machinery to the amount of \$20,000. This machinery is said to be practically new and worth considerably more than this figure. Mr. Belk having taken it in at a recent forced sale. It is proposed to manufacture yarn goods and the product will be taken over and used in the output of other Belk textile mills.

This arrangement assures the operation of the plant at its full capacity and with an assured output for the product. The new mill will start with a capacity of approximately 2,500 spindles if the deal goes through.

Superior Court Here On Monday, July 27

The July term of Superior court will convene here on Monday July 27, with Judge Shaw presiding and Solicitor Huffman prosecuting. So far as can be learned there are only a few big cases on the docket as made out, none of the cases docketed being near as sensational as those that marked recent terms.

Only one murder case, that of Charlie Abram negro, charged with killing Will Carpenter, negro chauffeur, will come up. And this case will attract little interest outside of the colored population as the shooting on one of the main business streets was hardly more than a ripple of excitement to a big Saturday night crowd.

The county commissioners were engaged Monday in drawing jurors for the July term of court.

Store Cat Eats Very Expensive Breakfast

Gilmer's Champion Chaser Of Mice Feeds Upon Costly Canary Birds On Monday Morning.

Rich folks and poor folks alike usually partake of their "two and toast" for their morning repast with a varied run of delicacies as taste and fortunes permit, but few, service excepted, ever start the day off right with a \$20 meal. Wall street has heard the rumor that Henry Ford is the world's wealthiest man, but Main Street never thought of a billionaire disposing of \$20 worth of food for breakfast. And that's just where this feline rat chaser at Gilmer's Department store has probably established a world's record for men and felines.

Monday morning one of the clerical force at Gilmer's walked around to the canary cage, where the expensive "twit" singers retail at \$10 per. At the last inventory there were two "twitterers," or \$20 worth of canary in the cage, but the visit found only an empty cage, a few scattered feathers, and a satisfied cat that purred as he bathed his face following his two, whether or not they were on toast.

Prayer Services Wednesday. Prayer meeting at Central Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. A social invitation to all.

DEAF PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE WITH SONG

Mr. Andrew C. Miller Teaches Bible Class for Deaf, His Wife Leads Songs With Signs.

In Shelby every other Sabbath morning there holds forth a Bible class that should be an inspiration to the Christians that know of its existence. No, it is not the big bunch of men that hear Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, nor is it the large class of men that are taught regularly by Hon. O. Max Gardner. Instead it is a class of deaf mutes and it is their devotion and zeal that should be the inspiration. The class is taught by Mr. Andrew C. Miller, jr., and the singing is lead by his wife in the sign language, and being unable to hear in no way lessens their praise in song.

For the past year, Mr. Miller jr., has been teaching a Bible class of deaf mutes. At first he organized a class of 24 at Henrietta Mills, but more recently he moved the class to Shelby, which is more central for those coming from Cleveland, Rutherford, Gaston and Lincoln counties.

The class meets every other Sabbath at 11 a. m., in the basement of the graded school building on Marion street. Those attending come from a distance of 25 miles in autos. Last meeting he had two from Hickory and they were so impressed with his teaching that Mr. Miller was invited to organize a class at Hickory. Mr. Miller and wife went to Hickory to look over the prospect, and, being much pleased, decided to have the class, of 25 which is a good start. So he will also teach there every other Sabbath. Mr. Miller had in his class last Sabbath two men 68 years old each. Nearly all members of the class are married and many of whom are Mr. Miller's old classmates at the school for the Deaf at Morganton. Mr. Miller realizes these people, who are handicapped on account of their deafness, have no religious privileges, no one to talk to them on religious matters, and he has felt constrained to help them by giving them religious talks.

Mr. Miller prepares his talks and imparts same in the sign language, which they fully understand and appreciate. Mrs. Miller accompanies her husband and leads the singing in the sign language.

All honor to Mr. Miller in this laudable undertaking, giving these unfortunates ones religious instruction. This is a glorious work which Mr. Miller has taken up for the betterment of these deaf friends of his.

Baseball Opens Up Here On Thursday

Practice Game With Lawndale Wednesday. First Scheduled Contest With Lincolnton Thursday.

The tri-county league, composed of Shelby, Lincolnton, Newton and Granite Falls, will open up its season this week, the first local game being with Lincolnton in the city ball park here Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Newton and Granite Falls will play earlier in the week.

The local club started practicing today and on Wednesday will play Lawndale here in an exhibition game that will be free to all fans, especially those buying season tickets for the regular schedule. "Lefty" Robinson, who is in charge of the Shelby club until the return of "Shorty" Long from camp, urges all local fans to turn out Wednesday and Thursday for the two opening games.

The line-up during the opening week will be selected from the following: Tommy Harrill, Brevard Hennessy, Fred Beam, Max Connor, Pearce, former University of Georgia star; Ellerbe, Keeter and Arrowood; Grover; Charlie Magness Hugh Arrowood Johnny Hudson, Jack Hoyle, George Dedmon, Clyde Wilson and others. Numerous other players including Manager Long will be in later and the Shelby outfit plans a hard fight to come out on top at the end of the summer schedule.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE

Under the new postal rate it costs four cents to mail a copy of the Cleveland Star out of town, more if sent to some distant state. Many of our readers who have heretofore been mailing their copies to members of the family away from home will find it cheaper and certainly more convenient to give us their names for our regular mailing list. Let us do any worrying there is to do about the advanced postage rates. The subscription price remains the same. Let us have the extra names to start with next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Suttle were guests at Connelly Springs over the week end.

Prosecutor



E. T. Stewart, District Attorney general, who obtained a indictment against Scopas, and who is expected to play a leading role in the prosecution, Stewart, 33 and is married.

BIG COTTON CROP IS LATE FORECAST

Estimate 14,339,000 Bales, the Third Largest Forecast. Unusual Age of Cropping Crop.

Washington, July 2.—An unusual acreage of growing cotton, and better condition of the crop on June 25 than the average for the last 10 years have resulted in a forecast of the largest production in the history of the industry. The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture in its first quantity report of the season announced a forecast of 14,339,000 equivalent 500 pound bales. That has been exceeded only twice before, in 1914, when the record crop of 16,135,000 bales was produced, and in 1911, when 15,693,000 bales were picked.

The large acreage is due to the substitution of cotton for various other crops in many of the states and also to utilization of considerable new land.

There were in cultivation on June 25 a total of 46,448,000 acres, compared with 42,641,000 a year ago. Condition of the crop on that date was 75.9 per cent of a normal, indicating an acre yield of 147.7 pounds.

The area in cultivation on June 25 (in thousands of acres) and the condition of the crop on that date by states follow:

Virginia acreage 96, condition 83 per cent of normal.

North Carolina, 2,183 and 77; South Carolina, 2,740 and 70; Georgia 3,564 and 76; Florida 115 and 84; Alabama, 3,425 and 79; Mississippi 3,424 and 88; Louisiana 1,916 and 81; Texas, 18,237 and 64; Arkansas, 3,649 and 87; Tennessee, 1,219 and 85; Missouri 503 and 90; Oklahoma, 4,867 and 88; California, 170 and 95 Arizona 163 and 92; New Mexico, 139 and 88; all other states, 38 and 94.

The final outcome of the crop may be larger or smaller than the forecast of production made today the department said, as developments during the remainder of the season prove more or less favorable.

Last year's production was 3,618,751 bales.

The greatest decline from June production forecasts during the last 10 years occurred in 1918 when the June indication was 27 per cent above final ginnings, and the greatest increase was in 1920 when it was 15 per cent below the final ginnings. The average indications for June 25 for last 10 years have been 6 per cent above final ginnings. During the years 1915-1918 the rapid spread and extreme destructiveness of the boll weevil in the southeast resulted in yields far below the June 25 indication.

Keeps House And Store At 90 Years

Four score plus ten is an active time of life if one judges by Mrs. Mary Gant, who lives just across the road from the oil mill in the southwestern part of Shelby. The small matter of keeping house and looking may worry the flappers of the present generation, but it does not seem to bother the sleep of a 90-year-old woman.

Mrs. Gant, who will be 90 in August does her own house work, cooking and still finds time and energy enough to operate the small store in her residence. It keeps her moving "purty pert," but as yet she has not had to call for assistance and gets by all right, even to living by herself.

CENTRAL METHODIST PASTOR PLEADS FOR MORE RESPECT OF SABBATH DAY HERE

Stanford Denounces Sunday Golf, Auto Riding, Swimming Parties, Open Stores. Talks "In Fear Of God."

"Soon, perhaps within the next decade, unless something is done the Sabbath day in America will be a wide open day of pleasure and revelry instead of a day of rest and communion with God," was the declaration of Rev. A. L. Stanford to his congregation Sunday morning at Central Methodist church as he preached straight-to-the-point and in plain terms on "The Fine Art of National and Spiritual Suicide, or the Desecration and Lack of Reverence for the Lord's Day." The desecration of Sunday as it pertains to Shelby and the country in general, Rev. Mr. Stanford frankly declared, includes Sunday golf, swimming parties, picnics, auto joy rides and open stores. The Methodist pastor was frank and as he termed it "spoke truthfully in my opinion and in the fear of God," hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they may.

The sermon was one of the best delivered and most centralized ever heard by the Central congregation and touched openly upon the many menaces of the church and Christian religion, such as the attack of evolutionists upon the Bible and the legal manner of evading the prohibition laws.

Break Laws of God and Man.

In opening and announcing his subject the Central pastor stated that many perhaps would not agree with him but that he spoke as he believed truthfully and in the fear of God and that he hoped his sermon would be heard with open minds and hearts, but that he cared not for the criticism and hoped that if quoted the quotation would be amply strong.

"The Church of God is today at the cross-roads and the Christian religion is now facing its greatest crisis in history. Mere men are ridiculing the Bible which we have followed for hundreds of years; men that know no more about science and religion than animals, are finding fault with the Holy Word of God, and gradually, even speedily, we are departing from the proper reverence for the Sabbath and desecrating it, I believe, without thought or consideration. In Tennessee men that know no more about science and religion than a billy-goat about botany are finding fault with God's divine creation of man and here in Shelby many of us are using the Sabbath day as a vacation for pleasure and games. And in the games we play on the Sabbath, golf and such-like, we are not only breaking the laws of our Maker, but of our state."

And with the statement Rev. Mr. Stanford quoted from the statutes of the State of North Carolina, ruling that there shall be no games for sport or pleasure on Sunday within the confines of the state. Golf, Swimming, Riding, Playing? "In this the most perilous times in our history there is an organized, persistent and determined movement against the Bible and Christian religion and through our lack of reverence for the Sabbath Day we are bringing nearer the climax of this movement," he declared in giving a number of ways in which this lack of reverence is shown.

"If I were the proprietor of a swimming pool would I allow it to remain open on Sunday?" he asked, and in reply answered "Emphatically, No. It would be closed on Saturday and not opened until Monday morning.

"If I were the proprietor of a drug store would that store remain open for sales on the Sabbath day?" and again the answer was "Emphatically, No." Nothing would be sold except medicine which is to preserve and keep our bodies in health."

"If I were the head of a house would I get my family in the car and motor off early in the morning for all day ride or picnic for pleasure, driving far away from the toll of the church bells?" And again the answer was negative. However, it was his belief that quiet rides, with the family in the afternoons, returning in time for church services, were all right and could rightfully be participated in.

Patent Medicine Beverage.

"If I were the owner of a drug store would I permit on my shelves or to be sold in my store anything put up as a patent medicine, flavor, or other wise, known as "Try Me" or what-not, that I knew would intoxicate, and that our young men are using for an intoxicating beverage?" And again the answer was in the negative.

"If I were a member of the board of directors of the Cleveland Springs golf club, or any other golf club, would I remain a member of that board when golfing was permitted on the Sabbath Day?" His answer was again "No."

"There is no apology, excuse or plea for playing golf on Sunday."

There is no reasonable answer for the Sunday game that takes our boys away from the Sunday schools and churches to a sport of pleasure or remuneration. There is no apology for the man who participates in such games. Those who golf may say that such is the nature of their business that they do not find time during the week to play golf and that a certain amount of open-air and exercise are a necessity for their health; that with this view point their game of golf on Sunday is right. And as I see it, speaking truthfully in the fear of God and as he would have me speak, I say with more emphasis that this is no apology or excuse. Not only is it desecrating the day set aside by God for rest, but it is also breaking the laws of our state. The textile workers in the plants in Shelby have just as much right after their week of confinement to go out to the city ball park on Sunday morning and play baseball the entire day as the golfer has to spend the day on the Cleveland Springs links, or any other course. In my opinion their excuse would be the better, but neither will satisfy our Maker."

And briefly the Methodist pastor

told of how four years ago golfers flocked to the Gastonia course; of his sermon there regarding such desecration of the Sabbath and his "putting it up" to the governing board of the club, a number of whom were members of his church, and how that on the following day the board closed the course on Sunday and numerous golfers from that city now spend the day here. "I knew not when I opened that sermon but what I would lose my pulpit. Neither did I care I spoke as I thought God would have me speak and with the feeling that He, unseen, wast at my side. It was my duty as I saw it, the obligation I owed my faith and I delivered my message."

Up to Shelby.

"On the board of directors of the Cleveland Springs golf club there are 10 men, I believe, who are members of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Shelby? Do they realize that by permitting the links to remain open for play on Sunday that they are desecrating the Sabbath day and also breaking the laws of North Carolina? Will they continue to permit it? Will, while the Sunday school bells are ringing out their call, our young boys still go out to the links to caddy; their elder brothers and fathers to play?"

"It is up to the good people of this community and a fevory community as to what will be the future of the day set aside for rest by God as he handed Moses the commandments from smoking Sinai. Will they within the next decade permit this Holy Day to be made an occasion of mere revelry and pleasure? A murder shocks our community, such being forbidden in the commandments of God, yet we pass over unnoticed the open violation also asked by the commandments for the proper reverence of the Sabbath?"

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Child Chasing Apple Gets Fractured Skull On W. Marion Street

Hoyle Austin, four year old son of Mrs. Zula Austin of Bellingham, Washington, who is here on a visit to her mother Mrs. W. H. Thompson on West Warren street is in the Shelby hospital with a fractured skull as a result of an injury he received Saturday morning in front of the home of his uncle Mr. Carl Thompson on W. Marion street where he was visiting at the time. The child was playing in the yard with playmates when an apple rolled across the street and the little fellow chased it. His playmates saw the on-coming car and called him back, thinking he would be called to safety but the car bore down on his little body and struck him in the head with the result that he has a fracture at the base of the skull.

The car was driven by a Mr. Toney of Columbia, S. C., who was passing through en route to Rutherford hospital to visit a relative who is a patient there. Mr. Toney was terribly nervous over the accident and manifested every courtesy and attention in seeing that the child has good medical attention.

Reports from the child's bedside are that he has crack in the base of the skull. So far he is doing very well and no serious symptoms have developed but the nature of the injury is such that it could prove serious in a short while.

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