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SHELBY'S POPULATION
1925 Census ----- 8,854
Where Industry Joins With
Climate In A Call For You.

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25 Proved Progressive Year In Shelby's Growth

Division of City Limits Was Perhaps Highest of Year. Two New Industrial Plants Added

Shelby, experiencing its greatest growth in 1924, continued a fine march in 1925. The year ended will rank with 1923 and outstanding years in past of the town.

Year 1924 saw Cleveland's great change from a mere county town into a thriving little city. 1925 brought recognition as extension of an antique city brought into the corporate that which had spread out in years and a special census a growth that was remarkable.

A trading town for farm a center for farm industry, might have been its most year handicapped by a for the farmers. Never year brought much to the industrially, financially and despite the handicap that came money shortage resulting the failure of four cotton pay dividends on a million dollars invested mostly by people in common stock, the advance kept up the of 1924 in a steady stride. Texts have encountered great because of the unsettled and thought which forced a of from one to three days for the past three or four year witnessed the organiza- tion and operation of industrial plants, the Ora of the Cleveland Cloth Mill, and additions to industrial

ie move the extension of the ita, \$40,000 bonds issue for and a water system and the development of Springs Park were out- rous little enterprises were new business houses erected steady growth in the residen- tion.

General High Spots. al high spots of the year, closed yesterday, would in sion city limits. 00 school bond issue. 00 water bond issue. government census, giving the der advertising, and planned development Springs hotel. y boards 50-50 support of wide school building plan. rd county fair attendance. Rural lighting systems. on and operation of Ora textile plant. ation and erection of Cleve- tion mill. addition to Shelby Cotton mill. tion of four-story Masonic ream department added Shel- and Fuel company. ng of modern milk distribu- tion. tion of big A. Blanton whole- lding. ishment of railway freight here for Marion-Kingsville tion and occupancy of Line- building.

on of eight new store build- Dr. S. S. Royster and sons. y Public hospital placed in y class. al opening of Central Meth- ch. s of new residences. ntions including District Ki- Hi-Y clubs, Plumbers, farm ion and others. into business of six or more gress firms.

A. P. Ledford Is Buried at Cherryville

A. P. Ledford, born and rear- ed in the section of Cleve- was buried at Cherryville morning at 11 o'clock, the g conducted by Rev. Mr. Rev. S. M. Needham. d before marriage was Nolan. She lived with hters at Cherryville since d's death two years ago. r death is learned with her many relatives and Cleveland. Attending from were Mrs. Joe Young and ewson, Mrs. J. N. Ledford, of Mrs. C. P. Peeler, Mr. and M. Mauney, Plato Grigg and Des. R. C. and Frank Hicks y L. C. Palmer and son Lem White and B. C. Hicks ole, R-1

MRS. ELAM M'KINNEY BURIED AT SUNSET

Wife Of Well Known Builder In South Shelby Passes Away After Long Illness.

Mrs. Roxie McKinney, wife of Elam McKinney, well known South Shelby contractor and brick mason, died Wednesday afternoon after a protracted illness, followed by a serious operation for tumor at the Rutherford Hospital during the summer. Mrs. McKinney before marriage was Miss Roxie Hamrick, daughter of A. Hamrick. She joined Double Springs church at the age of 14 years and remained a consistent Christian. Her devotion of family and friends caused all to love her with the tenderest devotion. Her family connection was large and a crowd that filled the second Baptist church attended the service Thursday to pay a tribute of respect to her noble life. Mrs. McKinney was 47 years of age and is survived by her husband and the following children, Clyde of Jacksonville, Van, Arce, Irene, R. K. Ellis and Earl all of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted at the Second Baptist church of which she is a member by Rev. Rush Padgett assisted by Rev. Mr. Campbell and the interment was in Sunset cemetery here. The news of her death is a source of great sorrow to her host of friends and relatives.

Episcopal Rector Is Living In Shelby Now

Mr. Allen, an Episcopal rector has moved with his family to Shelby from Canton to take charge of the Shelby and Bessemer City churches. Mr. Allen has filled a number of important charges and comes to the local work under the direction of the diocese to stimulate this mission church which will hereafter have services more frequently. Mr. Allen and his family have rented a home belonging to Miss Mayme Roberts on Sumter street. He is a man of broad vision and scholarly attainments and will be welcomed to the Shelby field of labor.

Human Fly Attracts Audience In Cold

Despite the biting cold the feat of the human fly, Henry (Dare Devil) Roland, attracted a large crowd to the street in front of the Farmers Hardware building Wednesday night. Traffic was jammed and the streets were packed for over a block before and during the performance of Roland in scaling the front wall of the building and after reaching the top doing chair and other dangerous acts there. The long distance between stories, second to third floor, forced Roland to use a rope in making that part of the climb. Quite a number were disappointed in that his ascent was not like that of a spider and made in a few seconds, they looking at it from the ground failed to take in the dangerous angle from which he was working. However, the stunts atop the cornice afforded a real thrill. The cold weather, numbing Roland's fingers, placed him at a dangerous disadvantage.

Roland is contemplating returning here in about a month to scale another building.

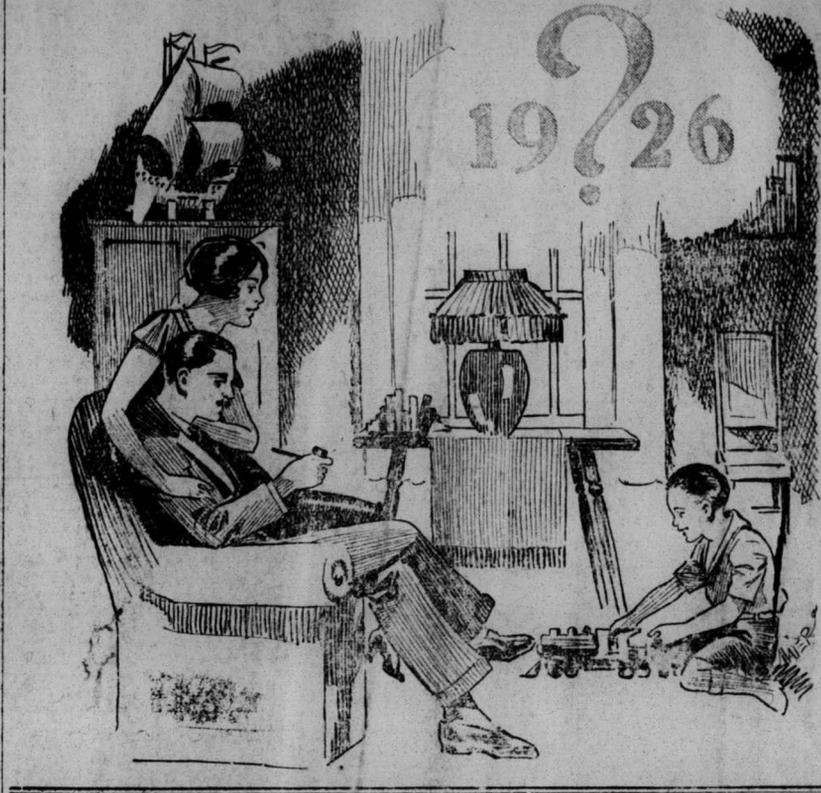
Stock Reducing Sale at Nix and Lattimore's

This is the season for January clearance sales when bargains are greatest because the merchants are planning for stock-taking and emptying their shelves for the arrival of spring goods which will come in shortly. Nix and Lattimore's have inaugurated a stock reducing sale on men's ready-to-wear and furnishings and make attractive prices in this issue of The Star.

Water and Sewer Patronage Grows

During the past year 251 electric light patrons and 143 water patrons were added to the municipal water and light plants, according to figures compiled by Supt. R. V. Toms who declares this to be the largest number in any single year. The total number of patrons of the water and light departments is now 1730 and new connections are being added every week. The daily water consumption for the entire town is approximately 400,000 and the present capacity of the water station is taxed to the limit, therefore plans are under way for a new and larger plant, work on which will begin right away as soon as a site has been secured.

What Has It in Store for You?



Negro Admits To Slaying Another And Burning Body

One of Most Brutal Crimes in Section's History Uncovered Yesterday Near Cleveland Line

L. C. Haynes, 30-year-old Arkansas negro, was given a preliminary hearing in Rutherfordton Friday afternoon for the murder of Johnny Johnson, another negro, and the burning of Johnson's body. The crime, one of the most brutal known to the section, was enacted near the Cleveland county line in Rutherford, taking place near a highway construction camp at Fuzzle creek between Ellenboro and Forest City. Johnson was killed Wednesday night before Christmas and his body made away with and the crime mystery was not solved until this week so thorough was the destruction of the murdered man's body. Both negroes were working for Elliott and company, sub contractors, in building highway 20 from Shelby to Forest City.

Bloody Cruelty. Messer details as reported from the alleged confession of Haynes have it that the two negroes had a quarrel some months ago. Haynes being cut up by Johnson, Wednesday night before Christmas Johnson was returning from Forest City when Haynes met him in the road and after a few words shot him three times. Johnson ran down through the woods groaning and Haynes continued on to the road camp. Later he decided to go back and see what had happened to the man he shot. Returning he found that Johnson, fatally wounded, had dragged himself a quarter of a mile through the woods before falling over and dying. Then, Haynes says, he faced the problem of making away with the body. After thinking a bit he dragged the dead negro to an isolated spot some distance away in an old field, cut him up and started the gruesome work of burning the dismembered body. Charring everything down but the bones, he put them in a sack and carried them back to the road camp, burning some of the remaining portions of the body and bones in the camp heater. Portions of the victim were hard to make away with, it is supposed, and they were placed in a sack and carried back to Fuzzle creek where they were buried some more and thrown in the creek. These are practically the details of the horrible story as related by Haynes in his confession to Sheriff W. C. Hardin, of Rutherford county, according to a telephone message from a Star reporter to the sheriff.

Was Baffling Mystery. However, ferreting out the bloody murder was for days a mysterious job. Some days after the killing, portions of the charred bones were found and turned over to officers. Johnson was missing from the road camp and coupling clues together officers carried some of the finger bones to phy-

Fanning Company to Begin Big Cash Sale

Beginning Saturday the W. L. Fanning department store inaugurates a "cash converter sale" which is being extensively advertised in newspaper and by posters, heralding rare bargains in every department of the store. Mr. Wunder, an experienced sale conductor is in charge, representing one of the largest sale conducting agencies in this country. For several days the store has been closed with all help busy marking down prices in plain figures and indications are that the sale will be one of the best the Fanning Company has ever conducted. Doors open Saturday morning.

Expects Mountain Country to Go

R. E. Lawrence, former county agent of Cleveland, on a visit here Thursday in connection with the sale of property owned here by him was enthusiastic over the future of Western Carolina and especially that section around Brevard, where he is now located and has large holdings in mountain developments. "They're swarming into that section from all parts of the country and Florida is sending more than any other state. It's cold there now, but real estate sales continue showing that spring and warm weather will herald real activity."

HOLIDAY MARRIAGES BACK TO STANDARD

The Yuletide season is best-liked hunting season of Dan Cupid, the match-maker. Up until December the books on the marriage mart revealed a shortage in matrimonial unions, but the month of December ushering in Christmas brought the record back up to par.

License was issued for the marriage of 31 couples during December, according to Register of Deeds R. Lee Weathers.

Holiday marriages were numerous. During the so-called holidays period, from December 20, to January 1, there were 17 couples receiving the legal approval of marriage, 11 couples were white and six colored. Marriage license during the period was issued to the following white couples: Loyd B. Biggers and Ruth Black; Everett A. Bingham and Lulu Eaker; H. C. Jackson and Florence Woods; Junie Johnson and Clara L. Wallace; Lee F. Lewis and Florence E. Gantt; Cloe Moffitt and Violet Bumgardner; Alfred Randall and Minnie S. Rucker; John Roberts and Metter Griffin; Lonnie T. Stewart and Bertha May Hoyle; Gardy Turner and Junie Swink; John Williams and Lucy Falls. Colored couples receiving license were: James H. Douthit and Georgia M. Strong; B. Hall and Emma Bell; Bill Hull and Clara May Elder; Booker T. Lattimore and Viola Norris; James Williams and Lea Stone; Dent Williamson and Sallie Lutz.

Uses Vicious Dog As Store Watchman

Byron Keeter, native of Grover who operates a general store at Bessemer City finds that a vicious airdale dog is a safe and inexpensive watchman for his Bessemer City store. The Keeter store was robbed sometime back in 1925 and other robberies were frequent with stores in his community, so he bought a vicious airdale dog and each night this dog keeps store during the night. While Mr. Keeter sleeps peacefully knowing that all of his merchandise will be present and accounted for on the rising of the sun. When the store is opened each morning, the dog is taken to a large lot where it is allowed to run, but it never comes in contact with others than its master and strangers have learned to shun his presence. Even Mr. Keeter would have to renew acquaintance and thoroughly establish his identity before he could enter his own store after it is once closed for the night. Mr. Keeter finds that the airdale is cheaper to maintain than a night-watchman and gives perfect protection to his merchandise.

Rather Indefinite

Rastus—"Ah wants a divorce. Dat woman dis talk, talk, talk, night and day. Ah can't get no rest and dat talk an drivin' me crazy."
Judge—"What does she talk about?"
Rastus—"She doan say."

C.C. Blanton Buys Business Property \$500 Per Front Foot

MRS. JOHN S. WRAY'S FUNERAL SATURDAY

Was 77 Years of Age and Mother of Large and Prominent Family. A Noble Christian Woman.

The funeral of Mrs. John S. Wray will take place from the residence on S. DeKalb street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the services to be conducted by Revs. Weno Wall, A. C. Irvin and H. M. McDermid. Mrs. Wray died at 5 o'clock Friday morning following a protracted illness of a year, the last few months of which time, death had been expected at any time. Before marriage Mrs. Wray was Miss Ella Borders and was married to Mr. Wray at the age of 16. She was a devoted wife and kind, loving mother who reared a large family, prominent in affairs in Carolina. All during her husband's public career, she was a strong and faithful companion. Mr. Wray was deputy sheriff and jailer under Sheriff Ab Suttle's administration and for 16 years was county treasurer, the Wray home being noted for its hospitality.

Mrs. Wray was a fine Christian character whose life of service and whose kindness and good deeds will long be remembered. She is survived by her husband, one sister, Mrs. Joe Austell of Earl, one brother Wm. Borders of Blacksburg, and the following children: Mrs. C. R. Doggett, Mrs. H. T. Hudson, Mrs. Margaret Wray Gardner, Mrs. Barnett Cabanias, Mrs. L. A. Blanton, Mrs. Charlie McBray, Hugh Wray of Gastonia, Mrs. Mayme Wray Webb of Charlotte and Mrs. Zeb C. Mauney. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

Settlement Reached With Cotton Mills

A satisfactory settlement was reached with several of the corporations in the newly acquired territory to the town of Shelby in the matter of adjusting with them the price at which water, sewer and light lines, installed by these corporations, are taken over by the town, of Shelby since extension. It was not necessary to have even a third man to arbitrate the differences. The Ella Manufacturing company gets \$11,275.94 for water and sewer lines, \$198.86 for light lines, Cleveland Springs Co. gets \$5,420.67 for water lines; East-side mill receives \$9,503.49 for water and sewer lines and about \$600 for light lines. The difference has not been adjusted with the Belmont mill which has been unwilling to accept the report of the appraiser. It is estimated that it will cost about \$30,000 to take over the privately owned conveniences which the town will maintain and extend in the future.

License Bureau Is Closed Here

The local automobile license tag bureau operated here in connection with the Carolina Motor Club branch was closed Friday, January 1, and hereafter it will be impossible to purchase auto tags in Shelby.

The license tags will now be handled direct by the revenue department and not by the branch offices of the club, those needing license will have to apply for them direct. Wade W. Hoey, local manager of the Carolina Motor Club, will assist state officials for another week in clearing up the work here and any auto owners seeking information concerning tags may apply to him during that period.

Only Two More Days Before Star's Advance

Only two more days remain in which to secure the three-a-week Star at the price of the twice-a-week—\$2 by mail and \$2.50 per year by city carrier. Since the publication has gone to every-other-day, thereby giving 151 copies a year, a slight advance must be made in the subscription rate which will be announced Monday. You can renew, however, at the old rate up until Monday night. Notice the label on your paper and if not convenient to call, send remittance by mail. The Star promises to get better through the year 1926 and always maintain its high standard.

Ninety Feet Improved Business Property in Miller Block on S. LaFayette. Sold by First National Bank

Five hundred dollars per front foot is the price paid for business property not fronting the court square, but main street property, nevertheless, in a real estate transaction announced for the New Year whereby C. C. Blanton buys from the First National Bank ninety feet on S. LaFayette street from the First National Bank. This 90 feet frontage consists of the John M. Best Furniture store rooms, Morrison Cafe and Ellis Transfer Office, all being a part of the Miller Block purchased some year or two ago by the First National Bank to be used for a future home for this banking institution.

Mr. Blanton has no plans to announce as to how this property will be used after two of the store rooms are vacated by the John M. Best Furniture store which moves shortly into the Royster Building on the same street. The price paid is less than the record price paid by Zoile Riviere and Garnet Cox for the Masonic building facing the Court Square and now occupied by the Rose Five and Ten Cent store, which brought \$625 per front foot two years ago. The sale of a part of the Miller Block establishes an ew record price for business property not fronting the square but Shelby is no longer a "court square business town" as the business center is moving rapidly out every street.

It will be remembered that the First National Bank bought the Miller block from C. C. and George Blanton and A. W. McMurry for \$100,000. The bank retains 110 feet on S. LaFayette and about 90 feet on Warren street where it expects to erect sometime in the future a handsome banking home with offices on the floors above ground. Just what type of buildig and when it will be started has not been determined by the bank's executives but it goes without saying that the building will be one of which the town and county to meet present requirements but the future growth of the town and county will be anticipated by its proportions. In all probability the new bank and office building will cover all the ground of the Miller block retained by the First National Bank.

Thousand Attend A. Blanton Opening of New Bldg

Merchants Here From Neighboring Territory, Many Sentenced

A thousand merchants from territory of the county attended the opening of the new building when a reception was held from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Wright, president of the company, Mr. C. S. Young, local agent, and a handsome white gold Hamilton watch and chain in token of the company's appreciation of his worth and esteem.

The charming and commodious offices in the new building were decorated with white carnations, ferns, roses and holly, making the Christmas decorations most beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Laughridge, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Young greeted the guests as they arrived and invited them into the spacious building at the register were Misses Mildred and Ruth Laughridge. In the adjoining room, punch, cakes and candies were served. Misses Fay Lutz, Foy Moore and Gene Laughridge presided over the punch bowl. When the guests were shown over the spacious building and pointed out the conveniences in handling the merchandise, each was presented with souvenirs such as cereals, fruits, candies, etc., from the Blanton company stock.

All officers of the company and store managers from Spruce Pine, Morganton and Marion were here to assist in receiving and making the inspection tour of the thousand callers as pleasant as possible.

He Knew How.

Watson had been having trouble with his wife, who had grown petulant and morose with advancing age. Chancing upon an old friend Martin, whom he knew to have a wife of about the same age as his own, Watson asked:—"Is you wife a woman who is easily soothed?" "Well, sometimes," thoughtfully "sometimes a new hat will do the trick."