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## WILL WIDEN HOPPER BRIDGE STRUCTURE. COMMISSIONERS SAY

Work Will Begin Soon In Improving  
Roadway In City Limits Termed  
"Dangerous" to Travel.

An important feature of the meeting of the county board of commissioners this week was the decision to widen Hopper bridge within the city limits out North Lafayette street.

The decision came about after highway commissioners of No. 6, it is said, agreed to straighten out the so-called "dangerous" road leading from Shelby to the bridge.

The structure is over Hendricks creek and is a road channel used much by traffic in and out of Shelby from the general northern section. The present bridge is a one-way affair with entrance hard to see at a distance going down the hill, or north from Shelby.

It is not known just how soon work will begin on widening the structure, but the steel has already been ordered and it will not take any great length of time, it is estimated to complete the job. The steel in the side structure will be new, enlarging the bridge into a two-way traffic carrier.

Order Bills Paid.

Outside of the Hopper bridge matter and routine business the commissioners passed upon little business of general importance.

County bills ordered paid were:

- A. D. Warlick, bridge work \$684;
- J. C. Weathers, bridge work \$42,000;
- L. A. Cabanis salary and expenses home \$156.35; C. C. Martin, bridge work \$97.00; T. P. Eskridge, supplies \$28.40; H. O. Mauney, bridge work \$18.96; D. B. Whisnant, bridge lumber \$24.00; A. E. Cline, commissioner \$66; C. C. Martin, bridge work \$15; W. W. Washburn, commissioner \$45.04; T. C. Mauney, bridge lumber \$74.40; Shelby Office Supply Co. office supplies \$9.15; South Shelby Pharmacy, supplies \$28.75; Necessity Manufacturing Co. supplies \$12.50; H. A. Logan, trip to Osborne, Ohio and reward for Cody and Deane \$133.25; C. M. Peeler, professional services \$8; Star Pub. Co. \$88; Kendall Medicine Co. supplies \$2.50; L. U. Arrowood, cement and bridge work \$27; Flay H. Hoey, supplies \$1.61; J. D. Lineberger Sons supplies \$10.45; Shelby Hardware Co., bridge work \$24.24; Z. B. Weathers and Sons bridge work \$5.10; Webb Bros., supplies \$31.35; Shelby Electric Co., lamp for county home \$65; Edward and Broughton Co., office supplies \$15.70; B. R. Dellinger, burial expenses Madison Col. \$20; J. G. Watson, \$107.30; Campbell Dept Store, supplies \$25.50; The Herald Pub. Co., \$7; D. A. Fulton, two coffins county home \$20; Paragon Furniture Co., supplies \$9.50; Wray-Hudson Co., supplies \$19.57; H. A. Logan, jail expenses and incidentals \$289.36; J. R. Melton, \$2.25; Irma Wallace, Home Agent \$5; Mitchell Printing Co., office supplies \$29.24; Summie Canipe, capturing still \$20; Mary E. Yarbrough stamps \$21.98; G. T. Putnam, fixing lock county house \$2.40; A. B. Putnam bridge work \$2.10; Oscar Patterson, \$1; John Hord, baying mule \$5; Ellis Transfer Co., freight and dry age \$1.82; Dave Turner, wood county house \$3; State Hospital, \$25.61; The Selig Co., \$62.50; Z. J. Thompson, supplies jail \$32.

## Groundhog Bobs Up And Goes Back In, Six Weeks of it

Yes, folks, the ground hog saw his shadow.

That is to say those fortunate ground hogs who live on the green hills and in the vales of Cleveland County saw their shadows. For the fact is pointed out that they are fat ground hogs—well-fed and all that—casting a big shadow.

And so—according to the good old prophecies—we are in for six more weeks of rain and slush and sleet and such, before Annie's gentle spring-time comes over the hill.

Old Sol furnished a rare brand of brilliance yesterday morning—which was ground hog day. Everything—trees and shrubs and twigs and telephone poles and even very thin folks cast a sharp shadow, so bright was the mid-winter glare.

So, it is pointed out, there is no doubt Mr. Woodchuck saw the resemblance of himself upon the landscape as he awoke from his winter nap, and came out of his hole to look about.

Strangely enough, the doings of the little rodent furnished much talk for Shelby folk Tuesday morning. No man's day was complete unless he had heard at least a dozen times: "Well, I guess the ground hog saw his shadow."

## Shelby Returns To "Square Dance" With Henry Ford

Old-Time Dancing And Music Is Announced For "Square Dance" Of Days Gone By At Armory Saturday.

"Hand me down my bonnet, hand me down my shawl, hand me down my calico dress, I'm going to the ball—"

It's Saturday night at the old armory in the Washburn building on Morgan street. Henry Ford has found a pal in Shelby and Saturday night the old-time "square dance" will be the latest step with Shelby.

There's no age limit and if invitations are issued they will read "six to sixty and then some." The dances will include the square dance, Virginia Reel, "fox trot of the forties" and others that a younger generation does not know.

Along with the dances, of course, will be old-time music furnished for the most part by old-time musicians, fiddlers who use "fiddles" and not violins and keep the proper harmony with a foot that pats.

The hours are scheduled from 8 until 11 and in the three hours much merriment is promised and something new for the younger folks to look upon.

Henry Ford recently has been turning towards the resurrection of old-fashioned music and dances. Numerous programs of harmonies well-known in by-gone days have been broadcasted recently by radio through his inter-

est in such and gradually the old airs are catching another hold. Just how many folks there are in Shelby capable of doing the "square dance" in the right manner is not known; some of them may be capable and not able. As to the Virginia Reel, living experts in that are thought to be scarce with only one or two remembering the "fox trot of the forties." The first call then for Saturday night is not for the youngsters who are adept at the Charleston, but for those who remember the days when dancing was more a thing of grace than shaking and wriggling.

Perhaps Corn Cracker, veteran "fiddler" who recently volunteered to play for Henry Ford, will help with the music. Anyway, it is definitely announced that no one wishing to take part in the old-time dances will be handicapped by lack of old-fashioned music.

The "29 Years Ago" column of The Star frequently relates of dances of that day and the young folks of those affairs may teach the younger folks of today a few steps Saturday night.

As it is those promoting the old-fashioned affair believe that Henry Ford, god father of old-time airs, would enjoy himself at the armory Saturday night.

## STREET PAVING TAX MUST BE PAID OR PROPERTY SOLD

All Street Paving and Sidewalk Assessments Due and if Not Paid Property Will Be Sold.

Street paving and sidewalk assessments against property owners in the town of Shelby must be paid or the town will be advertised and sold, according to a decision of the city fathers at their regular meeting on Tuesday night when this resolution was passed: "All property owners having street paving and sidewalks abutting their property on which more than one assessment is past due, will hereby take notice that unless these installments are paid by March 1st, such property will be advertised for sale." Bonds issued by the town to do this improvement three and four years ago are due and the town does not have the money with which to pay the bonds. Under the terms of the paving, the town pays one-third of the total cost while abutting property owners pay the other two-thirds of street paving. Sidewalks were done on the fifty-fifty basis. The city fathers declare they have no disposition to be hard but the bonds now due must be paid and the town is looking to the property owners to pay all past due assessments. During the first year or two many property owners paid their tax assessments in full which gave the town ample money to meet bonds in the past. By paying in full these property owners saved the interest which accrues from year to year. Some have not paid a single one of the three assessments due on the last paving program while others have not paid a single one of the four assessments due on the first big paving program, hence it is imperative for the town to collect this past due money in order to meet bonds.

Statements are going out to the property owners who have property against which assessments are due and attention is called to the fact that property will be advertised for sale after March 1st if more than one street or sidewalk assessments is past due.

## Bury Frank Herndon At Bethlehem Today

The funeral services of Mr. Frank Herndon, who died Monday at Hamlet, were conducted at Bethlehem church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Herndon, who was a native of Cleveland county, was a brother of Mr. J. C. Herndon at Grover, and Mrs. S. C. Ratteree, at Kings Mountain. He left this county some 20 years ago and moved to Virginia, later moving back to Eastern Carolina to Ellertee Springs, where he lived for several years. Lately the family has been living at Hamlet or Laurinburg.

Mr. Herndon is survived by his wife and several children in addition to his brother and sister in this county and numerous nephews and nieces. Mr. Hugh A. Logan being a niece.

## Edney Lattimore Heads Veterans

Mr. Edney Lattimore, of Lattimore one of the best known older men of the county, was elected commander of the Cleveland County Confederate veterans at a meeting held here Monday. Mr. Lattimore succeeds the late Rev. A. C. Irvin as commander of the remaining "men in gray."

For years Mr. Lattimore was one of the most regular attendants at reunions and he is known by practically all of the veterans in this section. Quite a number of the veterans met at the court house Monday, but the gathering was not so large as those of a few years back. Commander Lattimore and other veterans will attend to matters concerning the state reunion at Wilmington and other business matters.

## MR. GUS BORDERS TO BE BURIED AT EARL

Substantial Farmer of No. 3 Died at Morganton. Where he Was Patient. Burial at New Hope.

Mr. Gus Borders, one of the most influential and substantial farmers of No. 3 township, died Wednesday morning at 4:30 o'clock in the State hospital at Morganton where he had been a patient for several months and his body was brought Wednesday to the home of his eldest daughter, Mrs. D. P. Byers and the funeral will be held at New Hope Baptist church, Earl, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Borders was about 69 years of age and son of T. Glenn Borders, white-whiskered veteran of the Civil war.

Deceased lived near Stices Shoals and was a prominent and successful farmer, held in highest esteem by his host of friends because of his fine Christian character. For many years he was clerk of New Hope church. He was first married to Mary Cabanis to which union five children were born. Three daughters survive. Mrs. Claude Austell of Charlotte, Mrs. D. P. Byers and Mrs. Victor Bowen, of this county. The two sons preceded him to the grave. His second marriage was to Miss Elizabeth Lattimore, daughter of John Bynum Lattimore who survives together with one brother, John Bunk Borders and one sister, Mrs. Frank O'Neill of Lenoir.

For some time his health had been bad and last fall he was entered as a patient at the State hospital at Morganton where his condition was very bad at times and more favorable at other times. Shortly before Christmas he had pneumonia and since then his health condition had been declining. Since Sunday he had been unconscious and members of the family knew he could not survive much longer. The county loses one of its most esteemed citizens in the passing of Mr. Borders and the funeral will no doubt be largely attended.

## THREE WOMEN MADE ESCAPE FROM JAIL MONDAY AFTERNOON

Dorothy Townsend, Eunice Micheal and Mary Harris Get Through Three Doors to Freedom, Outside Aid Suspected.

Three women with a past, and all belonging to Mrs. Warren's profession, took French leave of the jail here Monday afternoon, in the broad light of day.

They unlocked their cell doors, and with the dignity of movie stars unravelling a plot, strode down the front steps of the sheriff's quarters and out into a waiting automobile.

It was an exit, swift but dignified. And they are still at large.

According to Sheriff Logan it was necessary that they unlock three doors to make their getaway. The theory is, they were supplied with keys from the outside. One of the women, Dorothy Townsend, is a sister of Bonnie Sutton who is now in the penitentiary serving a three year sentence for the theft of the Costner car here last year.

This young woman—she is only eighteen—was arrested while her sister Bonnie was in jail, and sent up for ninety days, for trying to smuggle back saws to the prisoner. And while Bonnie was languishing in jail somebody on the outside smuggled her two jail keys—keys made after the jail key pattern,—in an egg sandwich.

Those specimens of the handiwork of those who tried to liberate the fair automobile thief are now in Sheriff Logan's possession. They exhibit a resemblance so close to the original key, that the Sheriff has no doubt they were made after a legitimate pattern.

Dorothy had been in the new jail four times; this time on a sixty day sentence.

It is said she calls Forest City home.

The second member of the trio was Eunice Michael, also eighteen, hail-fair from Gastonia. Eunice is also known as a repeater. The Sheriff remembers her well. Last summer she was bearding with the county, in company with a hag named "Mattie" Hammond. She was put to work sweeping the yard. Watching her opportunity when her watcher's back was turned, she whipped out of the yard gate and did a Marathon across the fields.

She ran like a hare. But the Sheriff caught her.

She was in then for drunk and disorderly the same charge for which she was serving the sentence which she terminated so dramatically Monday.

The third member of the band was Mary Harris, Mary was older, having seen thirty summers, some of them good but most of them punk. She was in for ninety days, and had served little more than a month. She once lived on the East Side in Shelby, before she took to the tinsel life.

She was in the old jail here in Shelby when the prisoners were moved over into the new quarters.

All three of these Magdalenes were grouped in the women's quarters of the bastille. Three iron barred doors interposed between them and freedom. Not only did they find keys to unlock the cell doors, but they actually made their escape out of the front door of the living quarters of the Logan family.

Some school children reported they saw the women hasten across the street from the jail and climb into a truck bodied Ford.

## TWO SHELBY MEN IN CLOSE SHAVE

Local Boys Held For a Time as Suspects in Butler Killing, Are Freed Later on in Evening.

Two young men of Shelby, out on a mission, and observing the amenities, drifted into a jam Monday that threatened to land them behind prison bars with a murder charge over them.

The plot encircled about them, has a parallel on the screen—innocent youth, false charge, a villain and a woman.

The woman in this instance happened to be endowed with god sense and a level head, otherwise this rambling narrative might lead into a morass. The facts are these: Friday night a man named Frank Butler, who lived on the Shelby-Morganton road, in the vicinity of Toluca, was killed. He was called out of his bed at the wee hour of 2 o'clock in the morning, by two men who wanted liquor, and on the little excursion was shot to death.

It happened—and this is very in-

## Blaze At Shelby Colored School Wednesday Halted School Work

A blaze, which started, it is said, in the basement of the building, resulted in about \$2,000 damages to the Shelby colored school building on Hudson St., Wednesday, just before noon.

No One Hurt.

Other than the damage to the walls, a few desks and some clothing of the school children nothing developed of a serious nature. The fire broke out just before the noon recess and the several hundred colored school children were able to make their exit without injury.

According to eye-witnesses, the building seemed doomed when the fire men arrived, but quick work by them with the aid of the colored folks of the section soon had the fire under control although at times the fire-fighting was greatly handicapped by the smoke of the burning wooden building.

Two Rooms Damaged.

The damage for the most part was confined to two rooms, one upstairs and one downstairs, one of which was the school library. The damage in

## "Call Of Carolina" Being Seen In Publicity Drives

Cities And Towns Of State Raise Advertising Funds To Boost Opportunities And Bring Investors

The call of Carolina is beginning to be heard abroad. Rather preparations are being made to attract outside people, capital and investors. That is Carolina generally. Some sections have already been well advertised.

On his recent visit to Shelby Mr. Phillip G. Affleck, remarked: "Heretofore we people farther North knew of Carolina in terms of Asheville and Pinehurst when in reality you have a general wonderland. If the world knew of this section as it does of Florida there'd have to be some method of handling the incoming motorists."

And now Western and Piedmont Carolina are generally getting prepared to "tell the world."

In Hickory such a campaign is underway and in connection with which the Hickory Records says: "The Committee of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce has announced that the drive for the \$10,000 fund for publicity and industrial development will take place on Wednesday, February 3.

"If the fund is raised, the citizens will have an opportunity of seeing and learning what effect publicity and industrial development of a definite character will have on this community. Other centers have raised large amounts of money for the same purpose. Spartanburg, S. C., recently raised over \$25,000 for advertising.

Burlington has a \$10,000 fund for this purpose. Now Hickory will have it's special advertising fund. All of those cities mentioned, are following in the foot steps of the cities of California and Florida in placing before the world the advantages of their respective communities.

"Many thousands of people are looking for a Southern location where all conditions including climate, natural resources, labor, health, education and other essentials to good living and good business may be found."

Florida has proven a magnet to the southbound and North Carolina, not fighting Florida, will benefit thereby—that's the Florida viewpoint, as expressed by Sam Farabee, former Hickory newspaperman now publisher of the Lakeland Florida, Ledger, in an editorial in his paper, which says:

"North Carolina is watching Florida, for it hopes, and with reason, to win developing millions from Floridians who have made their pile in developments here and may want to invest in Carolina mountain developments; in fact, many such investments already have been made by Floridians and others who have done well in Florida real estate.

"Carolina calls itself, 'the next boom state' after Florida, and Carolina isn't knocking Florida as some States have been doing. Like Maine, Carolina sees in the development of Florida as a winter playground a chance to win business for the summer playgrounds in the mountains.

"Wise people everywhere instead of knocking a State to which every knock is a boost, are using the Florida magic to expand a little themselves. Florida, it has been said, and truly, is doing more for the south than all the rest of the southern states

## CLEVELAND SIXTH AT N. C. STATE FAIR IN PRIZE MONEY

Took First Honors in County Exhibits and Brought Home \$584 in Prizes for General Exhibits.

Of the 67 North Carolina counties winning money prizes at the recent State Fair, Cleveland county ranked sixth, according to a bulletin just issued by the publicity department of the fair.

Cleveland's honors at the fair came through the assembled county exhibit, house furnishings, culinary, poultry and home economics.

The prize money was distributed as follows among Cleveland county exhibitors:

- R. E. Lawrence, Shelby, \$500.00 county exhibit.
- Mattie Cornwell, Lawndale, \$1.00, house furnishings.
- Mrs. Irma Wallace, Shelby, \$7.00 culinary.
- B. H. Kendall, Shelby, \$25.00, poultry.
- Dr. F. H. Lackey, Fallston, \$27.00, poultry.
- Mr. O. A. Rhea, Kings Mountain, \$2.00, home economics.
- Mrs. J. A. Harrill, Shelby, \$2.00 home economics.
- Mrs. Jesse Beach, Kings Mountain, \$2.00, home economics.
- Mrs. Wayne Ware, Kings Mountain, \$3.00, home economics.
- Mrs. Irma Wallace, home dem. agt., Shelby, \$14.00, home economics.

The other eight leading counties in fair winnings follow with their cash awards:

- Wake ----- \$1,965
- Guilford ----- \$1,038
- Catawba ----- 913
- Craven ----- 743
- Forsyth ----- 664
- Cleveland ----- 584
- Alamance ----- 552
- Wayne ----- 504

## ANNUAL CONTESTS COME THIS MONTH

Tuesday afternoon County Superintendent J. C. Newton had received the names of only two entrants for the annual Hoyer Oratorical contest to be held at the Central school here Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. However, the names of all the entrants are expected in by the end of the day Wednesday.

The two entrants were from the Kings Mountain school: William Mason and Lamar Rhyne. Other schools likely to have entrants are Waco, Lattimore, Piedmont, Boiling Springs and Shelby. Each school will be permitted two entrants.

Mr. Newton further announces that the essays written for the Selma Webb Essay contest must be in his office by February 18. The winner will be announced at the close of the Selma Webb recitation contest Friday night, February 26, at Central school auditorium.

In the recitation contest each school is asked to select two entrants and forward their names to Mr. Newton so that he will receive them by February 12. If there are not too many entrants two reciters from each school may be permitted and it is urged that the names of entrants be sent in early as possible so that this may be decided upon.

Present indications are that the oratorical contest Friday night will draw the usual large crowd from various sections of the county.

## As Shelby Grows —Talk Increases

Everybody must talk—to a certain extent—and as Shelby grows there is more talking, that is by telephone.

Seventy-nine new receivers will be adjusted to the ear during February and they will not be radio handsets, but the tuning in end of the reliable telephone.

That's another booster story. Everybody does not use the telephone and when a number of new telephones are installed it is safe to say that there are that many, or more, new homes in Shelby.

According to Manager W. P. Arwood, of the local exchange, his line-men connected 79 new telephones, business and residential, during the past month, which establishes a record for any month, it is thought, in the history of the exchange. So proud of the achievement is Manager Arwood that when one of his operators says "Number Please," he answers "7-9."

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