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1925 Census .....8,854  
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## LARGE PERCENTAGE SHELBY POPULATION BELONG TO CHURCH

Estimated That 4,000 Shelby People, Half of Population, Are Church Members, May be Record.

The population of Shelby is 8,854. Of that number four thousand, or a full fifty per cent, are enrolled as church members.

And the same number, four thousand, are enrolled as Sunday school members.

That estimate was made Monday by William Lineberger, who in addition to being a bank president here, is also superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school.

Mr. Lineberger is an authority on church statistics of this city.

May Constitute Record.

This relationship between population and church membership existing in Shelby, it is said, perhaps constitutes a record in the United States. The statement is a full twin to the one made in this newspaper some weeks ago, noting an authority here, that 80 per cent of the people of Shelby own their own homes.

Large Number Active Workers.

Mr. Lineberger, commenting on the figures he offered, stated that about two thousand of the number were active in church and Sunday school work.

"We have nine hundred members in our Methodist Sunday school," he said, "and yesterday (Sunday) we had an attendance of six hundred. But that attendance really means six hundred out of a possible eight hundred, one hundred of the enrollment being those either too old or too young to attend."

## LEDFORD BROTHERS BUY 6 ACRE TRACT

J. F. and Holly Ledford of the Rex Cigar Co. on Saturday purchased six acres of land on highway No. 20 adjacent the property recently purchased by Mr. Affleck of Washington, D. C. within a stone's throw of Cleveland Springs property. It is understood the purchase price was about \$800 per acre. This property was purchased from Jack Palmer by Z. J. Riviere and Arey Brothers, a few months ago. It is ideally situated and is across the road from big acreage owned by the Gardner Land Company which has already been platted by Mr. Draper, landscape architect of Charlotte, into beautiful suburban sites. Just what the Ledford's intend to do with their purchase it is not known. Trade was made by W. C. Harris.

The buying and selling of property on the Cleveland Springs road has been active during the past two weeks and prices are mounting rapidly. Several big tracts are understood to be under option for the purpose of sale at public auction as soon as the winter breaks. Folks are talking realty values in Shelby in other towns and outside buyers are beginning to take notice of the advantages Shelby offers in real estate trading.

## Mrs. Smith Passes At Austin, Texas

Word has been received in Shelby of the death at Austin, Texas, on February 7, of Mrs. Emaline Smith, aunt of G. V. Hawkins, of the local postoffice organization.

Mrs. Smith, who was more than 90 years of age, was raised in Cleveland county, and it is understood had other relatives in this section. She was the daughter of William Winbrow.

## Another Marriage Near Beams Mill

Mr. Theodore Bingham, who lives near the Lincoln county line in this county, and Miss May Ward, of Catawba county, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon.

The ceremony was performed at the home of 'Suire Sylvanus Gardner, near Beams Mill, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Gardner officiating. The many friends of the young couple hope for them a happy union.

## Mrs. Wilkins Sinking Rapidly Report States

A message received by friends here Monday afternoon stated that Mrs. Wilkins of Rutherfordton, mother of Mrs. L. W. Gardner, was sinking rapidly and that little hope was held for her recovery.

Mrs. Wilkins suffered a stroke of paralysis only a short time back. Mrs. Gardner is at her bedside.

## North Carolina Banks Show Record Gain In Resources

### Wins Tourney



Harry Cooper, Dallas, Tex., above, recently won the \$15,000 open golf tournament at Los Angeles, Calif.

### PROMINENT STUDENT PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Was One of the Most Popular Students At Lattimore and Good Athlete. Buried at Sandy Plains.

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered at Sandy Plains Baptist church, attended the funeral Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock of Gordon Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brooks who live between Lattimore and New House. Young Brooks who was 16 years, 7 months and two days old was a student at Lattimore High school and an outstanding young man in his community. He was not only prominent in athletics but a good student with a strong personality, a fine intellect and a useful life. In July 1924 he professed religion and joined Sandy Plains church, dedicating himself a year later to some special Christian service. Those close to him expected him to become a minister of the gospel. He was a most cheerful disposition and a leader in church and school work. He was musical director of the B. Y. P. U. and a leader among the young people of the church.

Young Mr. Brooks was taken desperately ill with pneumonia eight days ago and all that medical skill, professional nursing and the tender care of family and friends could do, did not prolong his life. He died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and his remains were buried Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the cemetery at Sandy Plains, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy, assisted by Rev. Rush Padgett and Rev. J. D. Bridges.

### Fickle Weather Strikes Shelby

Winter, spring, summer autumn—thunder, lightning, rain, wind—during Sunday and Monday Shelby and Cleveland county had the whole works.

Saturday night the sky opened and a red eye winked at the town. Then the thunder rolled. The old guys say when it thunders and lightnings in the winter time, you may batter down the hatches.

But Sunday was clear, and came as near being a summer day as any twenty-four hour period in the history of the old ballwick for the season.

In Charlotte Sunday the thermometer climbed up the tube to 73 degrees, establishing a record as the warmest winter day in history. Here in Shelby, according to T. W. Ebeltoft, weather forecaster, the mercury rose to about 70. It was fifty-eight at 6 o'clock, and 62 at nine o'clock.

The merchants advertising spring studs, fancied they were taking time by the forelock. But the weather man played 'em a trick.

They ought to have advertised Palm Beaches.

### Elizabeth To Boost Sunday School Work

"A bigger and better Sunday school" is the slogan for Elizabeth church for the spring and summer months.

A drive is being planned by the church to boost the Sunday school attendance and increase interest in this work. Beginning next Sunday every member of the church is urged to attend and bring a new member to Sunday school.

Through the drive it is hoped to have the best attendance ever within the next few Sundays.

### New Mark Established By State Institutions During Year 1925.

Raleigh.—Resources totaling \$307,159,781.36 and breaking all banking records for state banks, were announced here by Chief Bank Examiner Clarence Latham, who easily accounts for the small lift over the September 28th, 1925 statements, when the peak of all bank riches was reached.

Joined to the \$199,105,000 of December 31, 1925. It is a grand and glorious record, the like of which the oldest man in the kingdom has not known. Mr. Latham frankly expected a bigger showing, because things were on the upward move when he last examined the 501 banks and their 67 branches. But the chief state bank examiner has a noble alibi. He can show that the record is marvelous at its worst.

### Show Shrinkage.

The loans and discounts, first big item in the latest showing, presented a shrinkage from September 28, 1925, when the figures were \$212,263,888.23. On the last day of the latest December they were \$207,030,729.28. That was a loss of more than \$5,000,000. But at that it was a gain of \$8,752,636.51 from December, 1924.

The overdraft shrank from \$608,727.71 September 28, 1925, to \$332,034.93. The United States bonds held at the close of the September last were \$10,860,691.71, but they had dropped to \$7,390,028.46 three months later. The capital stock paid in was on last examination \$22,983,954.77 which was nearly \$150,000 increase, the surplus fund showed a jump from \$11,591,923.37 in 1924 to \$12,809,739.38 at the last figuring.

### Discounts Drop.

The notes and bills rediscouted dropped from \$4,140,656.48 in September to \$2,375,933.90 December 31, 1925. For the December previous the figures stood at \$1,745,247.49. The greatest slump on the side of virtue went also against total resources. Bills payable mean what the banks have borrowed from other banks. September 28, 1925, this item was \$19,291,763.98 but three months later it was \$4,680,905.75. And for the year closing in 1924 it was \$7,967,273.43.

The state banks are unhesitatingly pronounced in high health by Examiner Latham, who observes that the banks are paying their loans and suggesting individual gains and doing thus likewise.

### Star Makes Apology To Fallston Couple

In Friday's Star on the front page was carried a list of marriage licenses recently issued at the Court House to Cleveland County couples. This list included licenses issued to both white and colored but somehow in copying from the court records or in setting up the names on the typesetting machine, the names of Mr. Andrew B. Wright and Miss Bessie Ward appeared under the list of colored couples to which licenses had been issued. The Star hastens to make due apology to Mr. and Mrs. Wright. Mr. Wright is the son of J. A. Wright of the Fallston community and is a young man of fine parts and high standing in his community, while the bride is a native of Lincoln county and has been one of the courteous and efficient sales ladies in Stamey Company's store. Both are white and their many friends know them to be pure white blooded citizens of high standing. The Star is truly sorry of this error. It was purely unintentional and we offer our apologies to each of them. Those who follow The Star closely know that we exercise that utmost care and caution in handling news matter and when a slip like this is made it is an error of the hand and not of the heart for it is our purpose never to intentionally and maliciously wound the pride and feelings of any person, whatever their race or standing might be.

### T. D. Nolan May Go In Realty Business

Mr. T. D. Nolan, son of Mr. J. B. Nolan, is in Shelby with his parents, coming up from Warrenton, Ga. Mr. Nolan made the trip into the mountain districts with his father the latter part of last week, and stated Monday that it is likely he will remain here and engage in some branch of the real estate business.

Mr. J. B. Nolan made an extensive trip through Western Carolina Friday and Saturday, visiting Asheville, Hendersonville and other high powered centers. He said when he returned that he found the real estate business in those parts humming, with prospects decidedly looking up.

### Puts Out Fire With Crocks Full Of Milk

Mrs. Clayton Peeler extinguished a threatening flame in her kitchen Friday afternoon with several crocks full of sweet milk. Water has to be carried at the Peeler suburban home and when the careless cook sat a can of gasoline on the stove which she thought to be cold, but a drop trickled down, ignited and started the fireworks, it was not time to carry water from the well or spring. Mrs. Peeler rushed to the kitchen, threw the crocks full of milk on the flame, then hurried to a bedroom where she gathered up a nice, new bedspread and an old prized quilt with which she finished the fire fight.

Mrs. Peeler seized the can of gasoline and dashed it out of the door before it exploded but when the can struck the ground and spread, the flames caught the side of the house on fire. The fire department responded and with the valiant work of Mrs. Peeler and all hands at the house, the flames were extinguished with no considerable damage. The bedspread and heirloom quilt, and damage to the walls of the kitchen constituted the greatest damage.

### HOSPITAL PATIENTS NUMBER TWO DOZEN —SEVERAL RECOVER

Robert Crowder Entered Sunday With Serious Trouble. Three New Born Babies in Hospital.

Including two patients who were dismissed Sunday and several who entered for operations on Saturday, the Shelby hospital has two dozen beds filled. Robert Crowder, of the Southern Cotton Oil company, was entered Sunday with a severe kidney trouble and threatened pneumonia.

J. H. Toms who was severely scalped about a month ago at one of the local mills when a jet of steam struck his body, is getting along as well as could be expected. Little Charles Patterson, of Kings Mountain who was kicked by a mule was entered on the 12th. Mr. F. F. Borders of Shelby R-7, was operated on February 12th. Freeman Salliers was entered February 11, and underwent an operation. J. O. Lail of Kings Mountain entered February 18th for treatment. Born Saturday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilds a son. Mrs. James Roberts of Shelby is doing nicely from a recent operation.

Mrs. R. P. Philbeck of Lawndale is a patient for treatment. Mrs. D. Z. Newton and her new-born daughter are getting along nicely. Born February 12th to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dudley, a daughter. Mrs. L. C. Bost of Shelby was operated on Saturday. Mrs. C. C. Beam of Shelby is responding rapidly to treatment. Cline Lackey was operated on Saturday for appendicitis. Mrs. Clarence Rogers of Cherryville was operated on Friday. Mrs. I. C. Griffin is improving and will be able to return to her home on S. Washington street early this week. Mrs. J. A. Anthony is a patient for treatment. Mrs. John W. Doggett who was operated on Tuesday night was able to go home Sunday.

Mr. Martin who has been a patient since last October and had several operations has been removed to government hospital in Virginia. Mrs. Mollie Smith of Lattimore, and Mr. John Blackburn of Lawndale were dismissed Sunday. There are three colored patients in the colored ward.

### HONOR ROLL FOR EARL SCHOOL FOR LAST MONTH

Honor roll for Earl school first grade: Annie Lee Gibson.

Second grade: Nell Deloach, Helen Borders, Fred Ross, Quitman Ellis, Inez McSwain, Ophelia Borders, Agnes Borders, Evelyn Turner, J. M. Samsing.

Third grade: Clarence Turner.

Fourth grade: O. W. Ellis, Joseph Austell.

Cleveland in Cherryville

Miss Tascas Tolar, music teacher in the Waco school, Miss Katie Stone of the Waco school faculty, Miss Lou Hord, of Waco and Miss Zona Ford who is teaching at Union in Cleveland county were in Cherryville shopping Saturday afternoon.—Cherryville Eagle.

## 200 People Ride Bus Lines In And Out Of Shelby Daily

### More Passengers Going To Charlotte Than Any Other Point In State.

How many people pass in and out of Shelby daily?

Once was the query could be answered approximately by a check-up on tickets sold by the railroad tickets offices. Nowadays, it's different. As many or more people go or come in the family car, or by bus as do on trains.

The bus lines perhaps carry the most and daily figures on ticket sales at the Inter-Carolina bus station here show that a goodly percentage of folks keep on the move.

E. H. Griffin, bus station agent, estimates that approximately 100 people ride the various bus lines out of Shelby daily, while an equal number come, making a total of 200 passing in and out of town.

### Saturday Big Day.

Saturday is the big day of the week with the bus station. The custom comes down from other modes of travel through the itinerary of week-end visitors who come and go.

The daily average of folks riding buses out of Shelby is slightly below 100, but Saturday travellers a little more than carry the daily average for a week over 100 going each way.

Through the week between 85 and 100 people ride the bus lines out of Shelby to Charlotte, Asheville, Gastonia, Morganton and Hickory. On Saturdays the figure moves above 100.

Monday, according to Mr. Griffin, ranks close behind Saturday in number. Those spending the week-end in Shelby leave Monday, and Shelby folks spending the week-end away return on Monday. That's the solution of the Monday classification perhaps. Sunday, it is said, is the third best day for business.

More passengers board buses here for Charlotte than to any point. This is accounted for by two reasons: One that Charlotte is the nearest metropolitan center and the other is that connections are made there by rail and bus lines for longer journeys.

Gastonia takes the second largest number of passengers leaving Shelby, while Kings Mountain, junction point for south-bound travel, ranks third. Asheville and the west-bound buses running to Forest City and Rutherfordton rank next.

However, it would be still more interesting to know how many more travel in and out of town by private car. As it is, the 200 daily average of the bus station is indication enough that there is considerable travel going on.

### Boxing Matches At Old Armory Attract Very Good Crowds

Shelby followers of the squared ring enjoyed a comeback Friday night in the old armory, where several good boxing matches were staged. The main bout between Clyo Eller, hardbitting McAdenville youngster, and Jackie Fields, Shelby's pseudonym hope, was one of the best fist encounters fight fans have ever witnessed here. The winning shade fell to Eller through a slight superior exhibition, although his weight and reach gave him some advantage over his smaller opponent. Fields, fighting in Charlotte and elsewhere has already established a reputation and Eller who was in his second public appearance according to his manager, bids fair to be a headliner ere many months in the art of scrambling cars.

The preliminaries, far superior to ordinary pre-bout entertainment, were staged by local boys, many of whom exhibited considerable ability in handling their "mitts and dogs", as the fight fans say.

A fair crowd of fans, including a sprinkling of ladies, attended the program, indicating that Shelby may have several other boxing evenings before warm weather opens up. Proceeds from the Friday night fights were turned over to the Hi-Yi club at Central high school. Proceeds from future bouts, minus expenses, will also go to the club. So far removed from the usual run of "fakes" and frame-ups was the program of Friday night that considerable interest in boxing has been revived in Shelby and many predict a packed house for the next bout and preliminaries. Needless to say there'll be entertainment enough with Jackie Fields and Eller properly matched.

### At Methodist Sunday School.

Present in Sunday school at Central Methodist church yesterday 592.

Present in Mr. Clyde R. Hoey's Men's Bible class 292. Offering in the school \$78.81.

### Now U.S. Citizen



Count Alfred de Niezychowski, born in Germany, has just received his final naturalization papers making him a U. S. citizen in New York City.

### BASEBALL PRACTICE WITH HIGHS SOON

Shelby State Champions to Star Limbering up Before Many Days, Coach Morris Says.

The call of the battled horsehide may soon be heard on Central High park. If warm weather holds through this week, or breaks in again next week the remnants of Shelby High's two year state champion baseball teams will start limbering up for the diamond season.

With several spring-like days last week Coach "Casey" Morris with the national pastime feeling in his own blood felt like issuing the call for candidates, but the first call was deferred for a longer run of balmy days.

With no basketball court interest in athletics at the Shelby High has been lagging since the close of the football season and the youngster can hardly wait for the baseball grind. Needless to say fans are also looking forward with eagerness to the coming season. With two championships safely stored away in the records at Central school high school followers are wondering if Morris can take the few letter men left and the new crop of prospects and build another championship machine.

The prospect is none too cheering. Not a one of the regulars on Shelby's first champ team two years ago remains, and only three letter men are back from last year's title winners. They are Jack Hoyle, pitcher; Peeler, pitcher-outfielder, and Ed Harris outfielder.

However, several scrubs will be out together with several likely prospects in the youngsters just growing into athletic size.

No hopes are held for Cline Lees or Big Beams in the new candidates, but nevertheless some stellar diamond performers are expected to develop from the prospects. Then "Casey" Morris, one of Carolina's idols with a wicked willow, has a way of developing a good athlete out of mediocre material.

If Shelby could repeat at the champion dose three times consecutively it would add much to the athletic fame of the school. Morris says: "Might." That's about as much as he ever talks about his prospects, which sounds like Carolina outlooks in the days of Bill Fetzler.

### To Load Poultry Car on Wednesday

A car of poultry will be loaded Wednesday Feb. 17th, 1926, Seaboard Depot. The following cash prices will be paid colored hens 23 1-2 cents leghorns hens 20 cents, turkeys 29 1-2 cents, cox 10 1-2 cents ducks 21 1-2 cents geese 14 1-2 cents, stags 14 1-2 cents, guineas 40 each. Do not bring chicken in sacks or with feet tied, and all poultry must be there by 2:30 P. M. according to Alvin Hardin, county agent.

### BATTERY ENJOYS GOOD RESULTS FROM SALE

The management of the Battery is, in the language of the street, tickled to death over the result of their big sale staged here last week. The sale was the most successful perhaps ever put on by this establishment.

"The result was gratifying far beyond our expectations," was the announcement from the store.

It is said Mrs. D. B. Goforth, manager of the ready-to-wear, enjoyed an especially fine trade, surpassing all former records of her department.

The sale will be continued through this week.

## NEGRO WHO AIDED GANG CAMP GUARD TENDERED PAROLE

James Elder Rewarded by Governor McLean For Going to Aid of Convict Guard Here.

Back in December James Elder, negro convict on the road gang of No. 6 township, voluntarily aided the camp guard when a white convict tried to escape by assaulting the guard. Saturday Elder was rewarded by Governor McLean with a parole.

The act of the negro, who was serving a year's sentence came to the attention of county and city officer and last week Police Chief Hamrick, made a trip to Raleigh in his behalf.

The Raleigh story says: As a reward for helping a guard to prevent the escape of a white prisoner from the Cleveland county convict camp last December, James Elder, serving 12 months on the Cleveland county roads for violation of the prohibition laws, was paroled Saturday by Governor McLean, on recommendation of Pardon Commissioner Hoyle Sink, for the remainder of his term.

"A white prisoner of the county roads," according to the parole order, "with the prisoner, James Elder, cut him the door of his cage, assaulted him, took his gun from him, and was about to do the guard great bodily harm, when this prisoner, on his own volition, ran up and struck the prisoner assaulting the officer with a stick, and thus freed the guard."

Facts in the case, says the parole order are vouched for by the trial solicitor, guard in question, the sheriff of the county, and other officials. Elder was convicted and sentenced in Cleveland Superior court in July, 1925.

## Big Shopping Crowd On Shelby Streets Saturday Afternoon

Whether it was the weather or some unknown impetus it differs not, but Shelby's biggest shopping crowd since the buying period before Christmas was in town Saturday.

Before 2 o'clock in the afternoon automobile parking space was hard to find and by mid-afternoon was not.

Numerous Shelby citizens versed with crowds, circus days and otherwise, were of the opinion it was one of the best crowds for the season of the year ever known to Shelby.

Shopping must have been the motive of the crowds for the sidewalks were packed almost as much as the auto parking spaces and the jam in and out of stores was more than lively.

In Springtime thoughts must wander to more than romance—say to Spring bonnets, dresses and suits.

## Valentine Hearts Hold Sway in Mail

"Let me be your Valentine." That was the sentiment expressed by hundreds of little messages traveling in and around Shelby and over Cleveland county Saturday evening and Sunday. Yesterday was Valentine Day, the annual occasion when Cupid gathers more material for his target practice and much of the mail handled through the Shelby postoffice carried the little cards were their red hearts, slayings and romantic sentiments.

Some were mailed for fun—jokes have crept in on Valentine—and others were mere social requisites such as sending Christmas cards to all acquaintances, but many meant what they said and said it better than the senders could express personally. Bashful swains dream several nights about how she will receive the query of the neat little card and the same thing reversed applies to the timid girls, if there be such in these flapper days. And furthermore many children just budding into the sporthood age first learn "to shoot a line through sending valentine cards.

Anyway the Valentine of 1926 is over, unless some cards were late.

## Small Night Fire At Heavy's Cafe

A small blaze that started around a coffee urn caused a slight damage about 12:45 Friday night at Heavy's Cafe. The fire started while some gasoline was being placed in the big percolator.

"Heavy," proprietor of the well-known eating house, had the flames under control by the use of chemical extinguisher when the fire truck arrived.