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SHELBY TUNES IN ON RADIO BOOST BY MAX GARDNER

Broadcasting From Miami Shelby Man
Tells Hearers North Carolina
Is Talk of Florida.

Shelby "tuned in" for the first time Saturday night on a good hearing of a speech by a favorite son. At 10 o'clock in the evening radio fans of the section caught the Fleetwood broadcast studio at Miami and heard O. Max Gardner, there with the Charlotte booster party, put on the air a brief summary of his trip in the land of flowers and a boost for the state back home.

Clarence Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte chamber of commerce, spoke before Mr. Gardner, and the Shelby man was followed by Commodore Stoltz, owner of the chain of exclusive Fleetwood hotels.

The talks of the three men filled the air waves with glowing boosts to Florida and North Carolina, and during Mr. Gardner's talk this state received some valuable advertising, especially the section from Shelby to Asheville, including Chimney Rock, Hendersonville and Brevard.

"Florida is not broke and is not going broke," Mr. Gardner declared, "but everywhere here the talk is of North Carolina." Following Mr. Gardner, the builder of Fleetwoods, who is erecting a big hotel at Hendersonville, referred to his predecessor on the air as the "next governor of North Carolina" and North Carolina as the sister state of Florida in catching the attention of the world.

"Paradise All the Time."
Mr. Gardner's talk as picked up by friends here follows:

"I greet the people from my home state, North Carolina, and bring to them a message of enthusiastic, sustained and renewed pride in our great Commonwealth. If there should be the least doubt as to the outstanding position of our state in the public eye, one has but to come to Florida.

"Here one finds an interest in North Carolina truly universal. We have traveled the east side, the west side, and all around the state. They tell us North Carolina is the talk of Florida.

"The entire South is greatly indebted to the awakening of this marvelous state. It has brought from the congested east and north thousands who have gained a finer appreciation of our entire southeast section. North Carolina especially owes a great debt to Commodore Stoltz, the owner of this wonderful hotel in Miami Beach, who with a vision and foresight characteristic of the man is now erecting at Hendersonville, N. C., a duplication of this handsome hotel. It is through his courtesy that I am permitted to bring this message.

"The slogan, 'young man go west' has lost its charm and the finger of fate now points to the land of sunshine and the land of the sky.

"Florida and North Carolina are twins in the sisterhood of states and the ties that unite them are cordial co-operation and friendly rivalry, a rivalry free from envy, jealousy and distrust.

Twin Combination.
"We are in a sincere combination to bring happiness to America and to offer to the entire country outlet for the pent-up play spirit in our national life. The rivalry between Florida and North Carolina consists in the struggle for each state North Carolina in the summer and Florida in the winter, to serve best the yearnings and aspirations of the great and growing country.

"Florida is nearest heaven in the winter and North Carolina a veritable paradise all the time. We may confidently expect a massed movement for Floridians to western North Carolina this summer, and I catch a vision of an advance for our state, commencing at Morehead City and terminating at Murphy, Asheville and surrounding territory may prepare for an unprecedented summer season and I urge Kenneth Tanner, J. S. Thomas and associates of Lake Lure to build their dam as fast as possible to take care of the thousands who are talking about the Chimney Rock development.

"Visit Florida."
"I wish more of our people would visit Florida in order to gain a finer conception of the prospects for our own state. They are doing things here on a gigantic scale and on a basis so substantial that there can be no question as to the permanency of this great construction. I am coming back to North Carolina with a new vision for our state and with a deep conviction that we should engage in a campaign to advertise North Carolina to the utmost of our capacity. I have made 20 speeches before the lead chambers of commerce of Florida and, if they believe one-half of what I have said, Florida will be depopulated this summer.

"The only backwash in Florida is the backwash to spend many of the

Eight Months School Term Denied 374,826 Children

Other States Have Longer Terms.
Rural Children Are Victims of
Short Term

A total of 374,826 or 46.3 per cent of the school children in North Carolina do not have an opportunity to attend school for as much as eight months, according to the latest issue of "School Facts", semi-monthly publication of the State Department of Education, which is just off the press.

"The significant feature of this table," declares the publication, "is that all the city children, both white and colored, have had the opportunity to attend school for eight months or more during the last quarter of a century. At the present rate of progress it will take at least 10 years for the average term in the rural white school to reach eight months, and at the end of this time some of the schools would still be kept open only six months, the present minimum."

Of the 45 states from which figures could be obtained, it was shown that nine states had an average term of less than 160 days. North Carolina had an average school term of 145.1 days, an average of about seven months. A great majority of the states have all their pupils in schools with minimum terms of 160 days or more, according to the publication. Twelve of the states listed have averaged terms of 180 days or more.

The eight Southern States with terms of less than 160 days follow: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Mississippi and Texas.

Discuss Amendment.
The current issue of School Facts deals with the school term in North Carolina public schools, and discusses the proposed constitutional amendment to provide for an eight months term over the state, quoting figures with reference to city and rural school terms.

The average term in the schools of the state during the school year, 1924-25, was 144.9 days. The actual constitutional minimum of 120 days, or six school months, to 180 days in the Asheville public schools.

In the city schools, only 309 white pupils in city schools were not given the opportunity to attend school as much as 160 days, or eight school months, and these 309 were attending school where a building was in process of construction.

In the rural schools, on the other hand, 195,519 of the white children or 46.4 per cent, and 174,374 of the negro children or 90.9 per cent attended schools of less than eight months.

New Hanover leads all the counties of the state in length of term. In that county, all the children, city and rural, white and negro have the advantage of school terms of eight months or more. In this county says School Facts, every child has an equal opportunity with every other child in regard to school term.

All the rural white children, in six counties, New Hanover, Currituck, Edgecombe, Pamlico, Vance and Wilson, are offered the opportunity to attend schools with terms of not less than eight months.

In 24 counties, 75 per cent of the rural children were provided with as much as an eight months school term. But in 13 counties, only 25 per cent of the school children and the opportunity of attending school as long as eight months in the year.

In the city systems, both white and negro children were provided with eight months' terms; in most of the cities, the terms were nine months.

City Systems Superior.
The city systems are divided into three groups, according to population. In group I, Asheville, with a school term of 185 days, or slightly more than nine months, led, while Charlotte with a term of 173 days trailed the other larger cities.

"Concord, Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Henderson, Kinston, New Bern, Rocky Mount, and Wilson all had terms of 180 days. Salisbury, the only other city listed in this group, had a term of 177 days."

The cities in group III all had a school term of 180 days or exactly nine months. In this group were Burlington, Dunn, Greenville, Hickory, Lexington, Mooresville, Morganton, Mount Airy, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Shelby, Smithfield, Statesville, Tarboro, Washington and Fayetteville.

millions made here in North Carolina. The foundation of Florida is absolutely secure."

Back He Comes.
O. Max Gardner blew into Shelby from his Florida jaunt a little after 12 o'clock Monday. North Carolina's next governor was on tip-toe of enthusiasm over his trip, what he saw and heard.

MEAT THIEVES ON ANOTHER BIG RAID

Gang Cleaned Up Meat Houses Of
Mooresboro Section Friday Night
Of Last Week.

Somebody enjoyed fine Cleveland county hams over the week-end; others did not.

Which is to say buyers of meat over the section during this week should be careful to learn the origin of the hams and shoulders offered.

Meat houses in the Mooresboro and western section of the county were raided Friday night of last week and a total of 17 hams, 10 shoulders, seven middlings and a bunch of sausage was taken.

The first raid reported to the sheriff here was that of the meat house of M. M. Green one mile beyond Mooresboro on the Henretta road. At this place seven hams and five middlings were taken.

Then at the home of Mrs. John E. McBraver two hams, two shoulders, two middlings and some sausage were taken from the meat house.

From the meat house of Mr. Nolan on the Blanton Brothers farm just west of Shelby eight hams, and eight shoulders were taken.

At the latter place the midding meat was not bothered and it is thought that the thieves must have been loaded and decided to take only the choice meat.

Mr. Green found his meat house door unlocked and it is presumed that the thieves in that instance had a key for the lock; at the two other places the staples holding the locks had been twisted off.

It is the presumption of officers that the entire raid was made by one gang. As far as could be discerned the same car tracks led from one raid to the other and was perhaps a Ford.

So far there are no clues to the thieves.

Home of M. W. Owens Destroyed Saturday In Sharon Section

The home of M. W. Owens, who lives in the Sharon section of the county, was completely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning together with practically all the furnishings, it is understood.

Mr. Owens, who on Friday night, was raised to the Master Mason degree at the Masonic temple here by the local lodge for the Sharon lodge, with his wife spent the night with Mr. Henry McSwain, his wife's father, and did not return home. The mother of Mr. Owens spent the night with a neighbor near the Owens home and early Saturday morning returned to the house and kindled a fire and was doing or started to do other household work, it is reported, when in some way a lighted lamp fell to the floor and started the disastrous blaze.

The mother of Mr. Owens, it is said, had a near narrow escape from the burning building and so rapidly did the flames spread over the building that there was no hope of saving it when help arrived.

It is understood here that Mr. Owens, well-known in that section, had some insurance on the home.

NEWTON BACKS UP MODERN CHILDREN

D. Z. Newton, lawyer, told the children of the Shelby High school Monday, in a Washington birthday address, that he is with 'em, believes in 'em, in their program of advance which is so much criticized these days.

"It is essential," Mr. Newton told the attentive group, "that if you would succeed you must do things differently from the way they were done by the past generation. You are different, and you are criticized for being different. But I sympathize with you, believe in you."

"Remember this; that whatever is done must have as a fundamental base religion and morality. Any conduct based on these qualities is right. You can not go wrong if you adopt those principles, and you cannot be right unless you do."

The children, as they say in the street, ate up the address.

Aside from the exercises at the school, the closing of the banks and the postoffice, Washington's birthday passed off quietly in Shelby. The day was notably warm, with a decided touch of spring, for the most part brilliant with sunshine.

New Records Here In Realty Game

The Star is reliably informed by real estate men of Shelby that more individual pieces of property changed hands last week than at any time during the history of later day real estate trading in this vicinity.

Which is to say that the anticipated spring real estate rush is materializing.

Practically every real estate man in town reported greatly accelerated business. One firm reported that they sold more separate parcels last week than during any previous two weeks in their history.

The opening up of the weather, and signs of early spring is believed to have had some influence on sales activity; that, and the natural momentum that the business is accumulating from week to week.

REALTY TRANSFERS MORE ACTIVE NOW IN ACREAGE TRADES

Three important transactions took place in acreage for sub-division last week, thus continuing the activity in real estate circles leading up to what many think will be the most active trading and building period the town has ever had. The Shelby Building company purchased something over six acres from Monroe Wellmon adjoining Mr. Wellmon's home on the northern edge of town on the Fallston road. Consideration is said to have been \$650 per acre. This land will be cut into about 80 desirable building lots and sold privately by the Shelby building company composed of M. A. Spangler, Wm. Lineberger and J. L. Suttler. Deal was made through A. M. Hamrick company, realtors.

Lee B. Weathers and associate purchased 12 acres from J. D. Allen on highway No. 20, adjoining the lands of the Gardner Land company, where a big development is being planned with hard-surfaced streets, water, sewer, etc. This newly purchased tract fronts 750 feet on the hard surface highway and is well situated for development purposes. A survey is to be made and the property subdivided into residential sites. Deal was made through W. C. Harris, realtor at a consideration of about \$9,000.

It is understood that the Cyclone Auction company has secured an option on ten more acres of the J. D. Allen farm at \$1,600 per acre net to the owner. This property is ideally located with a long frontage on the state highway No. 20 and also on the old post road, being the corner portion of Mr. Allen's farm and just across the road from the Julius Mull farm recently acquired by the Gardner Land Co., in a three-acre for one trade for a portion of Gardner's post road "Moreperace" seed farm. This property will probably be sub-divided and placed on the market in the spring.

MR. JOE DURHAM IS BURIED HERE

Old Time Resident of Shelby Passes
way in Atlanta. Uncle of Miss
Hattie Durham

Mr. Joe Durham, for many years a staunch citizen of Shelby, died in Atlanta, Ga., Friday night following a three week illness with influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Durham left here in November 1911, going with his family to Atlanta, Ga., where he lived since that time. When a Shelby resident he was a member of the Baptist church and clerk in the South Shelby church for many years. The funeral was held at the Atlanta residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and his body was brought to Shelby Monday, interment being held in Sunset cemetery with a brief service at the grave by Rev. J. W. Suttle and Rev. Rusk Padgett.

Mr. Durham was married to Miss Carrie Sullivan who survives with the following children: Mrs. Huff, of Atlanta, Joe, Falls, Wellie and Riley. His wife and children accompanied the remains to Shelby except one son, who is in the navy on a ship at sea.

Thieves Break In Campbell's Store

Thieves broke into the Campbell Department Store in Shelby Thursday night. The extent of the haul they made, insofar as could be discovered, was a few pennies which were left in the cash drawer at the close of business Thursday.

The intruders got into the store by breaking the glass in the front door on the grocery store side. Apparently they succeeded in finding the cash drawer, which was found empty of its contents, and standing open Friday morning.

The managers of the store stated that insofar as could be discovered the thieves did not bother the stock. The police believe they were in search of money.

Union Children Read 29,833 Bible Chapters

Children of the junior department of the Union Baptist church Sunday school of which Mr. George M. Gold is superintendent read during the past year a total of 29,833 chapters of the Bible, an average of 678 chapters per pupil. The average attendance was 34 pupils. This is a record which is probably not surpassed by any Sunday school organization in state and one which the Union community should be proud of. Avery Bridges is departmental superintendent while the following are teachers and secretaries: Misses Nellie Weathers, Susan Gibbs, Zona Hord, Alma Champion, Frances Maney and Nevas Yellow.

Shelby Officers Staging Drive On Booze Handlers

29 PATIENTS IN
SHELBY HOSPITAL

Five of Them Are New Born Babies
Last Birth Was to Mr. and Mrs.
Harry M. Pippin.

With the five new born babies in the Shelby hospital there are 29 patients and of course the babies are very important personages. Born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pippin, a son, Mr. Pippin is musical director at the First Baptist church. Mrs. A. H. Galloway and her baby are getting along nicely. Miss Rebecca Ansell of Earl who was operated on for appendicitis a week ago is improving rapidly.

Mrs. L. C. Bos, who underwent an operation is also improving. Mrs. C. C. Beam who was a treatment patient for some time was dismissed Saturday. Mrs. Clarence Rogers of Cherryville, operative patient is improving rapidly. Mr. Cline Lackey operated on for appendicitis a week ago is improving fast. Mrs. Gordon Dudley and her new-born baby expect to go home this week. Mrs. J. A. Anthony is much improved by her treatment and may go home this week. Mrs. Claude Mabry and her new born son are both improving satisfactorily. Mrs. R. P. Philbeck of Lawndale who was operated on recently is doing well.

Avitt Haster of Shelby R-2 was operated on Friday for goiter. J. H. Toms who has been a patient for some time, suffering with a scald is improving. Robert Crowder suffering with a kidney trouble is doing well. Mrs. Judson Jones, treatment patient is improving. Joe DePriest of Lattimore was admitted Saturday night for treatment and is very sick. Charlie Patterson, kicked by a cow at Kings Mountain recently, was dismissed to go home Sunday. Freeman Sailors, operative patient is improving. Julius A. Lail of Kings Mountain is a treatment patient. Mrs. W. I. Beaver of R-5, Shelby is recovering from an operation. Mrs. F. F. Borders of R-7, Shelby operated on about 10 days ago expects to go home this week. Miss Gillie Jackson of Shelby is a treatment patient and is doing nicely. One colored patient is in the colored department.

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Th swooping down with a general net Friday night was not merely a matter of luck, according to the officers, but an opportunity awaited for and brought about through the run of circumstances at the time.

Several Speeches On Co-op Marketing During This Week

Co-operative marketing is to be put over with Cleveland county farmers during this week according to Carl Hamrick field representative of the co-op marketing association.

During the week five speeches on co-operative marketing will be made in this county by Mr. T. D. McLean, prominent planter and interesting talker. The dates and places of the speeches will be as follows: Boiling Springs, Monday night, February 22; Lattimore, Tuesday night; Earl, Wednesday night; Fairview school, Polkville, Thursday night; Casar, Friday night.

It is the hope of Mr. Hamrick that every business man and farmer in the county will attend these meetings, which should mean much to the future farming and business interests of the county.

In addition to being an interesting practical talker Mr. McLean is well acquainted with the marketing question and the message he brings will be worth while to those who hear him.

Nine People Get In Clothes of Law
Over Liquor From One Section

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MRS. W. T. WILKINS DIES IN RUTHERFORD

Mrs. W. T. Wilkins, age 74 years and mother of Mrs. Louis Gardner of Shelby, died Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock, following a protracted illness. Mrs. Wilkins was one of the best known and most beloved women in Rutherford county, living just outside of the town of Rutherfordton. Mrs. Wilkins was stricken with paralysis Feb. 7th, and never fully recovered consciousness. She was a very active woman prior to the stroke. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church of which she was devoted member.

She leaves eight children, as follows: John H. Wilkins, at home; Mrs. Clara W. Geer, principal Chimney Rock school; Dr. T. A. Wilkins, Gastonia; Dr. W. P. Wilkins, North Wilkesboro; Dr. Frank Wilkins, Forest City; Mrs. Louis W. Gardner, Shelby, and Misses Sarah and Madge Wilkins at home.

Mr. Nash To Hickory To Manage Fanning's

Mr. Joe Nash who has been manager of the W. L. Fanning company store at this place for several years and is considered one of the most efficient and popular store managers in this part of the state, leaves the first of March for Hickory where he becomes manager of the Fanning department store. Shelby regrets exceedingly to give up Mr. and Mrs. Nash. Mrs. Nash is one of Shelby's most talented musicians. She will remain in Shelby until school closes, being teacher in South Shelby school.

Shelby Folks Hear Former Local Pastor

A party of Shelby folk, composing Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Coley, Mrs. Coley's father and sister, Mr. John S. Carpenter and Miss Ina Carpenter, motored to Charlotte Sunday night, and went to church services of Rev. Mr. Stanford, Mr. Coley said Monday that the church was filled to overflowing.

"The former Shelby divine is evidently very popular in his new charge," Mr. Coley said.

SHELBY DEBATERS SELECTED FOR BIG CONTESTS COMING

Lula Moore Suttle And Mary Sue
Borders In Webb Contest. Tri-
angular Debaters Are Named.

During the week just ended the Shelby High School has been in the midst of a series of preliminaries for the selection of representatives in various inter-scholastic contests. Selections of representatives were made for the Selma C. Webb recitation contest, the Selma C. Webb essay contest, and the state triangular debate.

Due to the fact that there were sixteen contestants for the Selma C. Webb recitation contest it was necessary to have two preliminary contests. The sixteen contestants were divided into two groups and three chosen by the judges from each group. The six thus chosen took part in the final preliminary Wednesday afternoon. The six girls surviving the first preliminary were Lilly Webber, Mary Sue Borders, Alice Sanders, Lula Moore Suttle, Margaret Blanton and Mary Suttie. The judges for this preliminary were, first section: Miss Carolyn Le et, Mrs. H. H. Hudson, Mrs. B. O. Hamrick; Second section: Mrs. Durann Moore, Mrs. R. N. Guiley.

In the final preliminary Wednesday Lula Moore Suttle and Mary Sue Borders won the places as school representatives. Margaret Blanton was selected as alternate. The judges in this contest were Misses Albergotti, Moses and Walker of the Central Elementary school faculty.

The three representatives for the Selma C. Webb essay contest have been selected, but their names will not be divulged until after the final contest Friday night February 26th.

Triangular Winners.
The debaters for the state triangular debate were also selected Monday afternoon February 15. There were fourteen contestants discussing the query: "Resolved, That the legislature should levy a property tax to aid in the support of an eight months school term. The judges, Messrs. Buchanan and Hunt and Miss Bussey, all of the high school faculty, selected Dorothy McKnight, Jennie Mae Callahan, Virginia Hoey and Vernon Grigg, with Charlie Mae Laughridge and Martha Eskridge as alternates. These speakers will engage in a debate against both Lincolnton and Gastonia Friday night April 2. In case either school wins both sides of the debate it will be entitled to send its teams to compete for the Aycock memorial cup at Chapel Hill on April 15. Shelby has won both sides of the debate for two consecutive years. In 1924 both Shelby teams advanced to the semi-finals at Chapel Hill while last year one team went as far as the semi-finals and received the vote of one judge for the final contest.

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