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SHELBY ASSOCIATIONS LET OUT OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR BUILDING HOMES

U. S. COURT OPENS IN SHELBY TODAY

Usual Large Number of Liquor Violations on Docket. Good Courts. Politicians Are Busy.

The spring term of Federal court convened in the county court house here today with United States Judge E. Yates Webb presiding and District Attorney Frank Lindsey prosecuting.

Large crowds are in attendance, many crowding the corridors of the court room several hours before court opened.

No Big Cases.

Contrary to the custom established by Shelby's first few federal courts there are no cases docketed of outstanding importance, according to E. S. Williams, deputy clerk and general statistician of Western Carolina courts.

On the docket, however, is one banking case, said to be from Lincolnton, that is expected to take up considerable time in trial. Other than this it is understood that the majority of the cases, as is customary with Federal courts, will have to do with the violation of Federal liquor laws. Nestling at the foot of the South Mountains, the Shelby district of the court usually has a large run of such violations.

According to Mr. Williams and other court officials the court will likely extend over three or four days, if not longer.

In addition to the judge and district attorney the other regular court officials are in attendance, including Mr. Williams, Marshal Brownlow Jackson, Clerk R. L. Bialock, deputy marshals, revenue officers, stenographers and general court attendants.

Politics Working.

With good crowds from the rural sections in attendance political discussion is in order about the court house and in the corridors during court intermissions. Quite a number of candidates are high marks of the week as a sideline to the usual court activities.

March snows are no longer unusual Shelby ploughed through a regular Canadian blizzard Saturday. Next spring, judging from the past week-weather prophets will begin predicting March snows instead of the proverbial lion-like winds. A few falling flakes warned of the coming blizzard early in the morning Saturday and a short time later it came. During the entire forenoon the town experienced one of the most driving snow-storms in history and despite the warmth of Mother Earth it stuck for a time.

The older fellows about town who talk of the weather and back up with their talk the experience of from 40 to 60 years say that next week will see spring really break and that hereafter the weather will be mildly warm until it breaks into summer. Let March snows they contend foretell a spring that excels all other climes.

Republicans to Hold Meeting Here

County Convention to be Held March 27th—Precinct Meetings March 20th.

A norder signed by H. Clay Cox, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee and F. B. Hamrick, secretary of the Republican Executive Committee of Cleveland county reads as follows:

At a meeting duly called and held on this date, a Republican Convention for Cleveland County is hereby called to convene in the Court House in Shelby, N. C. on Saturday, March 27th, 1926 at 2 o'clock, P. M., to elect an executive committee for the county for the next two years and to appoint delegates to the Republican State Convention, which convenes in Durham, N. C., on April 8th, and to the various other Conventions.

"Precinct meetings are also hereby called to meet at their respective voting places on Saturday, March 20, at 2 o'clock P. M., to elect a precinct executive committee of three or more of the most active Republicans to serve for the next two years and to appoint precinct delegates to the County Convention which convenes on March 27th, at 2 P. M., in the Court House."

Mrs. James L. Webb and Mrs. O. Max Gardner accompanied Mrs. Charles Partin to Charlotte Saturday and spent the day. Mrs. Partin and baby, Amelia Love have been the house guests of Mrs. Webb for the past week.

Won Essay Medal



Grover Splawn, of Boiling Springs High school, was the winner of the annual Selma Webb medal this year for the best essay by pupils of Cleveland county schools. Young Splawn's subject was "The Highway to Success."

LATTIMORE MAN KILLED IN FLORIDA

Chess W. Biggerstaff Meets With Accidental Death While Working For Big Construction Co.

Chess W. Biggerstaff, age about 36 years, was killed March 8th in an accident while in the employ of a large construction company in Florida, according to telegrams received here Saturday by his father Robert Biggerstaff, formerly of Lattimore, now living near Ellenboro. Mr. Biggerstaff had been in Florida about five months working for a large railroad construction company. Details of the accident, which brought about death, have not been learned.

It is understood that his body was brought to Lattimore and carried to Rebooth church where it was interred Monday. He was a brother of Mrs. S. C. Crawley of Lattimore, W. P. Biggerstaff of Lattimore, Tom A. L. N and Joe Biggerstaff of Rutherford county. He was married to a Miss McCoy of Lincoln county, who died last June. For awhile he lived in Charlotte, going from there to Florida where he met with a fatal accident.

Several telegrams were exchanged before his relatives were located, after which they asked that his body be returned to Cleveland county for interment. Information is being awaited by the relatives as to the nature of the accident which caused his death.

Miller Says Mutes Are Good Workers

Hugh Miller, Shelby Native, Says Deaf Employees Make Faithful Workers in Furniture Plants.

Local people acquainted with Mr. Hugh Miller, head of the state department for the deaf, will be interested in the following news item appearing in the Raleigh News and Observer last week:

Newsless rendered by the several mutes in High Point furniture factories have been satisfactory, stated Hugh G. Miller, chief of the Bureau of the Deaf, in the Department of Labor and Printing upon his return yesterday from the Furniture City, where he conferred with a number of manufacturers with regard to the working of the deaf.

Mr. Miller stated that he was successful in finding a number of jobs for mutes who have petitioned him to procure jobs for them. Furniture men are very well pleased with the results they have obtained from the several mutes in their employ and they have no fear that they will not get efficient work from the mutes, said Mr. Miller.

Since the instituting of the deaf employment service in the department of Labor and Printing at the start of the Grist administration, the results obtained, according to Mr. Miller, have been remarkable.

In speaking of Mr. Miller, who is a mute, Commissioner Grist described him as being one of the hardest working men in the employ of the state.

Two Are Held For Selling Murder Liquor To Vandyke

Gastonia—Will E. Farnsworth, 55, general storekeeper and farmer, of the Bessemer City-Cherryville road, and his son, Furman Farnsworth, 17, are out on \$1,000 and \$2,000 bonds, respectively, today, following their arrest by officers on warrants charging that the two sold Jesse Vandyke, murderer of Chief A. L. Painter, of Cherryville, a quart of corn liquor which the slayer drank when he was on his crazy, drunken spree.

Jesse Vandyke swore at a hearing that he bought the liquor from the Farnsworths the day before he killed Painter, January 13. He went to their store three miles outside of Cherryville. "Mr. Farnsworth went into the old store building and handed me a quart. I gave him \$1.50 in cash and my check for \$1.50 for it," Vandyke said.

Blease Charges Booze Sold Under Dome Nation's Capitol

South Carolina Senator Declares Prohibition Over Nation is A Huge Joke.

Washington—Liquor is sold daily "under the very dome of the capitol," and Senator Blease, Democrat of South Carolina, who makes that charge is willing to prove it to any doubting Thomas by buying him a drink in the halls of congress.

"Prohibition is a joke," he told the Washington policemen's association, adding that it would remain so until the men who voted for prohibition stopped drinking liquor. "The trouble with congress," he continued, "is they vote dry and drink wet."

Sell Wares in Capital. Bootleggers, he said, sell their wares "every day in the house and senate office building" and they come around to him daily and ask, "How much do you need today, Senator?" To a newspaper man who expressed doubt of the situation, the South Carolinian later said: "If you don't think I mean what I say, come up to the capitol with me and I'll buy you a drink."

About the same time that Senator Blease was addressing the policemen Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the anti-saloon league, was delivering that organization's second attack in a few hours on the polls being taken by many newspapers on the subject of total prohibition as against beer and light wines.

Only a minority of the people want beer and wine, he said, while the majority has spoken its mind on the proposition repeatedly, "not in straw votes but in official ballots, and that majority has rejected the wine and beer plea."

Police and Liquor. If the prohibition question ever comes before the senate again, Senator Blease told the policemen's meeting, "I am going to vote dry because the people of my state want me to, but I am also going to tell the senate when I do it that it is their vote and not mine."

The senator declared it was a shame for policemen to brag about how many arrests for drunkenness had been made, adding that when he was a mayor he had ordered his officers to escort drunken men to their homes. He remarked that he knew of one case where a judge sentenced a man for being drunk when the judge himself "had liquor on his breath."

P. C. Gardner Enters Race for Solicitor

Attorney P. C. Gardner today announces his candidacy for county prosecuting attorney, opposing Attorney Chas. A. Burrus who now holds this position. The contest is likely to be a lively one for both are popular members of the local bar and well known throughout the county. Mr. Gardner is the son of the late L. S. Gardner of the Beam's Mill community. He was graduated at the University of North Carolina and later practiced law in Oklahoma for eight years, being solicitor of Osage county for a number of years. While there, he was a law partner with Judge R. B. Boone who went to Oklahoma from Durham, this state. Mr. Gardner came back to his native county about 2 years ago and located in Shelby for the practice of law.

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STATES GREATEST BIBLE CLASS HERE

Holy Bible Class of Central Church Holds Annual Banquet, Termed Largest in N. C.

The Men's Bible Class of Central Methodist church, better known as the Hoey class, held its annual banquet Friday evening at Cleveland Springs with over 250 members present and several prominent visitors.

The banquet was termed one of the best ever staged by the big class and the program could not be excelled.

Two compliments worthy of the boasting of all Shelby were handed to the class during the evening by Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Charlotte, and Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Charlotte. "The biggest and best Bible class in North Carolina," and "the largest Bible class of men I have ever faced."

Rev. Mr. Wilcox, pastor of Trinity state's most prominent ministers, was the speaker of the evening. With him was Rev. A. L. Stanford, Tryon street pastor of Charlotte, and one of the best boosters the class has ever known.

Carl Thompson to Build Three Story Buildings

Mr. Carl Thompson, proprietor of the Thompson Lumber company on West Warren street is preparing to erect three, three story brick store rooms on the site of the old Shelby Grocery Company building which is now being torn down. This property faces W. Warren street and fronts on the railroad where there are sidetrack facilities.

Mr. Thompson has not made up his mind as yet just what size buildings these will be but he is preparing the site and is employing an architect to assist him in working out the plan to the best advantage. He has not decided whether he will have the building cut into three separate rooms with brick partitions or whether the dividing walls will be temporary affairs so that the floors can be thrown together for one occupant. The new building will be of first class construction and make an ideal location for a business house that needs side track facilities. It is also close to the retail district and if Mr. Thompson should let the building face on West Warren street they would suit well for retail business.

MRS. CHAMPION DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. R. C. Champion dropped dead at her home in the Mount Sinai church section of the county Monday morning, according to information learned in Shelby this morning. Her death is a source of great sorrow to her many friends in Shelby from which place she moved about a month ago. While here she lived in South Shelby and her father Dock Putnam died at her home last fall. Cause of her death is not known, neither has The Star been able to find out what the funeral arrangements are.

Mrs. Champion was a fine Christian woman with a host of friends and relatives and the news of her sudden death is a great shock. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Marion, Benton, Grady, Palmer, Margaret, Corinne, Mrs. Wm. McSwain. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Spurlin of Boiling Springs, and Mrs. Rush Hamrick, of Jeffersonville, Ga., three brothers: W. O. R. Putnam, Shelby postal carrier; Gossie Putnam, of Tazewell, Ga., and Leo R. Putnam of Shelby R-2.

Flay Hoey Sells His Grocery Stock

Flay Hoey who has owned and operated a retail grocery store on N. Lafayette street since he purchased the half interest of his father-in-law Charlie McBrayer, has sold the stock of merchandise to Andrew J. Dellinger and John J. Justice who took charge today. Messrs Dellinger and Justice will continue the store at the same stand. Mr. Dellinger gives up his position with Arey Brothers with whom he has been associated for the past 12 years.

Mr. Dellinger has sold a lot adjoining his residence on the Cleveland Springs road to Mr. Hoey at a consideration of \$3,000.

Cleveland Heights Name of Division

The development property recently purchased by O. M. Gardner and O. M. Mull on the Elizabeth road and Highway No. 20 just beyond Cleveland Springs has been named Cleveland Heights, or "Suburban Shelby Supreme."

About 50 lots of the property will be sold by pre-development sales this week handled by Shelby's entire list of real estate agencies.

Recitation Winner

Miss Evelyn Haggins, Boiling Springs student, was the 1926 winner of the Selma Webb Recitation medal. Her subject was "The Heart of Briar Rose."

With a real estate boom similar to that of Florida striking this state the major portion of pessimistic investigation centers around the remark: "But the big thing Western Carolina needs is outside capital."

That outside capital is being heavily invested in Western Carolina is evidenced by the two big realty firms recently organized by O. Max Gardner, of Shelby.

With the exception of the capital invested by Mr. Gardner and a few Shelby associates practically all of the capital behind the big Gardner Land Company and the million dollar Henderson Mountain Lakes is coming from New York, the north and east.

A prominent real estate visitor here this week commenting on the magnitude of Gardner's vision for the future resort possibilities of this state was highly complimentary to the manner in which Mr. Gardner is supporting and financing his projects.

Not Endangering Friends

Instead of capitalizing and commercializing on his popularity and esteem as a statesman Mr. Gardner has gone forth from this state to secure his financial support. Thousands of dollars have been turned over to the Shelby man for use in his development work, but not a penny has been subscribed by friends or upon political prestige.

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Mr. Gardner himself has little as yet to say about his land companies. "I merely have a vision of the great future for our state, and I could not afford to have my friends invest their money in a mere vision of mine. Going to New York I explained my plan of Carolina's future; told the men I conferred with that it might go, and might not. They apparently believed enough in the future of the state to invest in my organizations. To them it is a mere matter of business; North Carolina does need outside capital for development and the entire financial support for my organization is coming from the outside except that of the investment of my associates and myself."

That the Gardner companies will soon be in the midst of development activity is further evidenced by the preparation of a suite of offices for the headquarters of the firms here in the Webb building.

The best forerunner of the success of Mr. Gardner's big undertaking is found in the fact that he has an unusually keen sense of values and has been remarkably successful in every venture he has touched. Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, president of the Shelby First National Bank, says that Mr. Gardner possesses the finest sense of land values and business judgment of any professional man in his acquaintance. Eastern capitalists evidently think along the lines of Mr. Blanton as Mr. Gardner has already brought over \$300,000 of foreign

money into North Carolina.

Starts Work. Earl S. Draper, prominent landscape planner and vision creator of Myers Park and Lake Lure, has secured the plan to the big mountain development, and the lake dam will be constructed under the supervision of the consulting engineers of the Southern Power Company.

"CITY OF SPRINGS" LEADS IN B. & L.

Remarkable Growth of Shelby Made Possible Through Loans To Home Builders by Associations.

Here's why Shelby grows. Loans totalling over two and one half million dollars are now on the books of the three up-town building and loan associations of Shelby. Of that amount a little over two million dollars has gone to the building of homes in Shelby, it is estimated by officials of the local associations.

Today, Shelby ranks among the leading building and loan centers of the state although outclassed by many towns and cities in population.

Home Owners. State building and loan officials a year ago gave Shelby the title of a city of home owners. Since that time several hundred new homes have been constructed through the local building and loan associations and quite a number are now under construction in various residential sections and developments.

From calculations made by officials of the building and loan associations loans outstanding through the three associations total a little over \$2,500,000. An estimate is that two millions of this amount has gone or is going towards building Shelby.

OUTSIDE MONEY IN GARDNER COMPANY

Gardner Not Commercializing Respect of State Voters, But Using Outside Capital.

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