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CITY FATHERS AUTHORIZE \$125,000 BOND ISSUE FOR NEW STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Movement On Foot Here To Form Chamber Of Commerce

BUSINESS MEN OF TOWN GET BEHIND CAMPAIGN TO PUT ORGANIZATION OVER.

Will or will not a Chamber of Commerce be organized in Shelby? If \$10,000 can be secured by public subscription within the next few days the Chamber of Commerce is assured.

Members of the Kiwanis club who have felt that the time is ripe and have urged such an organization for months past, have determined to put it over this time or forever keep peace about it. Many are enthusiastic about it and have expressed themselves as willing to contribute liberally. It is felt that the \$10,000 can be secured as soon as a thorough canvass has been made for many men outside of the Kiwanis club, who have the town's interest at heart, have volunteered to subscribe from \$50 to \$100 a year.

Here is the committee: Oliver S. Anthony, J. D. Lineberger, C. C. Clanton, Dr. J. S. Dorton, Carl Webb, Frank Hoey, W. H. Arey, Lee B. Weathers, George Moore, J. A. Suttle and Wm. Lineberger. This committee was appointed as a result of the Kiwanis club program Thursday night when O. E. Anthony and others pointed out the necessity for a Chamber of Commerce in order that Shelby might get its full benefit of the growth that is coming to the enterprising towns of Western Carolina.

Lodge cards will be passed around and those who subscribe will have the privilege of paying in four quarterly installments. When the organization is assured, a live-wire secretary who will devote his full time to the Chamber of Commerce will be employed, descriptive literature will be distributed and the town welfare will be looked after from every angle.

When you are approached by the committee, make your subscription as liberal as possible now. The committee is composed of busy men who haven't time to call again. They feel that Shelby is at the cross-roads of her history and in order to "Sell Shelby to the outside world, the Chamber of Commerce should be put to work without delay. The haphazard way of going along is without proper effect. A full time secretary devoting his whole time to the work will be worth many times the cost and many feel that after the organization has functioned for a year or two, the citizens will derive such benefits that they will be willing to vote a small tax on property so that the organization can be kept going from tax funds.

Mr. Bob Reynolds, candidate for U. S. Senate against Senator Overman was a guest of the Kiwanis club Thursday night and delivered a sharp speech. Bob is making a hurried tour of the state, making every nook and corner in the interest of his candidacy for this high office, appealing for rotation in office and opposing long tenures.

To Try Bumgardner Here Monday Morning

KINGS MOUNTAIN WOMAN DIES FROM WOUND AND HUSBAND TO BE GIVEN PRELIMINARY.

Mrs. Gertrude Bumgardner, who was shot, accidentally it is said, by her husband last Saturday morning at Kings Mountain, died Monday in a Gastonia hospital.

Her husband Charlie Bumgardner will be given a preliminary hearing before Recorder John P. Mull here Monday morning at 10 o'clock, according to County Solicitor Burris. According to reports from Kings Mountain the shooting was accidental and the woman was seated by the fire when shot. In a deathbed declaration, it is said, the young woman declared she shot to be accidental.

Bumgardner, who is a son of Mr. T. Ed Bumgardner, who lives on the York road just south of Kings Mountain, was arrested and placed in jail. After the death of his wife he was allowed bail to attend the funeral, according to the Kings Mountain Herald.

Mrs. Bumgardner was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clet Ham of Kings Mountain and the two families lived in the same house at the time of the tragedy. The body was laid to rest in Mountain Rest cemetery there.

Records of Court Shattered Here

Hooch handlers came in for the lion's share of attention during the March term of federal court at Shelby adjourned by Judge E. Yate.

SHELBY STANDS OUT IN GREAT GROWTH OF SOUTHERN CITIES

Ranks Third in Population Increase in South, Has Doubled in Five Years.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Mar. 13.—Special censuses showing increased populations for 13 cities in the South for various dates since the last Federal decennial census was taken in 1920, were announced today by the commerce department.

Louisville, Ky., led the list with a population on December 10, 1925, of 305,535, a gain of 79,044 since January 1, 1920. Greensboro, N. C., however, made the largest percentage increase, more than doubling its population, which on April 13, 1923, was 43,525 compared with 19,861 in 1920. SHELBY, N. C., also more than doubled, rising from 3,609 to 8,854 by September 1, 1925.

Other Big Increases.

Durham, N. C., nearly doubled its population, there being 42,258 persons in that city on September 24, 1925, as against 21,719 in 1920. Other cities in the same state were: High Point, N. C., jumped from 14,279 by March 26, 1925; Lexington, from 5,254 to 8,519 by January 20, this year; Mount Airy, from 4,752 to 5,814 by December 10, 1923; Roxboro from 1,651 to 3,235 by January 30, this year; Hendersonville, from 3,729 to 5,063 by October 13, 1924.

First in Carolina.

(By Jonathan Daniels.)

Washington, Mar. 17.—A population gain of 86.3 per cent since the 1920 census is shown in special census report on eight cities and towns in North Carolina. The cities and towns showed a growth of from 74,868 in 1920 to 139,547 in the special enumeration.

Shelby, in which special enumerations have been made shows a population increase of 145.3 per cent since 1920, ranking first.

Twenty special censuses have been made by the bureau of the census since the regular census of 1920. Of these, eight have been of cities and towns in North Carolina.

Greensboro was second in rate of growth with a gain of 119.7 per cent since 1920.

The censuses of the eight North Carolina towns cost \$7,432.58. The towns and cities covered were: Greensboro, High Point, Mount Airy, Hendersonville, Shelby, Durham, Lexington and Roxboro. A special census has just been authorized for Edenton.

The High Point census, made March 26, 1923, showed an increase from 14,302 in the 1920 census to 22,279, or 50.1 per cent.

The Greensboro census, made April 16, 1923, showed a growth from 19,861 in 1920 census to 43,525, or 119.7 per cent.

The Mount Airy census, made December 10, 1923, showed an increase from 4,752 in the 1920 census to 5,814, or 22.3 per cent.

The Hendersonville census, made October 13, 1924, showed an increase from 3,729 in the 1920 census to 5,063, or 36.1 per cent.

The Shelby census made September 1, 1925, showed an increase from 3,609 in the 1920 census to 8,854, or 145.3 per cent.

The Durham census, made September 24, 1925, showed an increase from 21,719 in the 1920 census to 42,258, or 94.4 per cent.

The Lexington census, made June 21, 1926, showed an increase from 5,254 in the 1920 census to 8,519, or 62.1 per cent.

The Roxboro census, made January 30, 1926, showed an increase from 1,651 in the 1920 census to 3,235, or 95.9 per cent.

Webb Tuesday and characterized by him as the fastest moving term in recent years.

Forty-three of 45 offenders who appeared during the two-day session were charged with Volstead offenses the two outsiders in the legal swim being convicted of auto thefts. Fines totaled \$3,135 and sentences 89 months.

SUPERIOR COURT OPENS ON MONDAY

Jessie May Francis and Lee Cody Cases Coming. 106 on Docket For Spring Term.

The Spring term of Cleveland county Superior court will convene in the court house here Monday morning with Judge James L. Webb presiding. Judge Henry P. Lane was scheduled to preside at this term of court, but through an arrangement Judges Webb and Lane have exchanged courts for the week.

Weeks Session Only.

Court will only be in session one week, it is thought, unless some cases turn up not expected that will consume a major portion of the time.

There are 106 cases on the criminal docket, many of which are carried over from other courts, while a large percentage of the remaining cases are minor ones dealing with liquor violations, larceny, driving drunk, etc.

Two days in all likelihood will be the completion of the criminal docket, perhaps with a short criminal session on the third day. The remainder of the week will be given over to the civil calendar.

Old Case Revived

Still another chapter—they seem endless—will be added to the famous Francis-Philbeck affair next week when Jessie May Francis central figure in the county's most sensational occurrence, will have her appeal from three courts in recorders court aired in the Superior court.

The three sentences appealed from Recorder Mull's court were on charges of forcible trespass, vagrancy and violation of a city code, all coming in connection with an alleged visitor some months ago to the No. 6 township gang camp where Sloan Philbeck was a prisoner. This case it is supposed, will attract the usual wide interest.

Chain Gang Hold Up

The county's second big sensation of the past year, the escape of Dillard Deane from the convict camp, will also be aired. Lee Cody and Crawford Deane, alleged to have participated in the gang camp definitely.

It will be remembered that the guard was held up by so-called hooded men and the elder Deane freed. Sustained later Cody and the younger Deane were apprehended in Ohio, returned here and given a preliminary hearing in recorder's court. At the hearing gang camp officials and other convicts gave testimony connecting Cody with the escapade.

There are no murder cases on the docket other than that of Russell Williams, which has been carried over for years and almost forgotten by the citizenship of the county.

However, good crowds are expected to attend the sessions during the week, which is expected also to be filled with much political activity as the June primary is nearing.

Aviator Injured In Shelby Fall

Frank Robinson, young aviator of Rutherfordton, was slightly injured here late Wednesday afternoon when his plane tipped over after a forced landing near the county fair grounds in the resort development section east of Shelby. The plane was en route from Charlotte to Rutherfordton, it is understood.

Reports have it that the airplane motor stopped, probably from a gasoline shortage, making a landing necessary. Robinson was pinned underneath the plane. Reports from the Shelby hospital, where he was treated, leaving soon afterwards, had it that his main injury was a cut across the face.

AGAIN WE SAY.

Does STAR advertising pay? Ask Archie Galloway, in charge of advertising at Gilmer's.

In the issue of THE STAR of March 10, Gilmer's advertised amongst long list of such items stone jars a quarter a piece.

Soon after that the firm received a letter from Mrs. Anna Graham, on route 5, Laurinburg, ordering a number of these jars.

"I consider that going some" said Mr. Galloway, "that a STAR ad should pull business to Shelby all the way from Laurinburg. The item was comparatively small, but it points the moral. ADVERTISING DOES BRING BUSINESS."

Holds Record



Bernard Awerkamp, 57 years cashier of a Quincy (Ill.) bank, probably holds the record for continuous service with the same financial institution. He is 57.

Shelby Outstrips Florida In Handing Real Estate, Observer Editor Declares

Co. Harris Sees State's Most Active Building Center. "Sell A Sub-Division A Day."

(Charlotte Observer Editor.)

"It is not now a matter of how to get from one town in this state to another, but of which road one should take. An outing of a day in this part of the state now means a opportunity for one to take in a half dozen or more towns before getting back home. So, from Hickory and Newton and Lincolnton, three of the finest towns in North Carolina, inclination led to renewal of personal assessment of existing conditions at Shelby, long the seat of productive politics and now the center of the most actively developed real estate prospects in the state. If one may want to see Florida outside, he can see it within 15 minutes after he has parked on a street around the court house square in the famed Capital of Cleveland county. If they have not wrapped a piece of real estate around the person of the visitor, they will have filled his pockets with real estates literature, including option-listing agreements and sub-division possibilities. Why, they put a "sub-division" proposition on the market one day last week and sold every lot the first day. As an example of the out-Floridaization of Florida, they took a hundred dollars down on any lot. The actual purchase price was to be fixed upon later. If the purchaser was not pleased with location of lot and the money involved he had privilege of throwing up the contract and letting some other purchaser come in. They are not selling a lot in a Shelby sub-division every day or so; they are selling whole sub-divisions in a day!"

"One would know when he got into Shelby even if the sign boards did not tell him so, by the spontaneity in outrush of citizenship Governor Kuester, as an example, had not been there half an hour before he had bought three lots from Paul Webb and had established headquarters with Hatchett Webb, as manager in charge. Clyde Hoey is member of the selling firm of Lineberger and Hoey, so Kuester made himself solid with Hoey by locating in one of Hoey's subdivisions. Max Gardner was absent, going about like a roaring lion, seeking acreages which he might optimize, and when he gets back he may find his home town politically sewed up by the Charlotte man.

"The Observer saw what it concluded was a county convention going on in the front part of a drug store, but, breaking in on the gathering, found that it was only a bunch of real estate agents. There were 12 on actual count, and four sailed in while the count was being made. We were told about 18 others were scouting about town and would turn up later. By time the Observer took departure, the assembled group was formidable enough to take Florida.

"Back in the Central hotel lobby at the solitaire table in what Joe Barber would call the card room, a well-worn map was laid out for convenient finger tracing. The Observer noted that there was a smudge of finger prints all around Charlotte with sooty tracings by way of Gastonia, Shelby, Ruth Rutherford and Chimney Rock all the way to Kings Mountain. The smudges on the map might be accepted as indicating the course the Empire is taking its way through this part of the state.

"The only man in the town actually unconcerned and unmoved by the real estate activities is the Norwegian. He pursues the even tenor of his way without letting his left hand know what the right is doing, except in the matter of stowing away the money in the jingling till.

"For miles out of Shelby past Cleveland Springs in the direction of Charlotte the sub-division sales stakes and the for sale signs brighten the landscape, while teams are at work breaking out new streets that are later to be hard surfaced. One could shut his eyes and such an orange and believe he was actually in Florida except for the refreshing breath of the piedmont breeze, giving invigoration of a kind that is not to be secured in any other climate in the world.

"Then we come to Gastonia and the region of new lakes and highways and bridges. Within the year Gastonia landscape is going to rival Coral Gables and Hollywood combined for east of the town on the Charlotte side new developments of the major class are under way, with miles of winding streets and sidewalks being asphalted and concreted to development of suburban settlement of notable proportions. There are three of such developments now in process of creation in the same neighborhood and the financial resources back of these are said to be of Floridian characteristics in size, but of Piedmont characteristics in dependability and durability and permanency.

"On any highway in piedmont North Carolina there are points that might be called observation posts, points of high elevations from which wide vistas of field and forest and mountain fringes are spread in view. One of these on the drive over which we have carried the reader is between Maiden and Newton, from

GREATER SHELBY HAS NEED OF 'EM

Shelby took another step forward when the municipal authorities on Wednesday night voted to issue \$125,000 in bonds for streets and sidewalks, this making the fourth street improvement program that has been started since the first asphalt was laid around the Court Square many years ago.

For the past few months the Mayor and alderman have been receiving petitions for streets and sidewalks the property owners agreeing to pay on the same basis as other street improvements were made; that is abutting property owners to pay one third each and the town one third for street work; abutting property owners to pay half and the town the other half for sidewalks. Action was delayed until sufficient petitions were circulated and signed for an amount of paving sufficient to start another paving program. These petitions are now in and warrant a bond issue of \$125,000 which the city fathers will sell and with the proceeds begin work as soon as possible.

South Shelby First

The streets probably to be paved out of this program are as follows: Beginning at the Southern depot and out West Graham street two or three blocks; beginning at the Belmont Mill and extending three quarters of a mile through South Shelby to Mrs. W. E. Morton's residence, the new city limits; beginning at the intersection of highway No. 20 and extending out Lineberger street to the hotel at Eastside Mill (Alderman Hamrick wants this extended by the new school building site at Eastside to connect with Highway No. 206 Fallston road); connect N. Washington and N. Lafayette on the alleys both sides of the First Baptist church; connect Warren street with Graham by paving the alley between the Paragon Furniture store and Pendleton's; connect S. Washington street at the Royster building with S. Lafayette street between the other Royster building and C. C. Blanton's property, formerly a part of the Miller block; extend East Graham street about a quarter of a mile to the Rock Quarry. Other short stretches are under consideration.

Last Fall the city issued \$200,000 in bonds for new school buildings which will be needed within the next two years. One site has been selected near the Eastside Mill where a new building will be erected this summer. Shelby's school enrollment is now 2,600 and more class rooms are absolutely necessary.

The other \$200,000 bond issue was for a new water station. Site has been purchased on the Hendrick farm and as soon as the engineer completes the plans, construction work will start on the big six million gallon reservoir, a new pump station and settling basins. With all of this municipal improvement under way this summer, Shelby's building program will probably outstrip that of any previous year.

Waynesville Men Inspect