

RELIABLE HOME PAPER
Of Shelby And The State's
Fertile Farming Section,
Modern Job Department.

The Cleveland Star

SHELBY'S POPULATION
1925 Census -----8,854
Where Industry Joins With
Climate In A Call For You.

VOL. XXXIV, No. 49

THE CLEVELAND STAR, SHELBY, N. C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1926. Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday Afternoons.

By mail, per year (in advance) \$2.50
By carrier, per year (in advance) \$3.00

\$160,000 Is Low Bid On New Water Plant--To Provide More Bond Money

\$50,000 MORE MONEY NEEDED

Another Bond Issue Will be Necessary to Pay For Plant, \$82,000 Already Spent on Extensions.

Letting of the contract for the new six million gallons water and pump station has been postponed until Tuesday night by the city officials, by which time they hope to provide about \$50,000 in bonds additional to pay the cost of same. Bids were opened yesterday and they range from \$160,000 to \$182,000 for the complete job. Engineers declare the bids are satisfactory and in line with their estimate of the cost but at a meeting held this morning it was decided to postpone the letting of the contract until all money is provided, as is required by law. The city issued \$200,000 for water improvements and extension last fall, but only \$118,000 of this money is left, \$82,000 having been spent for the water and sewer extensions in South Shelby, \$35,000 for reimbursing the mills and individuals for the privately owned mains which were taken in when the city limits were extended; \$15,000 or more having also been expended for the septic tank which is nearing completion south of town.

The city officials feel that cuts could be made here and there in the proposed new plant, but it would be unwise. They could save \$30,000 by eliminating a 16-inch water main from the pump station to town, but in order to give ample fire protection it would be unwise to have only one small line. The bids include the intake at Chapel's Bend on the river, a six million gallon raw water basin, a two million gallon daily capacity filter plant, pump house, pumps, electric wiring, water mains, wash water tank, etc.

Many Bidders Here. By actual count 62 men were at the city hall Thursday night at the opening of the bids. Not all were bidders, however, many were here as material men, hoping to sell material to the successful bidders, as much material will of necessity go into the large plant. H. W. Loving, director of new work for the McGraw Engineering Co., and C. F. Wagner, chief engineer were both here to open the bids and calculate the bids which were made on the unit basis and had to be worked out in detail before they and the city officials could determine the successful bidders. They worked until 1 o'clock this morning going through the maze of figures, considering every item in detail.

Bidders for the general contract of the six million gallon water station were Brown-Harry Company of Gastonia, Boyd and Goforth of Charlotte, Fiske-Carter Construction Company of Spartanburg, S. C., Tucker and Laxton, Charlotte, V. B. Higgins and Company of Charlotte, A. H. Guion and Co., of Gastonia.

Bidding on pipe line work were Zeb Mauney, Shelby, Mr. Plack of Forest City, L. J. & F. L. Wagner of Shelby. Equipment bidders were Allishalmers Manufacturing Co., C. M. Setzer, American Mill Work Co., Morris Machine Works, G. R. Pursom, Worthington Machine Corporation, Textile Mill Supply Co., J. W. Frazier, Goulds Manufacturing Co., Warren Steam Pump Co., Frederick Iron and Steel Works, Dean Steam Pump Company.

Rev. Housen Harrill Dies At Forest City

Rutherfordton, April 22.—Rev. Housen B. Harrill died Wednesday night at his home near Forest City. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock, at the First Baptist church of Forest City, with the pastor in charge. Deceased was 83 years old and one of the prominent Baptist ministers of Rutherford county. During his pastoral work he has baptized nearly two thousand people and married over five hundred couples.

NEW ELECTRIC SIGN FOR BEST FURNITURE CO.

There has arrived and will be put up tomorrow a new electric sign for the John M. Best Furniture company. It is of huge and elaborate design, 16 feet long, and of ample depth. It will be erected over the side walk immediately in the center of the Best building, on South LaFayette street. It is a sign with a blue field, with massive electric letter display, made at Springfield, Ohi.

Pershing and Chip off the Block



General John J. Pershing, photographed for the first time since leaving Walter Reed hospital at Washington, is shown with his son, Warren. Warren was a wee lad when his father was in Europe settling the famous argument.

DEDICATE SCHOOL TO WM. L. PLONK

Southern Workshop Plans Opening Third Season, Is Completed Dream of Cleveland Native.

The Southern Workshop and School of Expression will open in the new High school building, Asheville, Monday morning, June 7th, and close Friday, July 30th.

The Southern Workshop feels very fortunate to be holding a joint session with the school of expression during the summer of 1926. For the past 26 years the school of expression has held a summer school in Asheville.

Public school teachers holding certificates of the grade of primary, grammar grade or high school teachers' certificate, class C, will receive full certificate credit by the state of North Carolina for work done in the Southern Workshop and School of Expression. One hundred and sixty credits toward a diploma are given by the school of expression, Boston Credits are given by the Boston school of public speaking toward a public speaker's diploma. The Southern Workshop confers a diploma to college graduates for the satisfactory completion of four summer sessions.

The Southern Workshop and its activities are dedicated to William L. Fayette Plonk because of his interest in educational work of his town, his county and his state.

The Workshop is very fortunate to have as a new member of its faculty, Madame Ponce-Huerta, Madam Huerta will teach Dalecroze eurhythmics. This course trains the body to be an instrument for musical and dramatic expression.

Former Workshop leaders who have been with the Workshop for two years and will return are: Laura Plonk, director; Lillian Plonk, assistant director; Marguerite Stewart, hostess; Mrs. Florence Evans; John R. Froome, Jr., and Frederick H. Koch. The regular course of the Workshop include the studying and reading of the Bible, character study, acting rehearsals, direction of public performances, public speaking, pantomime, vocal expression, public reading, voice training and diction, harmonic training, practical English, Dalecroze eurhythmics, gymnastics, music and French. The activities for children are acting, story telling, poetry and Dalecroze eurhythmics.

Get Third Still In Mountain Section Near Border Line

Wednesday county officers nabbed their third still in a week just on this side of the famous Kings Mountain battleground, the breaking point of American liberty—and prohibition laws. The outfit was of copper and about 35 gallon capacity. About 17 gallons of beer and one and one-half gallons of liquor were destroyed at the site.

Thursday the officers who captured the three stills arrested two men, John Lindsay and John Kirk, who, according to the officers, may have some connection one way or another of the plants captured. The men will likely be given a hearing Saturday.

Officers making the capture were Bob Kendrick, Greel Ware and Charlie Shepherd.

FREE TICKETS TO SPEEDWAY RACES

How Young People Can Win Free Tickets to Famous Automobile Races May 10th.

Do you want a free ticket to the Charlotte Speedway races, May 10th? A way has been devised by The Cleveland Star, Carolina's newest newspaper outside the daily field. The subscription department has a plan that should interest boys and girls from 14 years up, whereby they can see the thrilling auto classic as a guest of this paper.

Here is the plan. Collect \$12.50 in subscriptions to The Star and a ticket is yours free to Grandstand B. Here the admission charge is \$2.50. This gives you a seat in full view of the great arena where you can see the fastest drivers in the world compete for the \$25,000 cash prizes. A 25 piece band will furnish music in this grand stand, adding a festive air to the occasion. Just call at The Star office and get an official subscription receipt book. Take it out among your friends and ask them to subscribe to The Star. Your father and friends read it already and will no doubt read it in order to help you out. Then you might find a few who do not read Shelby's newsy newspaper and want to keep up with the activities of the year. You sell them a year's subscription for \$2.50 by mail or \$3 delivered at the home of the subscriber by The Star's own carrier boy system. It will only take an hour or so. Get a subscription receipt book, finish the little task and the ticket will be handed you at The Star office. Remember it only takes \$12.50 in subscriptions collected from either old or new subscribers and your friends will help you.

Some uncertainty exists, it appears, as to the exact nature of the illness that so quickly took the child off.

The remains were buried Tuesday at Prospect church, Revs. Padgett and Camp officiating.

This is the second child to be lost in the Beam family in less than a year. In October, 1925, they lost a 9-year-old boy, who died of heart trouble.

Some uncertainty exists, it appears, as to the exact nature of the illness that so quickly took the child off.

Clyde Skates Can't Play in Big Series

Clyde (Skeeter) Skates, star pitcher for Kings Mountain high school will not be allowed to pitch in the State elimination games, it was stated Thursday by those attending the meeting in Salisbury. Says the Gastonia Gazette of Thursday: "The pitcher, one of the best in this section, was ruled out of the championship race on two charges the Gastonia paper adds."

WAY CASE GOES TO HIGH COURT AGAIN

Former-Pastor Wins Point But Attorney of Church Trustees Appeals Higher.

Lexington, April 22.—Rev. C. B. Way, own the first tilt in his suit for unpaid salary against the Methodist Protestant church of Shelby, when Recorder H. E. Olive, overruled a demurrer entered by the church trustees. However, B. T. Falls, attorney for the church, appealed the ruling to Superior court and spectators had no chance to hear the merits of the case set forth.

The defense rested purely on the legal technicality of whether the former pastor could properly sue for unpaid salary. Mr. Falls argued the relations of church and pastor to be ecclesiastical and without the nature of a legal contract, he digressed in his argument to attack the minister for bringing the suit and also attacked the character of his services to the church.

Counsel for plaintiff rested their resistance to the demurrer on the ground that the salary contract between church and pastor has the full legal force of a contract, and the court upheld this contention.

Several ministers were among those present for the hearing. The next term of superior court opens here May 3.

Lineberger Attends Davenport Meeting

William Lineberger spent Thursday in Salisbury attending a meeting of the trustees of Davenport college, Lenoir, of which he is a member. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a new president of the institution, and Rev. William A. Jenkins, of Greensboro, was chosen for the post.

The meeting was held in Salisbury, Mr. Lineberger said, as a central point of contact for the members of the board.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins was unanimously chosen by the trustees as Davenport's new head. He is a man of broad scholarship and broad influence. He succeeds C. L. Hornaday, who was elected in 1922. Mr. Hornaday resigned a few weeks ago.

Spake Land Goes For Over \$12,000

The W. George Spake property on Highway 20, in east Shelby, sold Thursday for over \$12,000 at an auction sale conducted by the J. B. Nolen company and the Carolina Land company.

The property ran around five acres and totalled \$12,233 in sales, officials of the auction say. Between three and five hundred people were in attendance.

Rena Mae Beam Passes At Waco

Little Miss Rena Mae Beam, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Beam, of Waco, died suddenly last Monday morning following an illness of less than 24 hours. The child was apparently hardy and well Sunday and attended Sunday school and church services. Sunday night she was taken ill, and Monday morning was dead.

Some uncertainty exists, it appears, as to the exact nature of the illness that so quickly took the child off.

The remains were buried Tuesday at Prospect church, Revs. Padgett and Camp officiating.

This is the second child to be lost in the Beam family in less than a year. In October, 1925, they lost a 9-year-old boy, who died of heart trouble.

HAVE YOU Started Reading "THE GOOD BAD GIRL"

In The Star? Three First Chapters Carried Today BEGIN NOW.

Old-Time Interest Shown In Contest For Spelling Champ

The county-wide spelling contest held this week to decide the championship speller of Cleveland county schools has created considerable interest in spelling over the county. Memories of "Blueback" days come back as groups here and there test out the spelling ability of the grown ups as they go over the words missed by the champion representing their school in the county contest.

Agnes Harrill, of Lattimore, is the county champion, but the young girl missed one word in the final round, the fact that her one remaining opponent missed more gave her the championship. The word she missed wasn't so easy. Perhaps it's spelled this way: "pheasant"—and perhaps not. Miss Harrill did not spell it that way.

Alice Sanders, entrant of the Shelby schools, who battled with the Lattimore girl four rounds before losing the county title, missed four words on the final round, a five-letter word baffling her for the first error. "Yacht" was spelled "yatch," the right letters lined up wrong. The other words she missed and as she spelled

them were "recommmend," "lieasure," "physic." What she should have spelled was "recommmend," "leisure" and "physique"—maybe. How do you spell them?

Then the champion on a preliminary round missed "negotiate" by spelling it "negociate." The person who graded her papers also made a break on the same round. The Lattimore student spelled "counselled" and it was marked a mistake, wherein Webster says one "L" or two "LL". Miss Sanders on the first round spelled all right, but spelled the word "alright."

Entrants in the final contest as held at Central school here were: Marjorie Crisp, Grover school, No. 4 township; Ake Whitworth, Waco school, No. 5 township; Raeford Davis, Dover school, No. 6 township; Alice Sanders, Central school, No. 6 township; Marion Packard, Mooresboro school, No. 7 township; Agnes Harrill, Lattimore school, No. 7 township; Kathleen Boggs, Fallston school, No. 9 township.

By the process of elimination only Misses Harrill and Sanders survived the first round.

McBrayer Sells 200 Acre Farm to McGraw for \$16,500

Large Farm in No. 4 Township Changes Hands, Other Realty Deals Noted.

Deeds continue to flow into the hopper in the office of Register of Deeds R. L. Weathers, the largest deed filed for record recently being that made by Evans E. McBrayer whereby he sells his 198 acre farm on Buffalo in No. 4 township to R. R. McGraw for \$16,500. List of deeds since last report is as follows:

H. S. Cline and wife to Robert Cline, lot in Fallston, 51 1-2 acres, 41 1-2 acres, 4 1-2 acres, 14 acres, consideration \$7,000.

J. F. Ware to Thad C. Ford, lot on West Graham street for \$2,000.

M. A. Spangler, Wm. Lineberger, J. A. Suttle to T. W. Hamrick, lot in Honesley addition for \$10 and other considerations.

W. H. Arey and wife to G. P. Abernethy lot on W. Marion St. for \$100 and other considerations.

Evans E. McBrayer to R. R. McGraw 198 7-10 acres on Buffalo in No. 4 township for \$16,500.

Trustees of Central Methodist church to Dr. E. A. Houser, lot adjoining Methodist parsonage on E. Marion street for \$2,600.

Max Gardner and wife to Julius Mull, 157 acres in No. 6 township for \$1 and other considerations.

L. I. Kendrick and wife to M. A. Spangler and J. L. Suttle, three lots in Kendrick property on S. LaFayette street for \$1,787.50.

J. O. Plonk and wife to Lake Montona club for 19 shares of stock in said club, 47 acres near old gold mine in No. 4 township.

W. A. Mauney and wife to Lake Montona club 2 28-100 acres in gold mine settlement No. 4 township for \$91.20.

R. B. Turner and wife to H. E. Waldrop three lots in M. L. Borders property for \$650.

Rush Padgett and wife to H. E. Waldrop lot on W. Warren street for \$1,600 and other considerations.

W. C. Lattimore and wife to Louisa H. Hitecock, lots on Cleveland Springs road for \$2,100.

Renn Drum and wife to Paul Webb house and lot on N. Morgan street for \$6,750.

O. C. Lewis and wife to J. W. Silver, lot on Bostic street for \$500.

Scout Board Meets Here Friday Night

The executive board of the Piedmont council of the Boy Scout of America, covering the counties of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford and Polk will meet at the Cleveland Springs hotel on Friday night, April 23. Representatives of the five counties will be present to discuss plans of the work of boy scouting and the development of the Piedmont scout camp at Lake Lanier.

Democratic Convention To Be Held Saturday

The Cleveland County Democratic convention will be held at the Court House in Shelby on Saturday, April 24, at 3 o'clock, P. M. At this meeting delegates will be elected to attend the state convention to be held at Raleigh April 29. All democrats of the county are invited and urged to attend the county convention.

SHELBY WILL PLAY MT HOLLY TODAY

First Game of Champ Series On Here This Afternoon, Hoyle May Work On Mound

The elimination series for the state high school baseball title begins here this afternoon with Shelby meeting Mt. Holly in the preliminary for Group 4 championship.

Odds in this game apparently favor Shelby, although proverbial dope has it that "one can never tell."

It has not been announced by Coach Morris but fans are of the opinion that Jack Hoyle will start the game here against Mt. Holly. However, one of the other hurlers may be used holding Hoyle in reserve for other games if Shelby comes through with a victory. From a view of the group Kings Mountain seems to be the biggest object between the two-times state champions and the group title. Kings Mountain plays Forest City at Kings Mountain today. The next game will be played early in next week with the group finals coming Friday, April 30.

Faculty managers and coaches of 34 high schools in the West entered in the State high school baseball series, met in Salisbury Thursday and mapped out a schedule for the determination of group champions.

The meeting was presided over by E. R. Rankin, of Chapel Hill, State secretary of the high school athletic association.

The teams in the West were divided into four groups and playing will begin Friday. Group Champions will be determined by May 4, and the winners will meet again to arrange for the schedule to determine the Western champion.

Schedules for the opening games: Group One: Reidsville vs. Monticello, at Reidsville, April 23; High Point vs. Asheboro, at High Point, April 23; Greensboro vs. Mebane, at Mebane, April 23; Leaksville vs. Alexander-Wilson, at Leaksville, April 23; Burlington drew a bye.

Group Two: Lexington vs. Walburg, at Lexington April 23; Troutman vs. Bessemer, at South Buffalo, April 24; Troutman vs. Yadkinville, at Harmony April 24; Madin drew a bye; Madison plays Pomona or Bessemer at Greensboro, April 26 and Winston-Salem meets this winner at Winston-Salem, May 1. Final game in this group at Winston-Salem May 4, unless Winston-Salem meets Lexington, then at High Point, May 4.

Group Three: Concord vs. Gastonia, at Gastonia, April 23; Charlotte vs. Monroe, at Davidson, April 23; China Grove vs. Lowell, at Lowell, April 23; Salisbury vs. Spencer, at Salisbury, April 23.

Group Four: Cherryville vs. Star-olwyn, at Cherryville, April 23; Mt. Holly vs. Shelby, at Shelby, April 23; Kings Mountain vs. Forest City, at Kings Mountain April 23; Greens Creek vs. Biltmore, at Biltmore, April 23. The final game of this group will be played at Shelby April 30.

The finals in group one and group three depend upon the second series of games, a long list of possibilities having been agreed upon in each case. Coach Morris and manager Whiteley Kendall represented Shelby at the meeting.

HOOK AND LADDER EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Shelby's Fire Fighting Equipment Insufficient Declares Sherwood Brockwell, Fire Marshal.

Shelby needs a hook and ladder fire fighting equipment, declared Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, speaker at the Kiwanis club meeting Thursday night. Capt. J. Frank Jenkins had charge of the program and all fire insurance agents of the town were special guests. Mr. Brockwell had made a hasty survey of Shelby where he found many buildings over two stories high yet he found that the present fire truck has no ladder over 24 feet long. Should a fire develop on the third floor of a building, it would be impossible, without assistance of firemen from the Raleigh and Charlotte departments to prevent heavy loss of property. In order to prevent such an occurrence he urged the city to buy a hook and ladder equipment. Mr. Brockwell has spent his life as a fireman and has worked himself to the top in this line in North Carolina.

For every dollar North Carolina has spent in road building, during the past five years, fifty cents worth of property has been destroyed by fire. The annual fire loss last year was 12 million dollars and indications are that it will reach 15 millions this year, or enough to build ten \$150,000 school houses. On the other hand the state has more fire proof public buildings per capita and the best fire fighting equipment per capita of any state in the union, yet this heavy loss is entailed each year and it is due to the criminal negligence of our business men who do not have the proper safeguard for fire prevention. He commended the state for supervising the construction of school buildings, requiring fire escapes and safety devices for the protection of the school children. Seventeen other states of the nation have adopted North Carolina's law in this regard.

Brockwell is a perfect negro mimic, one of the best since the days of Polk Miller and Joel Chandler Harris. After a ten minute talk on fire prevention Mr. Brockwell by special request gave a 20 minute entertainment during which time he kept the 75 guests in an uproar with his negro jokes and songs. When one thinks of the old South, three things stand out with prominence: the beauty of the Southern girl; the hospitality of the Southern home, and the quaint wit and humor of the negro slaves. Brockwell is a perfect mimic of negro manners and dialect and his entertainment was one of the most enjoyable the Kiwanians had heard in many weeks.

Judge Webb Presides Over Special Term

Albemarle, April 22.—Governor McLean has assigned Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, to hold the special term of criminal court ordered to convene here June 7. The prisoners charged with the murder of "Dad" Watkins will be tried at this term of court, as will also Theodore Gray, who is implicated in the same charge and is out on bond.

The charges against N. C. Cranford will also be heard. It is very probable that this case will be held in Stanly County for trial, and that in all probability will not be necessary to get a jury from another county. But this cannot be asserted before hand.

It will be recalled that the last term of court had too heavy a docket for one week. John Gray was sentenced in the Watkins murder case to be electrocuted on May 21. His attorney gave notice of appeal, and the execution will be automatically stayed until this appeal is passed upon by the Supreme Court. Car Sweat and Mack Lawrence are being held in the county jail upon the same charges. It is expected that all cases of consequence will be tried at the term of court that has been ordered.

Few Vacancies In Ranks of Company K

Colonel Parker of the U. S. army, and Col. Don E. Scott, of Graham, this state, commander of the regiment, were here this week inspecting Company K, Captain McSwain and First Lieut. Mike Austell say there have been 12 or 15 vacancies created within the ranks of the company which they want to fill up with able-bodied young men. Young men who wish to join the company are asked to make application right away so they can get in trim for the annual encampment which will be held again this summer at the regular encampment grounds at Morehead City, on the Eastern Carolina coast.