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## Shelby's Net Bonded Debt Is \$344,660 With New Issue

City Administration To Inaugurate Big Street Paving Program Here Soon

On Monday May 24th at 2 o'clock the city of Shelby will open bids on \$125,000.00 worth of street improvement bonds to bear an annual interest rate of five per cent. From the proceeds of the sale of these bonds the city will inaugurate another street and sidewalk paving program on streets for which there have been petitions for improvements and where the property owners have signed up an agreement to pay two-thirds of the cost—one-third assessed against the property on each side of the streets—one-half against the abutting property owners where sidewalks are put down. These bonds will be dated for payment beginning with June 1st, 1927 to 1936 at which periods \$8,000 will be due. From 1937 to 1941, inclusive, \$9,000 will become due.

Property owners who have signed up to pay their part of the cost of the street improvement on the same basis the other street improvement programs have been carried on, will be given ten years to re-imburse the city, the deferred payments to bear the same rate of interest for the property owners that the bonds bear, namely five per cent.

**Financial Statement.**  
In offering this \$125,000 worth of bonds for sale the city treasurer, Mrs. Oscar M. Suttle has prepared a financial statement for prospective bond buyers, showing the total amount of bonds outstanding for all purposes, as follows:

School bonds	\$104,000.00
Waterworks bonds	425,000.00
Electric light bonds	9,500.00
Funding bonds	8,000.00
Refunding bonds	23,000.00
Street and sidewalks improvement bonds	\$323,000.00
Street and sidewalk bonds (this issue)	125,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,017,500.00</b>

This million dollars worth of bonds includes all of the outstanding bonds issued in the past and also the proposed \$125,000.00 which will be offered for sale on May 24th.

**Deductions \$672,840.00**  
Citizens, however, should not conclude that the million dollar bonded indebtedness has nothing of a productive nature to offset it. While the gross amount of bond issue is over a million, there are just deductions to be taken into consideration, and these amount to \$672,840.00, leaving the net debt of the town only \$344,660.00. For instance the city has uncollected special assessments heretofore levied and to be levied under the new street paving program amounting to \$238,340. This amount is owned by property owners as their part of the cost of sidewalks and streets and is to be paid back to the town. Then again, \$434,500.00 of the bond money has been incurred for water and electric light plants, municipally owned, which produce ample net revenue for maintenance, repairs, interest on bonds and sinking fund to retire the same when due. These deductions are justly made under the Municipal Finance act. While they are obligations which the town owes, \$238,340.00 is owed to the town by the property owners for street improvement and \$434,500.00 is for water and light plants which are profitable sources of revenue, not only self-supporting but producing a revenue to the town of Shelby.

**Clansmen Support Grady In Meeting**  
Shelby and Kings Mountain Represented at Big Gathering of Invisible Empire Yesterday.

Morganton, May 13.—In what was said to be a most enthusiastic meeting of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan of the western province of North Carolina met here today, passed resolutions condemning the conduct of certain Asheville clansmen and pledged their full allegiance to Grand Dragon Henry Grady.

Represented in the gathering, in which were included a number of state officials, were members of the klans from Gastonia, Kings Mountain, Shelby, Lenoir, Elkin, Boone, Newland, Spruce Pine, Marion, Brevard, Hendersonville, and what was designated as Asheville "provisional."

Two sessions were held, and at a late hour tonight adjournment had not been taken.

**No Meat**  
The small boy was making his first acquaintance with stewed figs, which he didn't like.

"Eat up your figs like a good boy," said his mother.

"I don't like 'em," he pled. "They're just skin full of straw."

## HOSPITAL NURSES IN GRADUATION PROGRAM

Dr. H. K. Boyer to Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night. Graduating Tuesday Night.

Interesting graduation exercises are planned for the Shelby hospital school of nurses which begin Sunday night with a special baccalaureate sermon at Central Methodist church by Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, pastor. This will be followed by graduation exercises Tuesday night at the Shelby High school auditorium. Large crowds will no doubt attend the two exercises as the hospital and the nurses are highly regarded by Shelby citizens. This is the second graduation of nurses from the Hospital Training school as the institution is young and just now has been operating long enough to finish its pupils. The first nurse to graduate was last year and she had begun her training at the Wadesboro Hospital, coming to Shelby to complete her course.

The public is cordially invited, regardless of whether they received printed invitations or not, to hear Dr. Boyer in his baccalaureate sermon and attend the graduation exercises Tuesday night in the High School auditorium.

On Tuesday night the program at the school auditorium is as follows, with Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, chairman of the board of trustees presiding. Overture by High School Orchestra. Invocation by Dr. H. K. Boyer, Violin solo by Mrs. John Schenck, Jr., Address by County Superintendent J. Clint Newton. Selection by high school orchestra. Presentation of diplomas by Dr. E. B. Lattimore. Solo by Mrs. Ben Suttle. Presentation of class pins by Miss Ella H. McNichols, head of the training school for nurses. Selection by high school orchestra. Flowers. Benediction by Rev. H. N. McDaniell.

**Four Graduates**  
The four graduates who have completed their course and will receive diplomas on Tuesday night are Miss Minnie Ada McCoy of Charlotte, Miss Margaret Eunice Crowder of Shelby, Miss Sarah Roberts of Shelby and Miss Maggie Sue Atkinson of Cliffside.

## NEGRO WHO BURNED ANOTHER CONVICTED

Haynes Who Killed Johnson and Burned The Body Gets Ten Years in Penitentiary.

Rutherford Sun.  
On last Tuesday morning, before Judge Webb in the regular spring term of Superior court, L. C. Haynes, colored, through his attorneys Messrs. Fred D. Hamrick and M. L. Edwards, pleaded guilty to murder of the second degree and was sentenced to a term of not less than ten to 12 years in the state penitentiary.

**History of the Murder.**  
A negro named Johnny Johnson was killed on December 23, 1925 and the body found some time later hidden away in the woods and partially cremated near the point of highway 20 now being paved. Knowledge of blood between the negroes brought Haynes under suspicion and he was carefully watched.

It was not long before suspicion pointed to Haynes and he was arrested by Sheriff Hardin and lodged in the county jail. After some days the negro made a confession to the sheriff of the crime he had committed and gave the details of it.

**Defendant Pleads Guilty.**  
As has been stated above the prisoner entered a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree and therefor in the county jail. Judge Webb decided to hear the evidence of the state and the pleas of mercy for the guilty negro.

Sheriff Hardin, the witness for the state stated how previous confession of the negro, he had told him that any confession he made would be used as evidence against him.

Messrs. Hamrick and Edwards attorneys for the defendant, set up powerful pleas for Haynes. They brought forth the fact that the prisoner was not mentally sound and therefor entitled to clemency.

Judge Webb, in pronouncing sentence commented upon the gravity of the offense and stated there was too much doubt if Haynes had not killed the man from ambush.

## World War Gun Here For "Court Square"

A 6-inch howitzer, used during the World war by either the German or Austrian troops, arrived at the Seaboard station here yesterday and will be placed as an ornament on the "court square lawn centering business section of Shelby.

The gun, which is of considerable size, was shipped here from New Jersey and was secured through the efforts of the city and county administrations and Capt. Peyton McSwain, of Company K.

The gun is very rusty, having been out in the weather for years, and it is thought will be cleaned and painted before being placed on the square.

## Enrollment In Schools Gain

Total Enrollment City Schools For Year Shows Great Increase. Totals Over 2,700.

Nearing the close of the 1925-1926 school year, the city schools of Shelby have established a new record enrollment.

Last year school officials in urging school boards for advancing educational opportunities here declared that enrollment this year would pass beyond 2,500 pupils. There were doubters. This week an official bulletin issued from the office of the city superintendent shows that total enrollment this year reached 2,713.

Of that number over 2,300 pupils are white children.

The South Shelby school with 601 enrolled tops the list with the High school ranking second with an enrollment of 477.

The list of schools with the years enrollment follows:

School	Yr. Enrollment
Central	332
Marion	394
LaFayette	373
Eastside	228
South Shelby	601
High school	477
Colored	408
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,713</b>

## Statesville Paper Discusses "Madstone" Used In Cleveland

Says Wholesale Mad Dog Affair Was First Instance of Stone Being Used In State In Years

The following editorial comment in the Statesville Daily concerning the recent mad dog affair in No. 1 township and the use of the "madstone" should be of local interest:

"A pet dog in the Hamrick family in Cleveland county bit seven members of the family, including the baby. Only one member of the household was spared. Then the dog bit five persons in two other families. About that time it occurred to somebody that the pet might be mad. It was killed and the examination disclosed rabies. A "mad rock," better known as a madstone, was secured and applied. The Shelby Star says, but it didn't adhere and all twelve are taking Pasteur treatment. It is fortunate the madstone didn't adhere, if there was any purpose to depend on that. This is the first instance of the use of the madstone mentioned in North Carolina in a long time. This substance, which is always described as having been found in the stomach of a deer in the dim and distant past, was formerly a popular remedy for mad dog bites in North Carolina. One owned by a Charlotte man was much used for a long time. Of course the madstone had about as much virtue as a poultice of weeds, but if they believed it would help, had faith, they sometimes thought they were cured; and if they were cured by the application of the madstone that was evidence of the absence of rabies. But with the advance of enlightenment and the discovery of the Pasteur treatment, the madstone disappeared from view, just as other superstitions have disappeared the same way."

**R. E. LEE COMES WITH NEW PAINT SHOP HERE**

Mr. R. E. Lee, formerly with the Lambeth Motor company, in Charlotte has now joined his brother Mr. S. A. Lee in the conduct of the Lee and Lee auto service station. The former joined the new firm this week, and will have charge of the service end of the business. Mr. S. A. Lee recently came to Shelby from Charlotte, where for years he was engaged in automobile painting.

## Water Plant Work Starts

First Work is to Lay Big 12-Inch Water Main from Shelby to The Filter Plant.

Work started this week on the new six-million gallon water plant and pump station to cost about \$150,000 which the city is having built on the Chapel Hendrick farm west of Shelby. Mr. Mauney who drew the contract for the grading has associated with him Mr. Ewing and together they have 25 mules moving the first dirt. Mr. Ewing is remembered in Shelby having married Miss Mabel Doggett, daughter of Mr. George B. Doggett of this place.

Tucker and Laxton, Charlotte, who were awarded the general contract, have sent their foreman here to start the big job which is to be completed in 220 days from the time the contract was awarded. He is having the ditch dug for the 12 inch water main which will come to Shelby to Lee street where the paving ends, then cut south across the Seaboard railroad tracks to the alley which leads to Morgan street at Ambrose Cline's house. At Morgan street it will feed into one of the city's eight inch water mains, then proceed east through this alley between Mrs. Eliza Roberts and Griffin Smith's home to N. LaFayette street which it will again feed into an eight inch water main.

It is necessary to lay the large 12-inch main first in order to secure water for the construction of the filters and pump station at the new plant. Mr. Ladd is engineer in charge of McCrary company of Atlanta, Ga., engineers who made the plans for the new station.

## 1925 BIG YEAR FOR BUILDING AND LOAN

Raleigh—The mark reached at the close of 1925 was the highwater mark of the business in North Carolina but a similar gain is expected to be recorded this year and according to indications the close of 1926 will find the total assets close to the hundred million dollar figure.

**Net Profits Increase**  
Net profits of the association during 1925 were approximately half a million dollars greater than in 1924 totalling \$3,592,675.71 as against \$2,972,570.90. Total ledger profits were more than one million dollars in excess of 1924.

However, the gain in assets for the year 1925 was not as great as in 1924 when building and loan association resources leaped fourteen million dollars. The average increase in assets per association during 1925 was 3 per cent as against an average increase of more than 40 per cent during 1924. The increase in assets for the State during 1925 was 15.8 per cent as against an increase of 26.2 per cent during 1924.

**Comparative Figures**  
Comparative figures showing how North Carolina building and loan associations grew in 1925 follows.

Total assets 1925	\$81,188,646.40
1924	\$70,248,910.13
Mortgage loans 1925	\$73,014,392.32
1924	\$63,810,260.56
Serial Shares 1925	\$51,526,686.31
1924	\$47,533,794.34
Gross Profits 1925	\$4,635,405.59
1924	\$3,994,272.90
Net profits 1925	\$3,592,675.71
1924	\$2,972,570.90
Ledger profits 1925	\$6,850,393.23
1924	\$5,730,432.18
Ledger assets 1925	\$79,552,168.58
1924	\$68,666,281.23
Ledger gain 1925	\$10,885,887.45
1924	\$14,333,854.65

**Average increase per association**  
1925, 3 per cent; 1924, 40.4 per cent.  
State increase 1925, 15.8 per cent; 1924, 26.2 per cent.  
Total receipts 1925, \$59,403,029.90; 1924, \$50,229,306.06.  
Total loans 1925, \$27,082,677.90; 1924, \$25,138,291.80.

## Laborers Engage In Cutting Affray

While at work in a construction job with Webb & Lutz near one of the Shelby textile plants Thursday morning two colored men, Ab Poston and Miles Wilson engaged in an affray. Both were cut by a knife, it is said. Poston being cut about the arms and back, while Wilson was cut on the legs.

They were carried to the hospital for treatment and later freed under bond until their case comes before Recorder John M. J.

The dispute is reported to have arisen over a wheelbarrow, and one report has it that the cutting was done by Wilson, having that in the affray he cut himself. The veracity of this report, however, is not known.

## SECOND PRIMARY IN OFFING IN COUNTY

Record-Breaking Number of Candidates May Make Second Vote Battle a Necessity.

A second primary for Cleveland county Democrats is a possibility that faces a record-breaking number of candidates with just three weeks before the primary on June 5. Which may "warm up" things, otherwise apathy reigns.

There are several unusual features in the coming primary. First, the number of candidates for the various county offices total more than ever before. That's the statement of the old-time politicians, who would have thought the entire county was "running for office" had 28 men announced themselves several years ago.

Second, the lack of interest being shown is out of the ordinary considering the activity of two dozen would-be office holders.

Third, there are four chances of a second primary being demanded.

**Second Primary Chances**  
About the streets when a political discussion arises—and it takes an effort to bring up one—the consensus of opinion seems to be that a second primary is likely for one or two of the offices.

The election laws say that when there are more than two candidates in the race and the leading candidate does not poll a majority that the second high man then has the privilege of demanding a second primary of the election board.

This law requires that the request for a second primary be filed on a certain number of days after the vote of the first primary has been announced. Such being the case the election board then calls a second primary to be held four weeks after the date of the first primary.

So far, there are at least four offices that may call for a second primary. That is, unless the candidates for the offices make an agreement whereby the high man wins.

The offices in question are those of sheriff, clerk of superior court, State Senate and register of deeds.

So instead of being relieved June 5, the anxiety of some may not be quieted before July 5.

**Why So Many?**  
The question most heard about the political situation is "Why so many candidates?"

Which is a hard one for a political article or anything else to answer. Some of the veteran observers about the court house pass it off with the answer; "Bad crop year. Money is scarce."

Which may be true, but the salaries paid by some of the offices would about equal the receipts from a very bad crop year. However, that doesn't seem to solve the mystery. With 28 candidates already announced it seems as if numerous newspaper readers had taken seriously the writings of various editorial writers over the state proclaiming "Cleveland a county where politicians are born." Some dozen or more will find out in month or so that they were not so born. Naming the dozen is another matter. Guesses and predictions on the outcome are seldom heard. There's no way to figure the averages with so many in the field and interest so dead.

Which brings up the other oddity. Many, if not the majority, of the candidates announcing did so they stated "because they were urged by friends." Why all these friends have not created more political fervor is not known. Perhaps it's too early, but usually three weeks from primary day is a bad time in which to express opinions too loudly.

The candidates themselves do not seem to be unusually perturbed about things generally. Once and anon they make a visit to a thickly populated farm section, or run a political advertisement in the newspapers. Otherwise the primary promises to be much like a contest to decide who shall be hung, and none to anxious to win the contest.

Another final puzzle: Just how many votes will the Democrats of the county cast June 5?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Further articles will be carried by The Star before the primary dealing with the political situation, none, however, boosting any candidate, or group of candidates. The articles merely being carried for the information of 20,000 Star readers.)

## Mrs. Starr Visits Shelby Checking Up Ross Identity

Cousin Of Lost Charlie Ross Spends Night Here And Confers With J. F. Gaffney About Relative.

The Charlie Ross story bids fair to linger around Shelby forever. Even though a large newspaper claims credit for having unearthed the Ross story, the matter still hangs to Shelby.

Mrs. Pierre Starr, of New York, second cousin of the long-lost Ross, spent Thursday night in Shelby in conference with Mr. J. Frank Gaffney, and left here Friday morning early accompanied by Mr. Gaffney. Mrs. Starr did not intend that this information be published in a newspaper, but despite her carefully-laid plans members of The Star staff became aware of her visit before she departed town. However, not in time to interview her, which, at that, may not have been granted.

The exact reason for Mrs. Starr's visit here is not known, other than that she is carefully checking up on the links of the story that would make Dellinger into the long-lost Ross.

Mrs. Starr, travelling in a big car with a liveried chauffeur, reached Shelby late last night and after inquiry located the home of Mr. Gaffney, where she remained in conference with him for an hour or more. An effort was made today to find the hotel at which she stopped, but it was soon learned that to avoid newspapermen she spent the night at a private home.

Early this morning her chauffeur drove around to Mr. Gaffney's and the Shelby man accompanied him back to where Mrs. Starr had spent the night and they left Shelby in the Starr auto about 7:30 in the morning. It is not definitely known just where Mrs. Starr and Mr. Gaffney went, but it has been learned that the cousin of Ross asked Mr. Gaffney to go with her to Greensboro for the purpose of a more complete check-up on the history of Dellinger's life. Nevertheless belief here is that they first went to the home of Dellinger, or Ross, at Denver, in Lincoln county.

**Sure He Is Ross.**  
From conversation between Mrs. Starr and various people here Thursday night it is learned that she firmly believes Dellinger to be her cousin lost to the world for many years. Supporting her belief she has a vast amount of evidence, affidavits, and information which she secured on her behalf after she first became convinced that Dellinger might be the missing child of her family about whom the world's greatest kidnapping mystery arose. She is the wife of a New York newspaper expert and is related to Ross by his mother. She has been in Greensboro for several weeks securing information about Ross, and has visited him and last week had Dellinger in Greensboro.

Just what will turn up from her visit to Shelby remains to be seen.

## Pleads For Interest In Boys and Girls

Jos. Johnson, District Kiwanian, Urges Older People to Take More Interest In Youth

Jos. Johnson, chairman of Carolina District No. 1 made a strong appeal for grown-ups to take more interest in the youth of the land if they would wield an influence over them that counts for a better generation, before the Kiwanis club on Thursday night at Cleveland Springs. Mr. Johnson is strong for clean athletics and would have the older people cast off their business cares for awhile, abandon their efforts to make money and leave a heritage of money and lands and instead "be boys again" with the boys so that their influence and instruction might leave its impress on the lives of the younger people. The father and mother who feel that their daily tasks are too important to drop for awhile and find time to enjoy things which the children enjoy, are making the mistake of their lives.

Mr. Johnson is "father" to some 365 boys and girls at the Barium Springs Orphanage and his observation has been that they like clean sports, follow his example and teaching when he becomes a "regular" fellow and enters into the sports, the joys and the sorrows of those under his tutelage.

Fred Morgan in charge of the Thursday night program and was fortunate in having Mr. Johnson fill in for him as all enjoyed the new angle of thought advanced by the speaker.

**At Carpenters Grove.**

Memorial services will be held at Carpenter's Grove on Sunday May 16, All day services.

**Special Revival Services Sunday**  
Methodist and Baptist Churches To Be Used For Two Special Services—400 Sign Decision Cards

The special evangelistic services which have been in progress at the Presbyterian church are to close Sunday night. The final day is to be a fitting climax to a series of services that have had a tremendous influence in our community. Every section of the city has been reached in the sweep of the evangelistic effort and crowds have attended the meetings. Shelby will not soon forget the fine singing of Prof. Harry E. Thomas and of the large Junior and Senior Chorus Choirs under his direction. Dr. J. Ernest Thacker has exemplified a sound from evangelism that has brought support from all the religious forces of the city. Christians of all churches have been made to feel that they had a vital part in the services. No denominational bias has been allowed to hinder the effect of the gospel appeal. No unfair or doubtful methods have been resorted to, and embarrassment has come to none, and its fruits are manifest in the spiritual results of the meeting. Mrs. Addie Dixon Thacker, with her brilliant intellect and winning personality has spoken on the great foundation truths of Christianity with strengthened. As a tribute to the gospel message through her the business houses of the city have closed for the morning services. Crowds have packed the church at the day services of the past week, and the impressions have been of a deep and abiding nature.