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SHELBY'S POPULATION  
1925 Census ----- 8,854  
Where Industry Joins With  
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## Commencement Season On In Shelby City Schools

Graduating Class At Central High One Of Largest Ever With 94  
Boys and Girls. Primary  
Exercises

Shelby now is experiencing a general commencement season, beginning with the closing exercises in the primary schools.

The high school commencement opens with the annual sermon Sunday night, May 20, by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Presbyterian church. It is the custom of local school officials to use local pastors in the annual sermon, alternating each year.

On Tuesday night, June 1, will be the debate for the LeGrand medal, pupils of the eighth and ninth grades debating.

The Junior debate for the Max Gardner medal will be held Wednesday night, June 2.

Thursday night, June 3, a big musical program will be staged by the school orchestra, band and glee club. This evening promises to be one of the most entertaining of the commencement season.

The graduating and final exercises will be held Friday night, June 4.

### Big Number Graduates

There are 97 pupils now in the senior class at Central High school according to Supt I. C. Griffin. This is one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the school and establishes a near record in the state considering the size of the town. At recent years state high school officials have given Shelby a fine rating for the number of students continuing on through high school to graduation.

### Graded School Exercises.

Several of the primary schools have already held their exercises. The next program is that of the LaFayette school on Thursday afternoon of this week. This program will consist of a historical pageant with costumes and music.

The exercises of the South Shelby school will be held Friday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock. The opening number will be an operetta, "Fairy Shoemaker," by the primary grades. One hundred children will take part and advance indication is that it will be one of the most entertaining highlights of the city commencement season. This will be followed by declamation and recitation contests with four boys and four girls entered. The boys will declaim for the O. M. Mull medal, while the best reader will receive the Paul Webb medal. A spelling contest will next be held for the J. D. Lineberger medal.

The closing exercises of the East-side school will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m., May 28, with a Maypole, pageant and other entertaining outdoor exercises.

Thursday night, May 27, an expression recital will be given in the Central school auditorium by the expression pupils of Miss May Washburn.

The Class Day exercises of the Teachers Training department will be held May 29th.

The Central Elementary grades will give an operetta Thursday night, May 20th, at 7 o'clock. On Friday morning June 4, the annual declamation and recitation contests of the Central elementary school will be held in the Central auditorium.

### Fanning Announces Summer Opening

Fanning's is announcing in the columns of The Star today the summer season opening, to be held Friday afternoon and evening of this week. It promises to be an elaborate event, worthy of the Fanning establishment.

It has been broadly advertised throughout the Piedmont section, and a throng is expected.

The opening follows the remodeling and restocking of the store. Mr. Fanning makes the announcement that the changes in the store just completed are as important from the standpoint of service to the buying public, as was the move from the old Fanning building, up LaFayette St. to the new.

Surveying the store, in its new form, Mr. Fanning said: "I think we have an institution here that the public as well as ourselves should be proud. We take it that it is a store to reflect credit upon any community."

The afternoon opening will be staged at four o'clock. There will be music. All visitors will be escorted over the store, literally from the top story to the basement. The new goods will be shown, the changes in the apartments; in fact the modernizing program will be explained.

The evening opening will be on at eight o'clock.

Attention is called to the four page advertisement of the Fanning Company announcing the details of the big event.



Four years ago James E. Davis was a "tenderfoot" Los Angeles, Calif., policeman. Now is chief, the youngest ever in that city.

## BAPTISTS CONDEMN RACING OF HORSES

Beauty Contest and Card Playing Also Played. Wet Candidate To Lose

Houston, Texas.—Horse racing, beauty contests, card playing and salacious motion picture have been condemned by the Southern Baptist convention.

Resolutions passed at the closing sessions of the annual meeting were vigorously defended by their authors, Dr. M. P. Hunt, of Louisville, and Rev. T. L. Hastings, Monroe, La.

Dr. Hunt, a former secretary of a Kentucky Anti-Race Track Gambling Association, declared that Louisville, after the Kentucky derby, "has more dissolute women, gamblers, bootleggers and criminals generally within its gates than any other city in America for they have been drawn there by the derby."

### Bought By

He charged that the Kentucky Senate had been "bought" by the gamblers and that otherwise the evil would have been put out of the State.

Horse racing, Dr. Hunt said, was the fastest growing business in the country and last year \$500,000,000 was thrown away on it."

Mr. Hastings in presenting his resolution condemning beauty contests and bathing revues, declared they were "productive only of evil, giving opportunity for the lecherous to feast their eyes upon the form of young girls."

The convention vigorously applauded a resolution by Dr. A. J. Barton, of Kansas City, that if the Democrats should nominate a wet candidate for President and the Republicans named a dry candidate, he would vote the Republican ticket.

"A wet Democratic Governor from Maryland," he said, "is no better than a wet Democratic from any other State."

### Dr. Gibbs' Father Dies of Asthma

Mr. J. W. Gibbs, who lives near Mars Hill, in the Asheville vicinity, father of Dr. Gibbs, J. C. Gibbs, and Mrs. Hudson Blanton, all of Shelby, died Sunday last at his home from asthma. He was in his seventy-seventh year. Dr. Gibbs said he had been a sufferer from asthma for ten years. The burial took place Monday, with all the Shelby members of the family attending.

### Chapman Sells Out To George Button

Walter Chapman, who for sometime has operated a printing and specialty job shop on the second floor of the Hoey building, this week sold his shop to George Button for a consideration said to be around \$1,000. Mr. Chapman is now employed with the job department of The Star.

Mr. Chapman also moved this week from the Hoey apartments into his new home near the Shelby hospital.

## RESORT HOTEL WILL CONTINUE SERVICE

Cleveland Springs Officials Will Plan Future Management Of Big Shelby Hotel

A meeting of the directors of the Cleveland Springs Hotel company will be held soon for the purpose of selecting a manager and planning the future operation of the big resort hotel following the tragic death of Mr. Henry L. Vanstory, for several years proprietor of the hotel.

Just what plan the directors will pursue is unknown, and they themselves are probably not aware as yet as to definite plans.

A meeting of the directors had been scheduled for Tuesday to consider other business matters, probably in connection with the development work of Cleveland Springs Estates, which centers around the hotel, but this meeting was called off following the announcement of Mr. Vanstory's death.

However, directors communicated with say that a manager and plan of operation will be selected at the meeting and that the hotel will continue to operate as heretofore. Just whether it will be operated by a manager for the company or a lessee is not known as yet.

The operation of the hotel continues without interruption and will be continued, officials say. Mr. J. C. Vanstory, brother of Mr. Henry Vanstory, is here from Goldsboro and will be in conference with the directors this week. In all probability he will continue his lease with an experienced hotel manager in charge. Mr. Vanstory operates the Hotel Goldsboro and the Hotel Kennon at Goldsboro and is one of the most successful and widely known hotel men in the state.

### Plans Taking Shape For Tent Meeting On Sunday Night

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the big tent revival to be conducted on S. LaFayette street for three weeks beginning Sunday night May 23rd. The tent with a seating capacity of 2,000, has been pitched and will be filled with comfortable seats for the large crowds that will attend each of the services. Mr. Pippin, choir leader at the First Baptist church is making big plans for the organized choir which will be a special feature.

Mr. Padgett returned the first of the week from Houston, Texas where he attended the Southern Baptist convention, while Dr. Wall who also attended the Houston convention stopped over in Mississippi and will not reach Shelby until tomorrow. While Wall and Padgett will launch the meeting, they will receive the hearty co-operation of the ministers from other churches in and surrounding Shelby.

It is planned to invite congregations from near-by rural churches to come on specified dates in order that the meeting might reach its fullest usefulness.

An extensive advertising campaign will be carried on with the view of enlisting the cooperation of the entire town and community.

### Realty Dealers In Meet At Cleveland Hotel On Friday

All the realty dealers of Shelby, their salesmen and assistants will be the guests of Alfred P. Marshall, sales director of the Cleveland Springs Estates, at a luncheon to be held at noon Friday of this week, it is announced.

At that time full details of the plan of reservation for homesites by Shelby people in the Estates will be related.

Following the luncheon the opening drive on the reservation of lots will begin in the big Shelby development.

It was first announced that reservations in the opening section, Hilltop would begin Tuesday. However, due to the illness of one of the engineers engaged in staking and plotting the lots it was necessary to hold off the reservation plan until Friday.

### Lee Hamrick With High Point Firm

Lee R. Hamrick, manager of the furniture department of Gilmer's for the past year and a half, has accepted a position with the Kester Furniture Company, of High Point, and will leave to take up his new job the first of June.

Hamrick is a Shelby "boy" who has made good. He has put over such a job of salesmanship at Gilmer's that the way was paved for his new undertaking. He has many friends in this section who will be glad to hear of his success.

### Shiloh Church Hits Evolution

"We believe the record of creation in Genesis is literal fact and not mere poetry," says a resolution drawn up by members of the Shiloh Baptist church in the Sandy Run Association, and signed by the church clerk and moderator.

The resolution continues to express the belief of the church members that the Bible was divinely inspired, that Jesus Christ was the son of God and not a mere product of evolution, that Christ died to save the world, that the miracles of the Bible are true as well as the resurrection of Christ; that all forms of the doctrine of evolution will be refuted.

The resolutions were adopted "inasmuch as there is a great effort on the part of modernism to belittle the Bible and deny its statements."

A full copy of the resolution may be found on an inside page of today's Star.

## MEASLES GAIN OVER STATE SAYS REPORT

Shelby Has Run Of Mumps. Whooping Cough Above Usual In Various Sections Of State

While in Shelby and about over Cleveland county many cases of mumps are reported, measles and whooping cough seem to be more prevalent than usual over other sections of North Carolina.

A dispatch from Raleigh states that Measles and whooping cough are on the increase rather than decreasing in the State, according to the report for the week ending May 15 made public by the Board of Health, in which 340 cases of measles and 303 cases of whooping cough are reported.

The figures for the same week last year show but 29 cases of measles and only 110 cases of whooping cough, while the expectancy figures, estimated on the average number of cases of those diseases in the same week taken over a period of fifteen years, show that according to this average there should not be more than 240 cases of measles and no more than 240 cases of whooping cough. Both of these expectancy figures are exceeded in this week's report.

The measles epidemic seems to be largely centered in the following counties: Forsyth, with 44 cases; Pitt, 40 cases; Robeson, 34; Guilford, sixteen, and in the two cities, where Greensboro leads with 35 cases, while Asheville, New Bern, Durham and Winston-Salem have ten cases each.

The whooping cough epidemic is centered almost entirely in Carteret county, where there are 97 cases, of which 53 are on Harker's island, while 44 are in the county at large. There are nineteen cases in Davidson county.

Among the cities Durham has the most whooping cough cases with seventeen, while Asheville and Raleigh each have fourteen and Winston-Salem twelve.

Shelby along with the entire section sympathizes with Mrs. Vanstory and her attractive children in their tragic sorrow and loss.

Surviving in the immediate family are Mrs. Vanstory and four young children: Margaret, James, Violet, and Lois Kae. Mrs. Vanstory and children returned to the hotel Monday evening, while Margaret, the eldest child, is now confined with mumps.

Gaston, May 18.—Thomas Dixon, noted author, playwright, and lecturer, has accepted an invitation to address the North Carolina Press Association at a banquet on Thursday night, July 22, at Hickory during the annual convention of the association.

Governor Henry Flood Byrd, of Virginia, has also been invited to address the association and will probably accept.

### MEETING OF THE W. M. U. DIVISION NO. 3

A meeting of the third division of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Kings Mountain Association will be held in the First Baptist church, Shelby, N. C. on Monday afternoon, May 24th, 1926, at 2:30 o'clock.

Since this is the first meeting of this division all the women from each church in the division are urged to attend. All others who are interested will be gladly welcomed. Program:

Hymn; Devotional, Elizabeth Church; Roll Call; What the W. M. U. means to a church; Reports, Mrs. W. L. Packard; Special Music; Mission Study, Mrs. Zeno Wall; General Report; Round table discussion; Hymn.

Mrs. Rush Stroup, Chairman

### Card of Thanks.

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of our husband and father Rollins Roberts.

His Wife and Children

## VANSTORY FUNERAL HELD ON TUESDAY

Services Held At Mother's Home In Lincolnton. Burial There. Many Shelby People Attend

The funeral services of Mr. Henry L. Vanstory, proprietor of Cleveland Springs hotel, were held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of his mother in Lincolnton. Burial was in the cemetery there.

The services were in charge of Dr. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the Shelby Central Methodist church. Many Lincolnton friends and relatives gathered to pay their final respects to the man well-known over the entire section and in addition to the Lincolnton home folks, scores of friends from Shelby and elsewhere over the state were in attendance. The floral tribute was unusually large and beautiful.

### Served Well Here

The deceased was for four years proprietor of the Cleveland Springs hotel and during that time became the friend of hundreds of local people in addition to his large acquaintance among commercial travelers and tourists.

Prior to coming here Mr. Vanstory was assistant manager of the Grove Park Inn, at Asheville, and before that was connected with hotels at Connell Springs, Greensboro, Winston and elsewhere over the state, being one of the best known hotel keepers in the Carolinas.

### Body Not Brought Here

The body of Mr. Vanstory was not brought to Shelby following his tragic death Monday afternoon at his farm in Catawba county, where he fatally shot himself with a single-barrel shot gun. The remains were taken from the farm to his mother's home in Lincolnton, where the funeral services were held.

The four nurses graduating from the training school at the Shelby hospital were: Minnie Ada McCoy, Margaret Euince Crowder, Sarah Roberts and Maggie Sue Atkinson.

The graduating program was opened with selections by the Shelby High school orchestra and invocation by Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Central Methodist church. Prof. J. C. Newton, who made the graduating address, was then introduced by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, who presided over the exercises.

Mr. Newton's instructive and interesting address was followed by the presentation of diplomas by Dr. E. B. Lattimore, president of the hospital staff. The class pins were presented by Miss Ella H. MacNichols, superintendent of the hospital training department, and the benediction was by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid. There were other musical selections by the orchestra, a violin solo by Mrs. John Schenck Jr., and a vocal solo by Mrs. Ben Suttle.

Following the exercises a large number of Shelby people together with visitors and friends of the graduates gathered at the nurses' home on the hospital campus for a big reception.

### Affleck Returns After Visit Here

Phillip G. Affleck, prominent Washington realtor, left Tuesday for his home at Washington, D. C., following a visit here to his valuable property holdings near the Cleveland Springs Estates.

Mr. Affleck, who recently bought a large tract of the D. O. Wilson land for a lake site, announced just before leaving that on his return he would make an announcement of considerable importance to Shelby realty circles.

Among those going were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stamey, Charlie Stamey, Joe Stamey and T. C. Stamey, Jr., Mrs. Mabel Lovelace, Mr. W. D. Lackey, Mr. Hatcher Webb, Mrs. D. D. Lattimore and Dr. G. M. Gold.

### Local Party Off For Hot Springs

A party