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Ed. Dixon Withdraws From Race For Sheriff In Second Primary--- Logan Now Nominee

Asheville Minister Under Charge Visits In Shelby

Dr. Ashley Ghappell, Prominent Preacher, Appears To Be Unfortunate Victim Of Unusual Circumstance.

Shelby was the stage yesterday for the development of one of the most remarkable plots, in which actual human characters played a part, ever recorded. The actors in the unusual, dramatic, and soul-blighting drama, were two pastors—two prominent pastors—of the Methodist church of North Carolina.

One of these was Rev. Ashley Ghappell, D. D., pastor of the fashionable Central Methodist church of Asheville, and ranked as one of the most brilliant men in the Southern church—

Standing accused of immoral conduct.

And the other was Rev. H. K. Boyer, D. D., of Shelby, credited with being the profoundest thinker in the North Carolina pulpit.

Called to defend his co-worker at the bar of the church.

Dr. Ghappell came to Shelby to confer with Dr. Boyer over the line of the defense, and met the local pastor in his study and was closeted with him for several hours going over the evidence.

The trial will be held before a committee of thirteen churchmen at Statesville July 20th.

Meantime Rev. Ghappell, D. D., is in this position: He has been suspended from the pastorate of his fashionable church, but the board of stewards is standing by him as a unit, declaring their belief in his innocence notwithstanding the unusual circumstances of the case.

He is married; has a beautiful and cultured wife who has expressed profoundest confidence in him, and two children. He is forty-five years old.

The alleged offense occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, during the meeting of the general conference of the Methodist church there May 8th.

Learning of the rumor of the story, a representative of The Star went to Dr. Boyer's office yesterday morning and asked the pastor concerning the case. Dr. Boyer is frank, open, as honest as the sunlight, qualities which have endeared him to thousands in this state.

He said: "We haven't anything to conceal, and I am going to tell you the whole story; lay the cards on the table. I consider Dr. Ghappell to be absolutely innocent, and I am defending him with that conviction in mind.

"The circumstances are highly peculiar, and I consider Dr. Ghappell the victim of the most unusual grouping of circumstances I ever heard of. The case is stranger than fiction."

Dr. Boyer then went on to relate the facts back of the charges confronting the minister. Here is an outline of the narrative he told, predicated upon two basic facts upon which the tragedy in the life of the preacher revolve.

One of these is, Dr. Ghappell suffers from the malady of hernia.

The other is, he is a confirmed pedestrian.

One night during the conference sessions he was detained at a committee meeting until after nine o'clock. It so happened that day had been such a busy one that he had not had time for his usual daily constitutional, and upon the adjournment of the committee started out for a three-mile hike.

That's the setting of the stage for the occurrence. Here is what happened.

He had walked but a short distance when the truss, which he wears as a result of the malady from which he suffers, became dislodged. Under such circumstances he is the victim of excruciating pain. He suffered so on this occasion that he came near fainting.

A stranger in Memphis, he did not know in which direction to turn for aid.

Obviously he was in a neighborhood of the poorer section of the town, and what was worse he saw no house immediately around him that was occupied. In his agony he staggered to the door of the building nearest him, which seemed to be a vacant store room. He tried the door; it was locked.

He moved to the corner of the building, which reposed on an alley. He staggered up the alley, and came to some sort of side door. Near the door was a girl—a mulatto girl. At the doorway he met a woman, apparently a negro woman, and asked her if he could be accommodated with a room for a few minutes.

The woman told him, yes, and led him inside. She showed him into a room. He was standing in this room, trying to alleviate his suffering when he heard a commotion outside.

The cops were raiding the place. It was a house of ill-fame he had inadvertently fallen into.

The cops were obviously watching it, and immediately they saw him en-

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Florida Folks Buy In Homeland At Cleveland Springs

When a man is impressed to the extent of investing, "he is really sold on a thing"—as they say in Wall street parlance.

By that barometer the realty development future of Shelby and Cleveland Springs appears more promising than ever.

This week Alfred P. Marshall, developer of Cleveland Springs estates, brought to Shelby a party of leading citizens from his home city of Clearwater, Florida. Many of them were business and civic officials, and it was not Mr. Marshall's intent to sell them real estate. In the weeks ahead he plans to bring many Floridians here and to interest them in Shelby real estate. It was his plan that if this first party of his leading fellow citizens were impressed with Shelby that it would be easy to bring others here on their recommendation.

But—They liked Shelby and Cleveland Springs so well that—not only will they boost it back home—while preparing to leave Friday quite a number of them purchased home sites in "Carolina's Most Dependable Development."

In fact, more than 86 per cent. of the party purchased home sites there. Some plan to build, others see increasing values ahead. With this small scouting party impressed to the extent of investing it is thought big buying parties will practically buy our homeland areas under construction.

Climate, highways, scenery, mineral waters, play facilities and a generally active business trend were Shelby assets with which the visitors were most impressed.

PAVING WORK WILL START HERE SOON

Contractor Who Did First Shelby Job Gets Work. Outline of Streets To Be Paved.

Contracts were awarded to Ely Construction company, of Augusta, Ga., and Zeb Weathers Co., of Shelby, Wednesday night for a program of hard-surfaced street construction calling for an outlay of approximately \$125,000. These were the low bidders in a field of eight bidding for the contract. The Augusta contractors offering to do the black-top hard surfacing at a cost to the city of \$2.00 per square yard, while the home firm will lay all the concrete at \$2.15 per square yard.

The streets to be paved are as follows: The extension of South LaFayette street through South Shelby, W. Graham from the Southern railroad to McBrayer street, Lineberger street, running from Highway No. 20 toward Eastside, and various connecting streets in the blocks surrounding the court square. West Marion and the Charlotte highway will be further widened from the Methodist parsonage to the bounds of the old city limits.

It is interesting to note that the Ely Construction Co., paved the first streets in Shelby, those surrounding the court square, in 1917. Since that time the city's system of paving has been extended until now there are but few important streets in the city left to be hard-surfaced.

Work on these streets will begin at once, probably within the next two weeks. Although no further construction is planned at this date, several requests for paving in other sections of town have been received, and it is probable that other construction will be discussed some time in the near future.

Blaze Starts From Bolt Of Lightning

W. H. Queen, painter and paper hanger of Shelby, who lives on South DeKalb street annex, is a lucky man—the luckiest man in town.

During the storm of last Monday lightning struck his home, ripped up part of the chimney, ignited a spark that caught a pair of hose on the closet floor belonging to Mrs. Queen—but the fire died there.

When Mrs. Queen, who was absent from the house at the time, returned, she saw upon the floor a quantity of debris, and later discovered where the fire had started.

Lightning tore a hole through the attic, and ran down the chimney. The damage was slight.

A First Lady?



—NEA, Cleveland Bureau
Mary Miller Fisher, daughter of John S. Fisher, of Indiana county, Pa., may be the next first lady of Pennsylvania. Her father, a politician, is the Republican nominee for governor of the Keystone State.

Half Holiday Seems Likely

Plans for a weekly half-holiday among the Shelby stores were thoroughly discussed at a meeting of representatives in the chamber of commerce office this week. Although only eighteen were present, the gathering was very enthusiastic over the plans presented by secretary Newton.

These plans were that all stores should close one afternoon a week, preferably Thursday, during the months of July and August, that all dry-goods stores should close at 9 o'clock on Saturday nights, and that all grocery stores should have the later hour of 10 o'clock for their closing time on these nights.

Due to the fact that several business houses were without representatives, no formal vote was taken on the propositions. However, a committee of three disinterested parties will be appointed by secretary Newton some time in the near future to circulate petitions among the merchants of the town relative to the three questions under discussion.

ADVANCE BILLS ON DEVELOPMENT AGENT

Home Office of Wildacres Claims Exemption From Responsibilities of Local Agent.

Wildacres Development company, with branch office in Shelby, claimed exemption Thursday from all debts incurred by their agent B. L. Jay. This came as the result of communication established with them by Bennett and Edwards, law firm of the city, in regard to sums totalling around \$800 owed, it is said to Dr. Morrison for office rent, and the Shelby Book Supply company for furniture.

Mr. Bennett stated Thursday that the Wildacres Co. claimed to have a contract with their representative absolving them from all obligations of this nature and making him wholly responsible for them. Acting on this, they are planning to prosecute Jay, it is said for the amount of the bills as soon as they can secure the removal of the case to Cleveland county. If further developments show that responsibility devolves upon the home office, suit will be entered against them for collection, it is further said.

Earl Will Succeed Neely As Manager

J. Q. Earl, a native of Cleveland county, who has been manager of the Efirid store at Laurinburg for the past five or six years, is coming to Shelby to succeed G. W. Neely as manager of the local store, it has been announced.

Mr. Earl is slated to take charge on Monday.

Mr. Neely has been appointed, as was told in Wednesday's Star, to the assistant managership of the Charlotte store.

RADIO PROGRAM IS BOOST FOR SHELBY

Shelby's Assets And Opportunities Put On Air Out of Clearwater, Fla. Many Listen In

"Shelby must quit hiding her light under a bushel basket, and put on a campaign of advertising that will make the world, especially the tourist world, sit up and take notice," according to Mr. R. G. Lawrence, prominent Floridian of Clearwater, Fla., who is now spending some time in Shelby. He has two slogans, the slogans that he claims gave Florida her place in the sun—"It pays to advertise," and "Tell the world."

Mr. Lawrence says that the "City of Springs" in his estimation has attractions that surpass those of Asheville and Hendersonville, that her year round climate has no equal anywhere in the country, and that the only thing necessary now is a campaign of intensified, personalized, organized advertising.

The program broadcast from station WGHB at Clearwater last Wednesday night expressed the same opinions as those held by Mr. Lawrence. It was given in honor of the Florida delegation now visiting at Shelby's premier resort hotel, and many radio fans over the city listened-in to the praise coming from Florida of Western North Carolina in general, and Shelby in particular. The program was diversified, consisting of a variety of musical selections, as well as the feature address by Mr. Hansplant, acting vice-president of the Clearwater chamber of commerce.

Mr. Hansplant, after a welcome to his fellow townsmen listening in on the program, launched into a discussion of the advantages possessed by Western North Carolina and of the possibility of a cooperative advertising campaign between the two sections. He mentioned the attraction to tourists of a winter home in Florida and a summer home in the western part of the state.

It is interesting to note that the expense of such a program as that broadcast the other night runs well between \$500 and \$600.

Mr. Lawrence's primary purpose in visiting North Carolina is to investigate the possibilities of routing north and south bound travel through Shelby. He stressed the necessity, both psychological and actual, of a road system second to none in the South, since impressions carried away by tourists rests mainly on their memory of the conditions of the roads over which they pass. The entire party was agreeably surprised to find that the city had such a central location in regard to the road system and resort centers of the state, and that the highway program in the county was progressing at such a rapid rate.

Mr. Lawrence concluded the interview with the highest praise for Alfred P. Marshall, new owner of Cleveland Springs, and stated that real estate development in the city had a man behind it in Mr. Marshall who was well-financed, second to none in his ability to "do things," and who would absolutely do what he promised for the city and section. All he needs is plenty of help in "Boosting Shelby."

Near Serious Crash On Thursday Morning

Taxi Sedan Crashes Into Truck Street Junction. Both Cars Are Damaged.

A wreck that came near being of fatal consequence occurred near the junction of DeKalb and Gidney streets Thursday morning about three o'clock, when Syd Nolan, local taxi driver, crashed into the rear end of a truck belonging to Grover Howell. The truck was parked under a shed at the side of Howell's home, and Nolan, driving a Cadillac sedan that belonged to Plato Grigg, drove straight up the driveway leading to the shed, struck the truck squarely and almost completely demolished his car. Some damage was also done to the truck.

The causes of the peculiar accident are a matter of conjecture. Nolan states that his intention was to follow the road that leads on down through Curtistown, but through mistake and bad lights, he mistook the driveway for the road. The impact of the collision knocked the truck through the garage wall.

Nolan's injuries, so far as is known are not of serious nature. He sustained bruises about the breast and face, with possibility of further internal injuries, but Friday morning he was resting fairly well at his home on Suttle street.

Former Deputy Decides To Remain Out Of Run-off Race

After Re-Considering Several Angles Dixon, Who Made Good Showing In First Primary, Leaves Logan As Nominee.

PLAN COTTON BALL FOR NEXT FRIDAY

Big Luncheon Meeting Will Be Closed With Mammoth Dance Boosting in Cotton Industry.

Plans are now on foot to stage a big "Cotton Ball" at Cleveland Springs on next Friday night as the closing number of the big luncheon club gathering. The dance will be featured by the awarding of prizes to the three ladies with the best cotton costumes, and the winner will be crowned as "Princess Cotton of Piedmont Carolina."

As detailed by the Shelby Cotillion club and textile leaders the "weas more cotton" theme will be carried out throughout the dance. With several hundred people here for the gathering of business men during the half day and scores of others coming for the ball, a huge crowd is expected. Textile leaders of the section will offer cash prizes to the three outstanding cotton costumes worn by ladies and practically all of those taking part in the dance will be clothed in cotton goods.

An hour of square dancing, the hobby of Henry Ford, will open the program. The old-fashioned square dances will be followed by a Charleston exhibition by Shelby's champion Charleston stepper. Then the big dance will begin. Shelby's young social set will invite dozens of friends from nearby towns and cities to attend the event and scores of the older folks are expected to be on hand for the square dances.

With the families of luncheon clubs and chamber of commerce members coming from a half-dozen towns the lobby of the big resort hotel should be filled with dancers and on-lookers.

As planned now the ball will be different from the usual script dance in that there will be no charges for couples entering. Through the courtesy of Mr. Alfred P. Marshall, of Cleveland Springs, the Tar Heel Syncopators, crack Shelby orchestra, will furnish music for the occasion.

Name Committees.

At a meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club Thursday evening plans were perfected for the big gathering Friday night and committees were appointed to look after the various parts of the afternoon program.

Committees named by J. D. Lineberger, president of the club, were: Golf—Charles L. Eskridge and Jean Schenk.

Horseshoes—Josh Lattimore and John W. Doggett.

Tennis—J. H. Grigg and Reuben McBrayer.

Swimming and diving—Dick Gurlley.

Golf exhibition—Chas. L. Eskridge and W. H. Lyle.

Present Memorial At Presbyterian Church

Memorial Bulletin Board Presented To Church as Memorial to Late Mrs. L. M. Hull, Devoted Member

Special features will mark the services at the Presbyterian church Sunday. At the close of the morning worship a handsome bulletin board will be presented to the congregation by Mr. L. M. Hull as a memorial to Mrs. Hull. An appropriate service, unveiling the memorial, will be conducted on the church lawn where the bulletin board has been erected. This service will be held immediately following the morning worship, and no doubt will be largely attended.

At 9:45 the Sunday school will begin its work under the direction of J. S. McKnight, superintendent. Rev. H. N. McDiarmid will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. His morning subject will be "Christ in the Home." "A Puzzled Landlord" will be the evening tonic. The choir will sing "Praise Ye the Father" (Gounod) in the morning; and "How Long Must We Wait?" in the evening. At 6:45 p. m. there will be a joint meeting of the junior and senior Christian Endeavor societies to hear the reports from the representatives of the young people's conference recently held at Davidson college. To all the activities of this church the public is invited.

There will be no race for the sheriff's office in Cleveland county's second primary.

This was definitely decided yesterday when Ed. W. Dixon, of Belwood, second man to Sheriff Logan in the first race, made official announcement to The Star that he had withdrawn from the second race.

This leaves Sheriff Hugh Logan unopposed in the second primary, and consequently he is the Democratic nominee for sheriff—which in reality means that he will be the next sheriff succeeding himself, as there are no indications of a political turn-over in the county.

There has been talk for several days that Mr. Dixon might decide to withdraw, but such was not ascertained for a certainty until he made his announcement to The Star.

In making his decision the popular Belwood man will likely find that he has made himself stronger with the county and in his announcement he reveals a fine feeling of consideration for the voters of Cleveland. He says in that connection:—"I am convinced that it would be for the best interest of the Democratic party and all concerned if I withdrew."

Mr. Dixon, a former deputy under Sheriff Logan, made a fine record as an officer and is considered one of the most substantial and trustworthy citizens of the county, as was made evident by the votes he received in the first primary. In political circles it is talked that the decision of Dixon will likely rebound in his future favor—meaning that by saving voters additional trouble and by keeping a complete harmony in the party that his thoughtfulness may be rewarded in time to come.

Other Races On

With the withdrawal of Dixon political activity will center on the race for clerk of superior court between A. M. Hamrick and George D. Washburn. There are no indications now that would likely change this race, it is said. So on July 3 Cleveland county people will cast their votes for only two offices that of clerk and for superior court solicitor, the candidates for the latter being San Erwin, Jr., of Morganton, and Spurgeon Spurling, of Lenoir.

Dixon's Statement
Following is the complete state-

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COUNTY GIRL WINS LAKE LURE PRIZE

Miss Helen Cabiness Gets Award Among 3,000. Shelby Was Gateway To Big Opening Festivities There.

Chimney Rock.—With more than 3,000 names of persons in attendance registering their home addresses as guests of Lake Lure for the day's opening festivities, it was unanimously decided that the ten dollar gold piece donated by Dr. Morse, should be awarded to Miss Helen Cabiness, of Shelby RFD 4.

While the presentation was being made motion picture cameras clicked away recording this portion of a ceremony which all present declare marks an era in the progress of this portion of Western North Carolina. Shelby and Cleveland county, as a gateway is playing its part in putting over this largest development in the state. The regular line of Lake Lure busses make the night or luncheon stop daily, and sometimes several each day, at the Cleveland Springs hotel.

Other prizes awarded at the laying of the cornerstone were as follows: oldest person present, L. J. Leebetter, aged 79, who participated in the flag raising on top of Chimney Rock in 1916, awarded a handsome bound volume of Azure Lure; J. P. Edgerton, a blind citizen of Buncombe county, aged 75 received a similar award.

Major Lawrence W. Young of the U. S. Army, Honolulu, received a handsome traveling bag for having traveled the greatest distance from his home to Lake Lure. Little Miss Virginia Milner, daughter of Willis J. Milner, jr., was presented a souvenir doll for officially deciding that the prize of ten dollars in gold, offered by Dr. L. B. Morse, president, should go to Miss Helen Cabiness, of Shelby.