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Boyer Consults Chappell About Minister's Defense

Reported That Friends Are None Too Loyal. Three Former Shelby Pastors in Trial.

That Rev. Ashley Chappell, D. D., pastor of the fashionable Central Methodist church of Asheville, charged with immoral conduct and suspended from his pulpit pending trial, is crushed by the blow that has fallen upon him, it is word brought to Shelby by reliable authorities following the case.

And it is said that Mrs. Chappell takes the circumstance even harder than her husband. Already, it is said, friends are giving both the pastor and his handsome wife the cold shoulder, notwithstanding his trial has not yet come off, and is still more than two weeks ahead, being set for the 20th of July.

It develops that not only the counsel for the defense at the trial has been chosen from Shelby in the person of Rev. H. K. Boyer, pastor of Central Methodist church here, but the jury to set upon the case will include three former Shelby pastors of the Central church—Rev. A. L. Stanford, who recently left this charge for a Charlotte church; Rev. George D. Herman and Rev. W. E. Poovey.

Dr. Boyer left Shelby Thursday afternoon for Asheville to consult with Dr. Chappell. That the conference was prolonged and important was indicated by the fact that Dr. Boyer had not returned to the city as late as Friday, he having expected to be back at his desk here Friday morning.

It is said the attitude of certain of Dr. Chappell's former close friends and some members of his congregation in adopting a program of ostracism toward him, has hurt him immensely, and made him realize the full import of the charge against him.

The minister is being made to realize it is said that no matter what the verdict of the jury may be, that he may expect to face a cold and hostile world from this time on.

When these facts were brought to the attention of Dr. Boyer, who is stoutly defending Dr. Chappell in every word he utters in connection with the case, the minister said the fact is inexplicable to him how many men and women will do all in their power to drive a man downward who is embarrassed by circumstances.

"Many people," said Dr. Boyer "do not want to get the facts of a case, as in this instance, but jump at conclusions, and instead of giving one who is buffeted by adverse circumstance the benefit of a reasonable doubt, proceed to do all they can to sink him deeper in the mire."

"Such seems to be an unfortunate phase of human nature," Dr. Boyer was asked if the statement which has been made here that Dr. Chappell had no money in his pocket when he was caught in the alleged house of ill fame, is true. He replied that Dr. Chappell had three dollars in his pocket, which the police confiscated.

The defense is collecting a large number of affidavits to be used at the trial, some of these pointing clearly, it is said, to the innocence of the accused.

It was at first thought that other counsel would be admitted to the case, both on the side of the defense and for the prosecution, but lately it was decided that representation will be confined to Dr. Boyer, acting for Chappell, and Rev. C. M. Pickens, D. D., of Albemarle, for the prosecution.

The chairman of the trial committee, who is the trial judge, will be Rev. Dr. Prettyman, of Gastonia.

City Fireman Goes To Truck Factory

Mapes Newman, one of the members of the Shelby Fire department leaves tonight for Elmira, New York, where he goes to learn the construction and operation of the new six cylinder fire truck which the town of Shelby has purchased from the American LaFrance Co. Mr. Newman will be gone about six weeks, the purpose of his trip being to study the construction and operation of this modern fire fighting apparatus which pumps 750 gallons of water per minute and is fully equipped with fire fighting devices.

This move is made under the supervision of Shelby's new fire organization under the direction of Chief Herman Eskridge.

Mr. Roy Newman, for years one of the city firemen, is back on his old beat at the fire department.

Webb Building At Kings Mt. Going Up

Kings Mountain—The new Webb building opposite the postoffice is going up. Excavation has been completed and the brick has been going into the walls for a week. The front will be of white pressed brick.

Two Banks Pay Out \$18,000 In Dividends

Dividends are welcome and year and the First National and Union Trust company are distributing their regular dividends today to the amount of \$18,000 for both institutions. The First National is paying regular six percent semi-annual dividend on its capital of \$250,000 and this amounts to \$15,000 to the shareholders. The remainder of the profit is being added to undivided profits increasing this item to \$190,000.

The Union Trust company with headquarters in Shelby and maintaining branches at Lattimore, Fallston, and Lawndale is paying its regular three percent semi-annual dividend which amounts to \$3,000. Sufficient funds is being added to its surplus to increase this item to \$60,000.

TO CUT UNWORTHY ADVERTISING OUT

The following letter has gone to all merchants of Shelby from secretary J. C. Newton of the chamber of commerce in which he asks the merchants to cooperate with a secret advertising committee in eliminating unworthy and ineffective advertising propositions which will save \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year if the merchants will not buy community advertising from any one unless they have the written approval of the secret advertising committee.

The letter follows: "The Shelby chamber of commerce desires to express to you its appreciation of your efforts in its behalf, financial and otherwise, and to offer you any service it is capacitated to perform in keeping with the civic, industrial, and commercial progress of the town."

"The board of directors feel that the chamber of commerce can be of inestimable value to the merchants and business men of Shelby by making this organization the medium through which all community advertising is to be effected. They believe that Shelby has been, and is now, considered 'easy meat' for the fake advertiser, and that enormous sums of money are wasted annually in unworthy advertising. With these facts before them, and motivated by the firm belief that they can save you time and expense by eliminating all community advertising that does not react to the benefit and profit of the town, they have appointed a SECRET ADVERTISING COMMITTEE whose duty is to pass upon the merits of all advertising of a community nature. Your responsibility in making effective our efforts in this field, is to refuse to subscribe to any form of advertising of the character mentioned above that does not bear the written endorsement and approval of the chamber of commerce. In this matter alone the chamber of commerce can save the town from five to ten thousand dollars per year, an amount equivalent if not greater than the total cost of operating the chamber of commerce for one year."

"We believe that your cooperation in this matter will react both to your advantage and to the benefit of the town, and if we can be of further assistance to you in any way do not hesitate to command us."

Expect Completion Of Road In October

Engineer B. M. Graham of the State highway commission organization, says the hard-surfacing of highway No. 20 between Shelby and Rutherford county line will be completed sometime in October if the present rate of construction continues. About 500 feet of base and surface is being put down daily and at present the force is working near Mrs. J. D. Putnam's and going in the direction of Mooresboro. About August 1st the force will move equipment to the Dover mill to which point material will be shipped for construction of this end of the project. As is already known, the surface is cement instead of asphalt and many motorists declare this to make a much smoother surface.

County Ranks Low In School Budget

Cleveland county ranks in no proud position in state educational circles speaking from the standpoint of school expenditures. According to the University News Letter the county ranks 83rd in current school expenditure per rural child. This expenditure is \$116.77.

Rutherford, Lincoln and Catawba counties rank considerably higher than Cleveland.

Mercury Climbs To 96 During Thursday

"Off and on" weather has been the booking for Shelby during the past week. Cool days, warm days, hot days and cool nights.

Thursday the Elbeftoft thermometer a conservative standard, climbed back up to 96, the highest point since the recent cool spell. Just what has been the highest point reached by the mercury this year in Shelby is not known, although the weather of Thursday was exceeded quite a bit in heat by the weather of a month ago.

Woman Heads B. & L. League In District

Rutherfordton, July 1.—Miss Virginia Grayson, secretary-treasurer of the Citizens Building and Loan association was last week elected president of the Ninth district of the state building and loan league, it became known here yesterday. She is the first woman to ever hold this honor. She has been the efficient secretary of the local building and loan for many years. The ninth district comprises the counties of Burke, Cleveland, Catawba, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Rutherford and contains some of the strongest associations in the state.

Big Cotton Crop For County Seen Ahead On Farms

Another near record cotton crop for Cleveland county this year is the latest prediction.

The rains that fell following special prayer services have made such seem a possibility, according to prominent farm leaders.

In fact, the most pessimistic of farmers in the county have little to kick about now in regards to cotton—that is, except the price.

Former Senator Sam C. Lattimore declares that his crop this year promises to be his best, and numerous other farm leaders make similar statements. Following the recent rains numerous farmers have been heard to express themselves as looking for a big crop.

Only a few weeks ago the farm out look over the county was one overshadowed by clouds—clouds that did not contain rain.

With anything like a decent rice for their cotton farmers of the county feel sure of a prosperous fall.

Half Holiday Not A Reality

Shelby business houses, generally speaking, did not observe Thursday afternoon past as half-holiday as a result of confusion arising over a general misunderstanding about the half holiday closing movement planned to have started last Thursday.

It was stated in an issue of The Star last week that a large number of merchants had signed a petition agreeing to close, and those signing the petition were given by signatures on the petition. However, some of those signing state that they understood that by their agreement they were to close only if the majority of the merchants reached a similar agreement. The majority did not so rule, they say, and a large number of the business houses remained open owing to the confusion. However, some local business places were closed for the afternoon, most of them being groceries.

Apparently the general impression gained now is that the half day closing will not be observed. At least a number of leading merchants have expressed themselves thusly.

Dr. Frazier Speaks At Kiwanis Meeting

Dr. W. H. Frazier, president of the Charlotte Kiwanis club and president of Queens college was the chief speaker at the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club with the program in charge of Max Washburn. Both Frazier and Washburn made the trip to the Kiwanis International which met in Montreal and Dr. Frazier's speech was devoted mainly to a report on the great vision of world peace by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Because of the summer season when many members of the local club will be away for the summer, it was decided to hold meetings every other Thursday night during July and August and by unanimous vote the club agreed to pay the Cleveland Springs hotel \$1 per plate for dinner, Manager J. D. Lineberger showing that the actual cost of the raw food for Thursday night was 60 cents per individual fed. A much better feed is promised at the \$1 charge.

Mrs. Jessie Francis Back In Jail Here

It's not hardly news any more—that Jessie May Francis is back in the Cleveland county jail.

And future chapters in an already noted case promise to be continued in the future.

Officer Bob Kendrick, working it is said, on the instigation of her bondsman, visited Asheville Wednesday night and found the woman, bringing her to the county jail here to await Superior court during the latter part of the month.

Mrs. Francis, in court here several times, was under bond for a hearing at court several months ago, but disappeared on the opening day of the session and has been elsewhere since.

ASK REQUISITION OF SHELBY NATIVE

Attorneys Say McKinney Returned Auto. Requests Comes Up To Governor McLean

Raleigh, July 1.—Governor McLean has under consideration a requisition from the State of Florida for return of C. S. McKinney, of Shelby, charged there with failure to make payments on an automobile which he bought while in that state.

Florida officials charge that McKinney bought an automobile there last year, paid a part on it, agreed not to leave the State with it until he had completed payment for it, and then left with it.

Attorneys representing the wanted man, meeting with the Governor here yesterday afternoon, said that McKinney had returned the automobile to the concern from whom he purchased it, after he had found that he was unable to complete payment for it. They testify that in all he paid the Florida concern around \$610.

Governor McLean announced that he would make his decision after a further consideration.

Ten Days Grace To Buy Automobile Tags

Hundreds Have Not Yet Purchased State and City License Plates. Urged To Get Theirs

North Carolina and Shelby automobile license plates expired Wednesday at midnight and as yet hundreds of motorists have not equipped themselves with new plates.

R. A. Doughton, state commissioner of revenue, has authorized a ten-day extension of time to secure state license and Mayor A. P. Weather states that the city of Shelby will give a similar period of grace.

Motorists are urged by Commissioner Doughton and Coleman W. Roberts, vice president of the Carolina Motor club which is distributing state tags from 28 offices, to purchase plates promptly and not wait until the end of the ten day's period of grace. Practically all of the Carolina Motor club offices will discontinue sale of plates on July 10, Mr. Roberts said.

Plates go on sale at 8:30 a. m. and the offices close at 5 p. m. Under a ruling of the department of revenue license clerks are not permitted to accept checks for plates, although Carolina Motor club offices cash checks for members.

Commissioner Doughton has announced that there will positively be no extension of the 10 days' grace period and that motorists who do not have license by July 10 are subject to fine as provided by statute.

STAR WILL POST PRIMARY RETURNS

The Star on Saturday night will gather the unofficial returns of the county's second primary and post these returns as they come in on the bulletin board in front of the office.

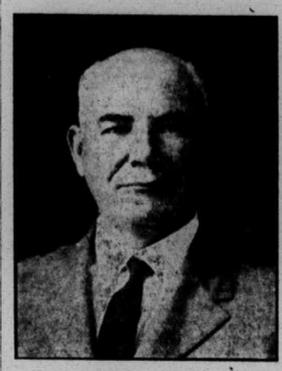
Election officials, judges and registrars, may greatly assist The Star by telephoning or sending in their precinct vote just as soon as it is counted.

The general public is invited to take advantage of this service, which will be approximately correct, although not official.

It's a matter of take-your-choice

Shelby Carrier Has Covered 216,000 Miles On Mail Route

"Gov" Hawkins Could Have Circled World 12 Times On His Working Mileage. Has Delivered Two Million Pieces.



G. V. HAWKINS.

When it comes to getting over the ground Shelby has an entrant for prize-winning honors.

He's none other than G. V. Hawkins, rural letter carrier of Shelby, and president of the North Carolina Letter Carriers' association.

In his 24 years of service on the mail routes of Cleveland county, Hawkins, better known as "Gov.", has reeled off over 216,000 miles. Meaning that his total mileage would have taken him around the world one dozen times.

In that time he has delivered approximately 2,000,000 pieces of mail. That's what even Uncle Sam in his exacting role as employer would call "service."

And perhaps that's why Mr. Hawkins is the retiring president of the state association of men who cover ground in performing their life work.

Retires As President Mr. Hawkins, who is carrier on Shelby Route 2, will automatically go out of office as president next week when the association of rural letter carriers meet in Sanford.

Convention for Shelby As retiring president Mr. Hawkins will have considerable influence with the convention and he stated this week that he believes he can swing the next convention to Shelby if the town is sufficiently interested to make it known in the proper manner. Officials of the city, chamber of commerce, and other civic organizations are expected to take up his suggestion and wire the convention an invitation to gather in "The City of Springs" in 1927.

In the point of service Carrier Hawkins is one of the oldest carriers in this section of the state, having entered the service September 1, 1902. In the 24 years he has witnessed many changes over the routes he has covered. Style of mail has changed in various ways, but love letters still hold their usual sway as Hawkins has observed in the two dozen years of delivering them. Just how many friends "Gov." has made during the years he has been looked forward to as the "mail man" is unknown, but today he is one of the best known men in the county, and when the state association named him their president his worth was well recognized.

Under the present postal laws Mr. Hawkins has 14 more years to serve before reaching the age of retirement, and from present appearances he will be on his route in 1940.

Politics Warm In County On Eve Of Second Primary

Thursday Sees First Real Activity of Second Primary Here. Work Hard For Solicitor.

It's boiling! The proverbial old political pot in Cleveland county.

Since the first primary little has been heard of the second primary, but Thursday things changed like unto the first ballot battle. By late Thursday evening campaigning was at its height in various sections of the county, including Shelby and Kings Mountain.

Unlookers say that there was more campaigning during the day and night Thursday than during the interval since the first primary. This rejuvenated interest is continuing unabated tonight with a grand climax expected tonight on the eve of voting day.

CLEARWATER FOLKS COMING TO SHELBY

Recent Visitors Write Back About Houses Here. Others Ask Information On Living Costs

Shelby's climate carried an appeal back to Clearwater, Florida, through the delegation that recently visited Cleveland Springs Estates and other sections of Western Carolina.

Mr. S. T. Wickens, of Clearwater, a member of the party here some weeks ago, has written the office of Cleveland Springs Estates asking them to secure a six-room house for 60 days for his family and some friends who wish to spend a part of the summer in Shelby.

They plan to come up about July 15, it is said. Mr. Wickens added that although he wasn't interested in purchasing property now that he liked Shelby on his visit and thought it a fine place to spend a portion of the summer season.

Along with the letter came inquiries from two Florida ladies asking for hotel rates and other information about the town. They heard of Shelby through members of the recent delegation.

Mr. D. R. Keys, another member of the party, has written back that he was thoroughly impressed with the town and for equal climate thought it had no equal. He stated that he would not likely get back this summer, but hoped to be able to spend next summer in Shelby.

Recent delegations visiting Shelby have carried back boosting reports of the town and little by little the value of these visitors are being heard. Almost daily the mails bring in queries and letters about Shelby, resulting from the chamber of commerce booklets.

Observe Lord's Supper At Presbyterian Church

No celebration of the Fourth has been planned for Shelby, but it is generally understood that practically all of the business houses of the city will be closed during the day Monday, July 5.

It is definitely known that all the banks will be closed during the day and numerous business houses have announced their intention of also closing following an unwritten custom of several years, the Monday closing coming in view of the fact that the Fourth falls on Sunday.

This announcement does not intentionally speak for all the business houses of Shelby, for a complete canvass of the business section was not made.

The following merchants have signed a petition agreeing to close on Monday: Efrid's Department store, Roses, Alexander Jewelry, Gilmer's Inc., Blanton-Wright Clothing Co., W. L. Fanning and Co., Kelley Clothing Co., J. C. McNeely company, Nix and Lattimore, Wray-Hudson Co., J. C. Penney Co., T. W. Hamrick Co.

Forest City Banks Announce Merger

Rutherfordton, June 30.—Beginning Thursday morning, July 1, Forest City had only one bank, the Farmers Bank and Trust company, the stockholders having decided at a joint meeting last Friday afternoon to merge the National Bank of Forest City with the Farmers Bank and Trust company. The new and larger bank will occupy the spacious new home of the National bank, completed last spring, facing the square. The Farmers bank will move in Wednesday night. The officers and directors of the national bank have been added to the board of directors of the Farmers Bank and Trust company. J. H. Thomas is president, while M. W. Harris will be active president. Mr. Harris has been cashier of the National bank since its organization. The combined capital stock of the merged banks, or the Farmers Bank and Trust company, will be \$250,000 with a surplus of \$250,000 and total resources of about \$3,500,000.

Lattimore Speaks At Columbia Meet

Former State Senator Sam C. Lattimore was one of the speakers before the district Federal Land Bank appraisers at Columbia, S. C., today. Mr. Lattimore, recently nominated for county commissioner by Cleveland county Democrats, spoke on what North Carolina's good roads have meant to farm values and incidentally passed along a boost or so for the county.

Attending the meeting were land appraisers from the four states making up the third district.

MRS. B. C. HOUSER IS SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOSPITAL

The many friends of Mrs. B. C. Houser will regret to learn that she is not responding readily to treatment at the Shelby hospital. Mrs. Houser has been sick since last Saturday.

Snake Which Rode A Car Is Killed

The snake story which Renn Drum carried in last issue of "Around Our Town" has had a tragic ending, for death overcame the snake which stole a ride in a Chevrolet belonging to Mr. Bate Hamrick. Mr. Hamrick learns that John Hunt who was driving in another car behind him, saw the snake drop from the oil pan of the Hamrick car at the new pump station one mile east of the Buice store near the Dover mill. Mr. Hunt killed the snake and hung it on a limb to bring a refreshing rain on the crops. It will be remembered that when Mr. Hamrick was talking to friends at the Buice store when the snake, running across the road, was chased by men around the store and the snake scooped up in the oil pan of the car. A thorough search failed to locate the reptile and Mr. Hamrick proceeded to drive away, of course feeling all the time that the serpent might appear beside him on the seat. Mr. Hamrick was prepared to leave the car to the snake at a break-neck speed. For a day or two he had a constant fear that the snake was an unseen passenger with him, but he learned yesterday that John Hunt, who trailed behind him to watch the snake-car, that Mr. Snake dropped out after a mile ride and was killed. And so ends the most unusual snake story of the season.

Smurling, originally a native of Cleveland, will poll a big vote on that basis, especially in his home section, and on the other hand Ervin's popularity as a prosecutor and with the ex-service men will at least give him a handsome vote.

It's a matter of take-your-choice