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Three New Ordinances Are Adopted By City Fathers

It Is Now the Law That the Traffic Signals Must Be Obeyed—Wagner Gets Piping Contract.

Three new ordinances were adopted by the city fathers at their regular meeting held Tuesday night in the city hall, F. L. and L. J. Wagner were awarded the contract to lay water mains in the Eastside village and a delegation of ladies living on E. Graham street were heard in protest against the erection of a colored church in that vicinity. It was also reported that the \$125,000 bond issue for street improvement had been approved by the bond buyers and that the money will arrive shortly and be deposited in the First National and Cleveland Bank and Trust company until the money will be needed on the contract now under way.

Must Regard Signals
Perhaps the ordinance of most public interest is one pertaining to the traffic signals recently erected at six street intersections. All traffic approaching street crossings within the town of Shelby at which are located traffic signals, shall keep their vehicles under immediate control and shall not pass over said crossings except when the signal indicates "go". No traffic waiting for the display of the signal "go" to appear, shall encroach upon the white lines which indicate the line of traffic for pedestrians and no traffic shall enter any such crossing while the signal bell is ringing immediately preceding the change of signals.

Then the new traffic law goes on to read "Right hand turns may be made at all intersections at any time and left hand turns may be made at all intersections except the intersections at Warren and LaFayette and Marion and LaFayette streets, but through traffic shall have the right-of-way over traffic making turns. Anyone violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction fined the sum of \$10."

Other New Ordinances.
A second new ordinance provides that no person, firm or corporation shall tap or make connection with any of the water or sewer pipes without first applying for and obtaining a permit to do so and if it becomes necessary to dig through the pavement, the fact must be so stated in the application and a permit will be granted the person, firm or corporation receiving such permit, to pay for mending the street pavement. Heretofore the city has been greatly annoyed by the cutting of the pavement for water and sewer taps, and plumbing companies leaving the holes unended.

Another ordinance provides that no building which is intended to provide a gathering place for the public generally, shall be erected fronting on any paved street of the town of Shelby which has a width of less than 50 feet and no building permit shall be granted for the erection of any such building upon any of such narrow streets within the town. Any person or persons, association or corporation attempting to so erect any such public building in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined the sum of \$50 and each day's violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

Do You Have Your City Auto License?

Chief Hamrick gives fair warning in this issue of The Star for motorists who have not purchased their city auto license tags, to do so at once or be cited to appear before court. The city has a license tag which costs \$1 for each passenger car and there are around 1,000 to 1,200 passenger cars owned within the corporate limits.

In addition to the auto license, Chief Hamrick calls attention to the fact that there is a special license tax on all business houses, and that the license year begins with June 1st. Thirty days have elapsed and as this tax is payable in advance, all business firms and corporation required to pay such a tax, should do so at once. Recently there was added a trash tax, the funds arising from this tax to be used in adding more workmen and trucks to the street cleaning department.

PROHIBITION OFFICERS CHARGED WITH SELLING

Bryson City, July 7.—Jess Ball, Ralph Garrett, Charlie Branton and Osborne Burchfield were bound over to superior court under bonds of \$1,000 at a preliminary hearing today of the case in which they are charged with wounding Sam Scrim, negro chauffeur of C. K. C. Ausley, prominent Georgia business man. Ball and Garrett were also placed under bonds of \$300 each for offering for sale and possessing whiskey.

Shelby Infantrymen "O. K." Report Says

Report Reaching Here That Member of Company Was Drowned in False, Wires Austell.

All members of Company K, 120th Infantry, Shelby militia unit, are safe and sound—is the substance of a wire received here Thursday night from First Lieut. Mike H. Austell.

In some unknown manner a report was scattered about the streets of Shelby Wednesday stating that a member of the Shelby company had been drowned in the Atlantic surf off Morehead City, near where the company is in annual encampment at Camp Glenn. No one seemed to know the origin of the report and numerous persons told the report as an actuality, causing considerable worry among parents and relatives of the company here and over the county.

Thursday to get the straight of the story, The Star wired Lieutenant Austell about the matter and received in return the following wire: "Report False. No one drowned. All well and happy."

McLean Likely To Attend County Fair

Governor of State Writes That Unless Something Comes Up He Will Open County Fair

Governor Angus W. McLean will in all probability attend the opening day of the Cleveland county fair this fall, according to information contained in a letter from the governor to Dr. J. S. Dorton, secretary of the fair.

Governor McLean was urged some time back to attend the big farm event but at that time expressed the idea that he would hardly get to attend. Since that date several urgent invitations have been forwarded him, explaining the mammoth size of the fair, the largest county fair in the Carolinas, and the recent letter states that unless important business or other matter that must be attended at once come up he will in all likelihood get here.

The presence of North Carolina's business governor should add to the thousands expected for opening day, and Cleveland county little acquainted with the Lumberton statesman looks forward with eagerness to his coming.

Dr. Dorton daily plans something new for the entertainment of visitors and for the betterment of the agricultural exposition. A great amount of interest is being shown in the home coming week planned during the fair are already inviting relatives and scores of Cleveland county folks friends who have gone forth from the county to return for the week.

George Smyrnois Buys Out Chocolate Shop

George Smyrnois is now sole owner of the Chocolate shop in the Beam building on S LaFayette street, having bought out the interest of his partners Messrs. George, Kouri and Owens. George came to Shelby several years ago from California and is an expert candy maker. He is a favorite with the children because he always has a pleasant word for them and a bit of sweets made by his own hand. Since coming to Shelby George has made many friends who rejoice at his prosperity in business. He likes Shelby and is a most patriotic, loyal citizen and all who move up and down his street know and greet him as "George."

Cleveland Boy Gets A Double Promotion

John B. Murry, graduate of Georgia Tech in Atlanta, where he spent five years and received his degree as mechanical engineer has received a double promotion. He has been so proficient in his work with the White Motor Co., in Atlanta, that he has been jumped up two steps at a time to the position of service superintendent of the White Motor company at Little Aock, Ark. Mr. Murry is on a week's visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Murry at Fallston. His wife and baby are with him. Mrs. Murry before marriage was Miss Hester Bland, cashier of the Bank of Waco, and at that time she held the distinction of being the only woman bank cashier in North Carolina.

JUNE LOSES KICK AT MARRIAGE MART

Only 19 Couples Married in This County During "Bride Month." Youths Fail to Go.

June, known on the calendar and otherwise as the "bride month" was not all that it is reputed to be in Cleveland county during the past month.

The official book in the office of R. Lee Weathers, register of deeds, shows that Cleveland county was not completely submerged with brides during the month, and that gift shops making heavy purchases for wedding presents did not do any rushing business—for license to marry was issued to only 19 couples in Cleveland county during the easiest month of the year to get married. Sixteen of the nineteen were white couples, while three were colored.

And, it is not known whether it was the moon, or something else that brought about the decrease.

A further perusal of the book and the ages inscribed therein reveals that the general public holds another erroneous idea about June—not only is it termed the month of brides, but the brides are thought of, and oft described, in terms of "blushing, young things", leaving the imagination to picture them as "sweet sixteen," or just a year or so beyond. And the book shows that the average age of Cleveland county's crop of brides was slightly less than 27 years. But they didn't marry mere boys. The figures show that the average age of the grooms, who are necessary accessories of June weddings, was 29 and a fraction years.

Marriage, therefore, in Cleveland county is developing into something with serious thought ahead. They are not only not marrying in large numbers but are waiting until of mature frame of mind. Yet for the benefit of the small crop of county brides it should be stated that although the average age was 27 there were many far below that age. A few, who waited "several years" to find "the right man" ran the age up. The ages appearing more often opposite the names of the brides were 21 and 24, while two lassies of only 18 summer were among the number.

Comes To Beautify Southern Ry. Yards

"The private grounds around Shelby homes are exceptionally pretty and well kept," said Miss Rode, a mature woman with a pleasant address and a well trained aesthetic taste. Miss Rode was in Shelby yesterday as a representative of the "beauty department" of the Southern railway. You did not know a railroad has a "beauty department," did you? But the Southern railroad has and Miss Rode's job is to visit the several passenger stations and study how plants and flowers can be planted and other improvements made to beautify the surroundings. Nothing will be done right now, but Miss Rode is studying the situation and will have plans ready for execution in the Fall when plants and shrubs may be put out with safety. Miss Rode was shown over Shelby by Mr. Otto Long, the popular Southern cashier and after her brief ride around, she felt impelled to compliment the beauty of the private grounds and the manner in which they are kept in Shelby. It is her idea to have a yard at the Southern station, in keeping with the private yards of Shelby.

Aged Ellenboro Man Receives Sudden Call

Mr. James L. Smart, aged Ellenboro citizen, died suddenly at his home there shortly after noon Wednesday according to reports received in Shelby.

Mr. Smart, who lived with his daughter, hadn't been feeling well during the day and remarked at noon that he did not feel like eating. He lay down across the bed and his daughter fanned him for a time. He suggested, it is said, that she go on back to her work and let him fan himself. Just after being handed the fan, according to information, he turned over on his side and was dead within a short time.

The funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Concord church near Bostic. The deceased, who was 75 years and 11 months of age, is survived by his daughter, Miss Samantha. He was an uncle of Mr. Gary Smart, of the Eagle Flour mills, and was well known in Shelby.

Success may not settle in the head, but it frequently causes the gout. Freshness is a fine quality in almost everything except children and imported cheese.

Hen Adopts Family of Puppies



Disappointed in love, a luxon Barred Rock hen on the E. W. Jamison ranch, Ontario, Calif., has adopted a family of collie pups. She keeps the nine little fellows with her except at mealtimes, when she permits them to wabble over to headquarters for dinner.

Mad Mecklenburg Mule Eats Off Leg Of Colored Youth

THE "GOOD BAD GIRL" TURNS GOOD FOR GOOD

The Star's latest serial story, "The Good Bad Girl," was concluded in the past issue and information coming in from subscribers is that the Winifred Duzen story was highly enjoyed.

Arrangements are now being made for another entertaining story to be carried in coming issue of The Star. The new story will likely be by the same author, or by Tom Sims, famed newspaper article writer.

Readers of The Star should watch for the announcement of the opening date of the story and be prepared for something as good as "The Good Bad Girl" although she turned out mighty good in the end.

Set For Fallston Celebration Saturday

All plans have been made and everything is ready for the big Independence day celebration at Fallston on Saturday where it is expected five thousand people will gather from Cleveland and adjoining counties. This celebration was postponed from July 3rd because of a conflict with the county's second primary, but the occasion will have the flavor of an Independence day celebration, nevertheless. The two speakers Clyde K. Hoey and O. Max Gardner will no doubt make patriotic speeches and other exercises will carry out the idea of American freedom which the gathering is intended to observe.

Many people are going from Shelby and lower Cleveland and they are going early to take part in the parade and other events of the day. Indications are that the weather will be fair and that conditions will be most favorable for the great occasion.

Special Music Sunday At Presbyterian Ch.

The usual good music will be a feature of the services at the Presbyterian church, Mrs. E. T. Switzer is the efficient substitute organist during the vacation of the regular organist and choir director, Mrs. William L. McCord. At the morning worship the choir will sing the beautiful anthem "O Be Joyful in the Lord" as written by Lacey. In the evening "The Lord is my Shepherd" is to be rendered.

The subject of Rev. H. N. McDiarmid's sermon at 11 a. m. will be a unique one "Two Trees." At 8 p. m. "Wheat and Tares" is to be the theme.

Sunday school under leadership of J. S. McKnight will meet at 9:45 a. m. This church extends a cordial welcome to the public to all services.

Too Much Court To Start Off Big Week

From the standpoint of news and exciting events this week has proven extraordinary dull in Shelby. An idea forwarded for the dullness is that recorder John P. Mull disposed of too many criminal cases Monday and left the remaining days as scant of excitement as beauties at the bathing contest are as shy on clothing.

The county court opened Monday morning at its usual hour, 10 o'clock, and held forth throughout the entire day until six in the evening. County and city officers of recent

Mule Then Takes Bites Out Of Own Flesh. Leg Of Boy Amputated At Hospital

Charlotte, July 8.—Veterinary science was puzzled last night when the mule of Nelson White, aged negro tenant farmer of Griffith, five miles from Charlotte on the Pineville road, began to attack itself after biting off the leg of White's small son, Tom White, 13 years of age, yesterday morning.

Locked in the stable on White small farm, the mule has bitten several large pieces of flesh from its own body in order to satisfy its craze for blood which began when it attacked the boy, twirled him into the air and chewed the lad's leg.

At the Good Samaritan hospital where the youth was taken when the mule's teeth had been pried from its hold on the leg, amputation was necessary.

Resting Better

The lad was reported as resting satisfactorily last night, and suffering was not so intense.

Dr. Adam Fisher, veterinarian, who is observing the animal for rabies, said last night the mule's act was one of the most unusual he had ever heard of.

The negro boy's leg was practically chewed off below the knee. Tom Jackson, an eyewitness, saying that when he was attracted to the scene by the negro's cries the mule was twirling the boy through the air with his teeth.

Rabies treatment has been ordered to be administered to the negro today as a precaution against the possible condition of the mule.

Father Destitute

Will McCullough, negro friend of Nelson White, the aged father, contributed the \$5 for the rabies, Nelson being without funds.

Life for Nelson has been one tragedy after another during the past two years. A year ago his wife died. His 1925 crop failed. Now he loses his only aid on the farm, the mule, and his son has been crippled for life.

At the time of the tragedy yesterday, Tom White was riding the mule to a creek to go swimming with his friends. His cries at being flung into the air suspended from the mule's teeth attracted many.

Holding Negro Here As Murder Suspect

Chief B. O. Hamrick and city officers today placed "Doc" Finley, aged negro man, in jail to await the arrival of Spartanburg County officers Finley tallying closely with the description of a negro wanted there for a murder two years ago.

The negro wanted was known at the time of the murder as George Hunter, according to telephone messages. The negro in jail says that he "is a child of God" and knows nothing of the murder and has heard nothing of George Hunter, and contends that he came here last September from Georgia and is not acquainted with South Carolina. He will be remembered about Shelby as an old fellow, apparently around 65, who goes about the streets looking for work.

Change In Day Of Primary Favored By Shelby Pastors

Miss Betty Suttle Queen Of The Ball

Several hundred dancers and nearly 500 spectators attended the "Cotton" ball at Cleveland Springs hotel, last night when dresses made from Southern grown cotton were featured in the most becoming styles. Miss Betty Suttle was crowned "Princess Cotton" having won first prize. Other prize winners were Miss Evelyn Dover, second; Mrs. Paul Webb jr., third; Mrs. Frank E. Hoey, fourth and Miss Mary Shepherd Gray, of Gastonia, fifth. A full account of the evening of entertainment to enthrone "Cotton as King", appears in the social column of today's Star.

Fire Truck In Mad Dash To S. DeKalb Alarm—And Bascom

Mid-Afternoon Heat of Thursday Broke By Screeching Siren Of Fire Alarm.

There's a joke on the Shelby fire department.

It's a good one; the best you ever heard.

It happened during a somnolent hour Thursday afternoon when, the town basking in the perpetual sun and pressed for rain, needed a good laugh.

The author of the idea that was sprung on the heroic fire fighters was none other than Bascom Martin, colored preacher, janitor of The Star, and last, but by no means least for the purposes of this story—driver of the city sanitary wagon.

Now hold your sides, for the worst is coming.

Bascom headed south on DeKalb street during the heavy hour of the afternoon, Thursday, ran his sanitary wagon over an obstruction and turned it over. The capsized was sudden, complete, startling—to the surprised brain of Bascom—terrible.

Bascom looked at the upset wagon, and at the all too visible evidence of the mishap, and his mind flew into panic. And his first thought was to turn in the fire alarm.

He got to a telephone on the run and phoned to The Star office to have "Jody" Carroll bring the fire truck to south DeKalb street with all speed. The alarm was turned in; the siren blew—the firemen rushed to the scene.

Excitement, as they say in the movies, reigned.

Southward sped the truck, past the square, past the Masonic building, and down into DeKalb street. Bascom, his mind confused by the result of the terrible plight of his conveyance, signaled the truck to stop.

The fire fighters leaped down—all pepped to fight a blaze on a hot afternoon. But alas! Bascom's idea was to have the fire hose wash the littered street.

Say! Did you ever see a bunch of men get real peeved? Well, how would you feel, out on a hero's errand, to be asked to wash a street littered by a capsized sanitary wagon? With the thermometer ninety-five on the shady site of court square?

Presbyterian Youth To Hold Rally Soon

A three in one ally by the Young Peoples' workers of the Presbyterian church in Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk counties, will be held at the First Presbyterian church, Rutherfordton, July 13, 1926, at eleven o'clock.

Program
1.—Sunday school institute, 11:30 a. m.
Devotional, Rev. R. T. Baker, 11 to 11:15.
Reports from Sunday schools, 11:15 to 12:00.
Address: "Trained Teacher," 12:00 by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, Shelby.
Round table discussion, 12:20 to 1:00 p. m.
1:00 o'clock picnic dinner on lawn (each delegate bring a basket.)
2.—Davidson Echo conference, James Henderlite, presiding, at 2:00 p. m.
3.—Rutherford county Christian Endeavor union, 3:00 p. m. (Program, a surprise program by this new union.)

Ministers and Church Officials Have Noted Fall Off In Attendance and "Atmosphere"

Shelby pastors and church workers in general, it is understood, favor the movement to change the day of North Carolina's primary from Saturday.

That the primary when held on Saturday proves detrimental to the work of the church seems to be the consensus of opinion among the pastors about the city. Furthermore, many of those who do attend church services on the Sabbath after the primary fail to present the proper "atmosphere", meaning that due to the combination of sleep lost and mental interest in the outcome the congregation do not make good and attentive hearers.

Move Gains Strength
Some years ago the state press association attempted to create enough interest to change the primary day from Saturday, but the necessary interest failed to develop and the movement was grounded. Following the first primary of this year the Scotland county ministerial association again began a movement to change the primary day, stating in a resolution that the primary proved a handicap to church services on the following Sunday.

At the time it was noted in Shelby that some 300 or 400 people remained up to the wee hours of the morning waiting to get returns and an unofficial check-up about the town revealed that Sunday school attendance in the various churches was considerably below par on the following morning, while attendance at church services was also off.

The last primary did not have such an influence on church services as the returns were received earlier and so much sleep was not lost. However, there was a slight decrease in attendance among the churches, explained by pastors "as either, due to heat or the primary, and perhaps to both working together."

One Shelby pastor points out that changing of the day should not only help but prove beneficial to all concerned. As it is, he says, many remain up until late hours through interest, while others following the usual interest tire themselves out during the day and occasionally do not have the "proper pep" to get out and attend Sunday school and church the following morning.

Another pastor stated: "I not only note a decrease in attendance, but also observe a different atmosphere over my congregation. This air which I term 'church service' has much to do with a church service. When men and women are tired and sleepy and also have their minds on primary outcomes and high-lights of a race it is considerable harder to hold their attention and give them the thought of a sermon than it is on a Sabbath not preceded by a primary."

The general view taken in Shelby of the movement is that it's a good thing, but that it will be a hard matter to stir up enough interest to have the change made. The man on the street favors the change to another day from the primary, but unless urged to an extent will not take the trouble to do anything definite about it.

As it is the Shelby pastors are wishing their Scotland county brethren luck and offer what assistance they can to the movement.

Mercury Climbs And Shelby Seeks Water

The mercury of Ebeltoft's thermometer started climbing this week and the suburban swimming pools became the mecca of those not entirely padlocked with toil.

Quite a number of Shelby folks have departed during the week for the mountains and seashore, some for short trips and others for stop-overs ranging from a week to a month.

King's and Cleveland Springs pools experienced two of their busiest days on Wednesday and Thursday with the mercury dangling around 95 and 96 degrees with very little air stirring.

New Steel Cabinet Houses 8 Records

A new steel cabinet bought for the office of register of deeds, R. L. Weathers, houses eighty important record books. For some months Mr. Weathers has found it necessary to pile books upon the floor of his office, all shelves being filled to capacity. Recently he worked out a plan for center book shelves and desk which has been made to order and placed in the center of the floor, which it not only affords shelving space, but protects the valuable books and serve as a desk when those who call in, having occasion to pile up books in looking up the records.

High flying is not conducive to deep thinking. Idle words, like idle hands, are a drug on the market. Expensive habits are sometimes the sign of a cheap character. Some men are so grasping that they will not give half the road. Good manners and good looks should be twins, but they don't always go together.