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City Officials Highly Commended By Kiwanis

Mayor Weathers and Board Commended For Progress and Economy Mr. Moseley Talks.

The present city administration was declared to be the most progressive in 25 years, doing more to meet the demands of its citizens and showing Shelby forward in the limelight of progress at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Thursday night with Drs. J. S. Dorton and Reuben McBrayer in charge of the program.

It is not often that bouquets are thrown at the living, especially living public officials, but Mayor A. P. Weathers and Aldermen Hamrick, Toms, Schenk and Hopper were praised without stint or reservation by the representative business men of Shelby when the past year of this administration was reviewed.

City's Credit Best Ever Dr. Dorton said that the administration has not been able to do everything asked for because of the finances of the town would not permit, but at all times it has been willing to lend an attentive ear and give consideration to all suggestions and requests and as a result thereof, the city fathers are functioning better in building Shelby to a bigger and better town than any administration during past quarter of a century.

In reviewing the achievement of the administration during the past year, Dr. Dorton pointed out that \$200,000 in bonds has been issued for a water plant, \$200,000 for school buildings, \$125,000 for street and sidewalks improvements; that a modern new fire truck has been purchased and that the city's credit has improved to such an extent that bonds have been sold for the highest premium.

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Rosebud Swallowed By Child Results In Death Tuesday

Rutherfordton July 15.—The small child of Henry Hayes, of the Sulphur Springs section died Tuesday, as the result of a most peculiar accident. The child swallowed a tiny green rose bud early last spring. It lodged in his lungs, causing great suffering. Death followed upon the removal of the rose bud.

Town Topics

According to older residents of Shelby it is said that A. R. Reinhardt, sr., of Charlotte, who recently shot and killed his daughter-in-law at Wilmington and is in turn shot by an officer, once operated a cafe in Shelby near the present location of Basil Goode's grocery.

It is now likely some reports about the court house have it that Judge John H. Harwood, who fills the unexpired term of Judge T. D. Bryson, resigned, will likely hold the July 26 term of Superior court here. However, members of the local bar are of the opinion that Judge H. P. Lane will preside.

The fame of Cleveland county continues to spread. The July 8, issue of the Manufacturers Record, widely circulated manufacturers journal, carried a large advertisement of North Carolina's "banner agricultural county." The big boost for the county came through the interest of Clement S. Ucker, director of development for the Seaboard Airline railway.

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Trouser Skirt



This presents femininity's latest invasion of the ranks of masculine styles. The wide belt and hip pockets are features. The girl is Miss Helen Wood, of Des Moines, Ia.

CRUELTY CHARGES TO RECEIVE PROBE

To Investigate Condition of Room Wherein Suicide Was Enacted. Reported Vermin Infested.

Raleigh, July 15.—The state board of health will conduct an investigation into condition surroundings the suicide of Miss Alice Coltrane, patient at the state hospital, Dr. G. M. Cooper has announced, as a result of cruelty charges advanced by coroner L. M. Waring.

This development followed the receipt of two letters by the health authorities. One came from coroner Waring, calling attention to a poorly ventilated, vermin-infested room in which he found the dead body of the woman on the night of July 9. The other was from Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent of the hospital, welcoming an investigation.

Coroner Not Concerned The coroner stated yesterday that he is not concerned whether any steps

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Talk Of Methodist Church At Lattimore

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the organization of Methodist congregation and the erection of a church building at Lattimore. There is no Methodist church in this thriving village, yet there are a number of Methodists residing in that section. The nearest church at present is at Rehoboth and for some time the organization of a church at Lattimore for the convenience of the people of this faith, has been discussed.

Lowery To Supply Presbyterian Church

Rev. T. M. Lowery, D. D., will supply the pulpit at the Presbyterian church here during the month of August during the vacation of Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, the pastor, it is announced.

STEWARDS EXPRESS LOYALTY TO PASTOR

Board of Asheville Church In Resolution Declares They Have Not "Turned Cold Shoulder"

Anent a recent news article carried in The Star about Dr. Ashley Chappell matter, the board of stewards of Central church, Asheville, forwards a resolution denying that a cold shoulder has been turned to the pastor, or that friends are adopting a program of ostracism against him.

The resolution follows: Whereas, an article referring to the coming trial of our pastor, Dr. Ashley Chappell, has originated with the Shelby Star and is being copied by other papers throughout the state, we the board of stewards, of Central Methodist church, in regular monthly session, desire to make the following statement in refutation of this article.

- 1.—That the statement that 'friends are giving the pastor and his wife the cold shoulder' is untrue. 2.—That the statement that 'former close friends of Dr. Chappell are adopting a program of ostracism toward his' is without foundation. 3.—That the statement that Dr. Chappell is being made to realize that public opinion is already against him no matter what the final verdict may be is utterly without foundation. 4.—That we as official board and congregation depreciate the implication of disloyalty to our pastor and his noble wife and trust that those who have had a part in circulating these false and damaging reports will give equal publicity to these resolutions. 5.—That the attitude of the congregation has been one of loyalty and confidence and we feel that no other attitude could be consistent or warranted.

(Editor's Note)—The resolution of official church body is gladly published by this paper in its ever constant endeavor to publish the news correctly as is possible. Statements in the story, to which the resolution takes exception, were derived in the ordinary news routine and carefully checked by available sources of information. The story did not attempt to set forth the feeling and sentiment of the church or its board of stewards, but rather spoke from the viewpoint of the general public as it touched upon the attitude towards the pastor of the Asheville church. It is only natural and a matter of loyalty that Dr. Chappell's official church would stick to him in his tragic dilemma, and their stand in making this known is to be appreciated. However, this paper merely carried the information as received and in the article said nothing of the official church attitude towards the pastor, merely depending on the seemingly reliable source of information for the other statements set forth. As to the statements about friends, or former so-called friends, being none too loyal following the charges, this paper sees no right why its source of information does not have just as much authority to speak for the others as does the church board in repudiating the statement about all the friends of Dr. Chappell. That the church board was other than loyal was never questioned in any article appearing in this paper, and as for the matter of the loyalty of former friends or the general public's attitude this paper feels that it is capable of ascertaining from an impartial standpoint to a certain extent of reliability.)

Presbyterian Pastors Gather At Cleveland

Ministers of Kings Mountain Presbytery To Meet Monday At Shelby Cleveland Springs.

The Presbyterian pastors of the Kings Mountain Presbytery will meet for a general get-together Monday afternoon, July 19, at Cleveland Springs park. In a previous issue of The Star it was stated that the meeting would be Monday, July 16.—an impossible date, the intention being to say July 19.

According to the arrangements made by Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Forest City, superintendent of home missions for the presbytery, the ministers will assemble about 4 in the afternoon and remain until about 8 in the evening, enjoying a general picnic and better acquaintance with each other.

One object of the meeting will be to bring the new ministers of the presbytery into closer relationship with the other pastors. The presbytery is made up of five counties, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford, and Polk, and a goodly attendance is expected.

How Many Rabbits Make a Coat?



These are valuable bunnies the overcoat kind. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and they are owned by J. R. Thorpe of the Sierra ranch near Los Angeles. They are chinchillas and Thorpe has refused \$2500 for them.

North Carolina Will Have 4,000 Miles Hard Roads Soon

State Building More Highways Than Ever Before. How Carolina Roads Are Built

Raleigh.—North Carolina not only has already 2,600 miles of improved highways completed and in service, but the state is now building more highways than ever before in its road-building history, and of better quality at a smaller cost per mile. All of which is something to think about. At present there are from 1,000 to 1,200 miles of highway under construction, from 500 to 600 miles of this being hard surfaced, so that by December 31, 1926, there will be approximately 3,200 miles of hard surfaced highways doing active duty in North Carolina. There will in addition be from 600 to 700 miles of surface-treated roads, just recently undertaken by the commission. The treatment is called the "catchmite" treatment, whereby a graded or topsoil road is given a binding coat of mixture of tar and asphalt, which gives a hard surface that stands up well where the traffic is not too heavy. The result will be nearly 4,000 miles by January 1, 1927.

Not only then is nearly half of the state's system of 6,400 miles of highways either paved or in process of being hard surfaced, but this work is being done at a figure far less than formerly. When North Carolina first began paving its highways, the cost in many cases ran as high as \$40,000 a mile, while at present the same type of road—but of really better construction—is being built at from \$28,000 to \$35,000 a mile, including grading, bridges and paving. In the western section of the state the cost may exceed these figures somewhat, owing to the added expense of construction through the mountain sections, while in the eastern part of the state the figure is often considerably less, being in some cases as low as \$25,000 a mile. Where no new grade has to be prepared, and the paving is laid on the old grade, the cost does not exceed \$20,000 a mile under normal conditions.

Of the entire 6,400 miles of highways in the state system, less than 1,200 miles remain to be built. More than 2,000 miles of the non-hard-surfaced roads have been located, graded and the surface improved with topsoil and gravel, with new bridges and culverts put in. These roads will be improved in proportion as traffic over them increases, and when necessary, will be hard surfaced.

The highway commission now has a system whereby an accurate check is kept of the amount of travel over every road in the state, and when a check of the maintenance costs shows that this cost is becoming too large, and the traffic increase warrants it, steps are then taken to hard surface the road in question. This hard surfacing is made to follow in the wake of increased travel, to take care of this heavier traffic.

Thus, for medium traffic conditions a sand-clay or topsoil road is adequate, and this type of road can be built for about \$8,000 a mile. If the traffic is a bit too heavy for this type road gravel may be added, making the cost about \$12,000 a mile. This may be adequate for several years, until traffic increases sufficiently to warrant paving. Then the paving can be laid over the same road grade at a cost of from \$22,000 to \$25,000 a mile. A large initial cost is saved and the road does almost continuous service over a period of years, until the ultimate, outlay becomes necessary.

An example of this kind may be found in the road between Maysville and Pollockville, which has just been paved, as the result of increasing traffic. The seven-and-a-half miles of paving 16 feet wide, were laid by a state highway paving crew in 31 working days at a cost of \$22,600 a mile. This crew is now working on another project, divided into two shifts, day and night, building from 2,200 to 2,800 feet of hard surfaced road each 24 hours.

That is how roads are built in North Carolina.

Cornerstone Laying For Belwood School

An interesting program for the laying of the cornerstone at the new Belwood school is being planned for Saturday, July 24, according to E. W. Dixon. In the afternoon a big picnic will be held by the Belwood Junior order.

Details of the program will be announced in The Star next week.

Former Shelby Man Says "Booger Of Bill's Creek" Is Not Lost Charlotte Police Dog

Ernest Harris, Erstwhile Boxing Promoter, Describes "What-ever-its" Disclaims Charlotte Report

The Star has received a letter from Ernest Harris, former Tex Rickard of South Shelby, discrediting the report of a Charlotte man that the "lone wolf" of Rutherford county is nothing else than his lost German police dog.

Harris, who writes from a rural route out of Mill Springs, says: I have just read an account in The Star of the "Booger," police dog, wolf or what have you? on Bills Creek in this community and wish to say that Mr. Jones, of Charlotte, may rest assured that the murderer that has been playing havoc with the chickens, chasing children and whipping whole packs of fox hounds is no dog of any breed, it is almost a certainty that the animal that has been seen here is a member of the cat family.

This writer talked with a man today, one Ray Dalton, rural police officer, in Chimney Rock township, who saw this animal at short range and he says it is unlike anything that he ever saw before. Mr. Dalton's wife had gone to feed the hogs and finding "the Booger" sitting near the pen, she retreated to the house, calling her husband, who was a short distance way. Mr. Dalton says he hurried to the spot, carrying his gun with his little 6 years old son following in his wake, however, the rustle of poultry and swine disappeared before he had time to shoot. Hearing the child to his rear scream he turned and ran back to ascertain the trouble. On coming up to the little fellow, Mr. Dalton says, he found his young son almost frightened out of his wits, but was able to explain that the "booger" met him and stopped, staring at him with terrible yellow eyes, bristles standing up from head to tail and snarling something fierce.

In conclusion I just wish to state that a few nights ago I had the pleasure of hearing a score of hounds run this animal and at one time during the chase was close enough to where it crossed the road to smell it and must say that even a wet dog with a bad case of mange does not give off an odor to compare with the one given off by the Bills Creek booger.

If any of the Cleveland fox hunters think they have hounds that will run and fight and stay, they are invited to sick 'em onto this—Well, whatever it is.

ERNEST L. HARRIS.

SHELBY NOT LIVELY ON HALF HOLIDAY

With Business Houses Closed Town Takes On Sabbath Quietude. Little Activity

Shelby "vacationed" Thursday afternoon.

With the first regular "half holiday" of the summer the uptown business section assumed a Sabbath like quietude and there was little activity during the afternoon.

Following a second petition signed by merchants of Shelby the "half holiday" for employees of business houses became a reality in line with a custom observed for several years and Thursday the major part of business Shelby was a closed shop.

Employers and employees for the most part spent the afternoon out of town, motoring, or at a nearby fishing rendezvous. That most of the folks employed in business Shelby were either out of town or taking it leisurely at home was evidenced by stillness of the streets. Some few folks tarried about the business section, but generally speaking there was not as much activity as usually occurs on Sunday afternoons.

Sentiment heard from various sources indicates that the "half holiday" is popular—more so than usual. Especially is it as it pertains to employees and several among the so-called shopping public have expressed their appreciation of the weekly vacation given employees and their offer to cooperate in the movement by shopping during the morning hours or on another day of the week.

It now appears that the half holiday will handicap no one. Most of the rural sections have become accustomed to the Thursday afternoon closing during the summer and with the word well scattered prior to yesterday's closing it is thought that few experienced disappointment at finding the business houses closed.

Needless to add, as it is shown by The Star, news is unusually dull on closed shop days.

Shelby Teams Lose In Tennis Contest

Whitelaw Kendall and Johnny McKnight, Shelby entrants in the Spartanburg Country Club tennis tournament, returned home Wednesday night, having been eliminated from the running by losing their first round matches. Kendall lost to Kennedy, one of the four singles entrants by a score of 6-0; 6-2; McKnight to Bourne 6-3; 6-2, while Gilmore Singleton, another Shelby entrant was defeated by Coleman 6-3; 6-4. Singleton and Kendall, entered in the doubles were eliminated 6-2; 6-2.

The Shelby boys, up against seasoned players, showed their lack of experience in match play, as well as their unfamiliarity with the Spartanburg courts. Their entrance was largely for the purpose of gaining the sort of experience they need.

Body Of Eskridge Arrived At Noon

The remains of Mr. George Eskridge who died suddenly at Gary, Indiana this week, arrived at noon today over the Southern train No. 39 and was brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. Ab Poston on DeKalb street where it will remain until the funeral, which will probably take place at Zion Baptist church Sunday, morning at 11 o'clock. No definite plans have been made for the funeral, pending the arrival of his body and a conference of his brothers and sisters. Details of his death have not been learned, but Mr. Eskridge passed away suddenly in Gary, Ind., where for the past four years he has been connected with the E. J. and R. railroad. His brother Grover Eskridge and brother-in-law Ab Poston of Shelby went to Gary upon receipt of the death message to accompany the remains to Shelby.

Mr. Eskridge was single and 43 years of age. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. S. T. Putnam of Warrenton, Ga., Mrs. Ab Poston of Shelby, two brothers Messrs. Clay Eskridge of Spartanburg and Grover Eskridge of Shelby.

Get Insurance Man Here For Seduction

L. B. McCoy, insurance salesman, was arrested here Wednesday by Officer Bob Kendrick and turned over to Gastonia officers who carried him back to Gastonia, where, it is said, he is wanted on a charge of seduction. Officers state that McCoy, who is married and is alleged to have a family in South Carolina, is charged with seduction under marriage promise an unmarried girl of Gastonia. McCoy, a man of 40 some years of age, is of pleasing appearance and neatly dressed.