

The groundhog may win every other day, but his weather does not prevail every day.

How do the Shelby schools rank by the national standard tests? Read Dr. B. A. Stevens test report in today's Star.

A steady enrollment gain is shown in the city schools of Shelby with the total enrollment figure moving up to a new mark.

Fifty years ago—a half century, mind you—six Cleveland county folks attended a wedding in this county. This week they gathered together again. Two of them were the bride and groom of 1877. A full account of the gathering in this issue.

Isn't there a home somewhere in Cleveland county that might be cheered up by the gurgles and cooing of a four-months-old baby, or maybe two babies? Twins over at the Shelby hospital are looking for a home, and they are healthy and intelligent.

The cigarette ban at Boiling Springs may be lifted. A bill seems to have been introduced in legislature to that effect according to this paper.

Representative Falls, home to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, says the Australian ballot bill, written by him, will not be so distasteful as opponents state. In the meantime Senator Tom Fulton, of Kings Mountain, is at home with a sore nose.

Marriages are on the increase here, the jail guest list is dwindling and hotels are overflowing—a part of The Star's interesting news.

Petty thieves about Shelby borrow cars for the night, take gasoline from others, and on occasions pick up a few overcoats.

Some startling K. K. K. news comes down from the Forest City section where several warrants are said to be out for prominent people.

HOTEL OVERFLOWS BUT JAIL THINS OUT ITS GUESTS

For First Time In Many Weeks Colored Folks Outnumber White Guests In County Bastile

Business and morals appear to be on the upgrade in Shelby.

Central hotel, uptown commercial hostelry, announces that for several nights now guests have been so numerous that extra cots have been called into use. On the same day come the news from Sheriff Logan that the guest list at the county jail is the smallest in some months.

Crowds Decrease Only eight or ten people are in the county jail now while only a few weeks ago the capacity came very near being taxed when Kings Mountain officers ran in 10 prisoners at one time.

Yesterday when one white prisoner received bail it was said that for the first time in several months colored prisoners outnumbered white prisoners.

Only two white men are in jail now—unless others have registered over night—and no white women are now "doing time." The total of colored prisoners runs around six or seven.

Senator Fulton At Home With Red Nose

Tom Fulton Misses Several Days In the Senate While He Gives Nose Chance to Get Well

From Kings Mountain comes the news that Cleveland county's newly elected State Senator, H. Tom Fulton, is at home nursing a sore nose. To be explicit Kings Mountain Herald says: "His nose is long and red and of the Barney Google design. He says that it is not capital but a rising. Anyway he is skimming the capital while treating it."

Friends of the senator will be glad to hear that his ailment is not considered serious and hope that he will be back at his post in the senate within a short time.

To Sell Lunches And Drinks At Station

Bus Station Master Griffin has fitted up a lunch and cold drink stand in the central bus station in the corner of the Courtview Hotel building. The station interior has been remodelled and improved and in the process, Mr. Griffin has had fitted up a counter and glass enclosed shelving where he will sell lunches, hot and cold drinks and smokes to the many customers that come and go.

ENROLLMENT GAIN IN SCHOOLS HERE FOR FIFTH MONTH

Nearly 2,800 Children In School. 55 Students Make Honor Roll. Girls Hold Lead.

Enrollment in the Shelby city schools reached a new high mark during the fifth school month just ended. The total enrollment now is 2,782 as compared with 2,669 during the fourth month. With this enrollment the average attendance is 94 per cent.

Morgan school leads in numbers with 528, while the Marion school is first in attendance and the high school second.

Enrollment figures for the month follow:

Table with columns: School, Enroll., Average Attend. Rows include Washington, Marion, Sumter, Jefferson, Morgan, LaFayette, High School, Colored school, and Totals.

The Honor Roll.

Fifty-five high school students attained honor roll distinction during the month. Of the number 47 were girls and eight were boys. The ninth grade led with 20 students and the eighth grade second with 17.

The honor roll follows:

Grade 8-1—Minnie K. Allen, Evelyn Ray Gibbs, Kathleen King, Maggie McGowan, Mildred McKinney, Lalage Spurling, Aileen Webb, Raymond Hord.

Grade 8-3—Juanita Cline, Mary Fay Dellinger, Elsie Gidney, Elizabeth Gidney, Marietta Hoyle, Sara Hoyle, Ruth Hamrick, Helen Roberts, Rachel Wells.

Grade 9-1—Lula Agnes Arey, Mary Sue Borders, Gladys Colquitt, Mary Frances Carpenter, Madie Gillespie, Burties Gettys, Virginia Hunt, Virginia Jenkins, Dorothy King, Ruth Laughridge, Ada Laughridge, Pearl Lybrand, Mae Ellen McBrayer, Madge Putnam, Dorothy Putnam, Mary Faye Penninger, Elizabeth Riviere, Alex Gee.

Grade 9-2—Robert McDowell.

Grade 10-1—William Webb, Billy McKnight, Milan Bridges, Lucille Bridges, Kate Bridges, Martha Eskridge, Minnie King, Sara Richbride, Lalage Shull, Viola Walker, Kathleen Young.

Grade 11—Margaret Blanto, Irene Bridges, Elsie Greene, Alice James, Maude Rollins, Madge Spurling, George Richbride.

Husky Twins Want Good Homes Here

They'll Even Agree to Be Split up Just to Get a Home and Proper Care.

This could be a little sob story, but the hope is that it may prove one of good cheer—a story that will bring happiness to two little homeless tots, who as yet know not much of the world, and joy into some home where a child's laugh is now missing.

Four months ago a loyal mother breathed her last at the Shelby hospital and in passing on into eternity she left with the world twins, two dimpled, cooing bits of humanity too young to realize their plight. Will they never know a mother, or a mother substitute? What will the unfolding years bring to them? It is a question for somebody to answer.

For four months now the twins, a boy and a girl, have been at the hospital. The father finds himself barely able to keep up and feed the other children at their home in the county. So that of recent weeks these twins, entitled to the birthright of opportunity just as much as any other children, have been charges of the welfare department.

In brief, the big idea is this: Will some couple adopt the youngsters, one or both of them? Such may be done by applying to Mr. J. B. Smith, county welfare officer. The motherless Jack and Jill are under his supervision now and he says that if both cannot be placed in the same home he will agree to place them in separate homes. They may be obtained, he says, either by adoption or juvenile court order.

"Perfectly healthy! Sound as two silver dollars," that's what staff surgeons at the Shelby hospital say of twins. Intelligent, healthy, kicking, cooing four months-old babies looking for a home.

With the passing of a week or so may The Star record the fact that someone has given a home to them? Better see 'em anyhow. They're cute.

Tests In Shelby Schools Reveal Interesting Data

Local Schools Show Superiority In Some Departments. Experts Say Not Enough Money Spent. Equipment Inadequate.

Editor's Note: A testing program in the Shelby public school to ascertain how the local schools rate with national standards has just been completed under the supervision of Dr. B. A. Stevens, North Carolina University extension expert, and his report should be of considerable interest to Shelby school patrons. The Star today publishes below interesting parts of Dr. Stevens' report, citing what tests show to be the high points and weaknesses of the local schools.

To the end that taxpayers and school patrons of Shelby may be more reliably informed of the efficiency of their school, a program of measurement insofar as the elementary grades are concerned, has been undertaken this year. The measurements so far have been completed in only the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Measurements in the primary grades are being taken.

In the measurement of the educational status of the children of the upper elementary grades, commonly called the grammar grades, the instrument employed was the Stanford achievement test. This device should in no way be confused with any of the various so-called intelligence tests. The so-called intelligence tests are instruments which have been used for the purpose of determining the native or inborn mental capacities or endowments of an individual. They probably measure only a narrow segment of intelligence. The Stanford Achievement test is strictly an educational scale for measuring the extent to which pupils have profited by instruction in the fundamental subjects. It indicates that the children in the various grades can do rather than to attempt an analysis of what each child is capable of doing.

The Advance examination of the Stanford achievement test is a composite of nine specific measures of pupil performance. The following table gives the facts concerning the Shelby schools as revealed by this measurement survey:

Fourth Grade. Average grade rating: First test, 4.4; Second test, 4.1; Third test, 4.2; Fourth test, 4.4; Fifth test, 4.3; Sixth test, 4.1; Seventh test, 4.4; Eighth test, 4.4; Ninth test, 4.6; Composite 4.3. National standard 4.3.

Fifth Grade. Average grade rating: First test, 5; Second test, 5; Third test, 5.1; Fourth test, 5.1; Fifth test, 4.9; Sixth test, 5.1; Seventh test, 5.1; Eighth test, 5.4; Ninth test, 5; Composite 5.0. National standard, 5.3.

Sixth Grade. Average grade rating: First test, 5.7; Second test, 5.7; Third test, 5.5; Fourth test, 5.8; Fifth test, 6.2; Sixth test, 5.9; Seventh test, 6.6; Eighth test, 6.2; Ninth test, 5.9; Composite 5.9. National standard, 6.3.

Seventh Grade. Average grade rating: First test, 7.6; Second test, 6.8; Third test, 6.5; Fourth test, 6.5; Fifth test, 7.0; Sixth test, 6.3; Seventh test, 6.4; Eighth test, 7.6; Ninth test, 7.1; Composite, 6.8. National standard, 7.3.

An analysis of these data reveals at least three interesting facts. First, with the exception of the fourth grade, which is just at standard, all of the grades run a trifle under standard.

Second, the position of each grade with respect to the standard grows progressively worse. The fifth grade is in a less commendable position than the fourth, but is better off than the sixth grade, and likewise, the sixth grade is weaker with respect to its standard than the fifth, but it is in better shape than the seventh grade which is one half a year retarded.

Third, there is a remarkable degree of uniformity of performance in all nine tests. In no one or more subjects does one find undue weakness, or on the other hand, undue strength. Certain subjects are not being sacrificed for the sake of showy attainments in others.

Familiarity with the local school situation would prompt one to venture several possible explanations of these three circumstances. In the first place the grades studied are, with the exception of the fourth grade, a bit below standard because of a rather general condition of low standard schools in North Carolina and S. C. Shelby'solina and South Carolina. Shelby's rapid growth in recent years has brought many children into the schools from small, weak, short

term schools where opportunities have been less favorable than in Shelby. This condition also in part, perhaps large part, explains the second condition observed—the progressive weakening of the grades. One, two and three years in the Shelby system more readily overcome the handicap of a lack of opportunity suffered by the younger children than they do the more serious shortages of the older children entering the system. An educationally retarded child, entering the second grade, has a better chance of coming up to standard performance by the time he reaches the fourth grade than has an older child who entered the fifth grade and two years later finds himself in the seventh grade.

After a period of rapid growth such as Shelby has experienced it is evidence of good teaching that the grades are in as healthful a condition as the survey shows. Fact three adds weight to the opinion that a skillful staff of teachers is at work in the schools of the city. One of the highest skills in teaching is the maintenance of a wise balance between the various subjects. This has very evidently been quite uniformly practiced in Shelby for a number of years.

Familiarity with the Shelby schools cannot help but lead one to believe that there is another force at work helping to produce the trace of weakness we find in pupil achievements. There is clear evidence that Shelby is not spending a sufficient amount of money on its schools to guarantee a firm hold on its present rather precarious rating. The schools are well staffed with competent teachers, but the best of teachers, like any trained artisans, are not fully effective unless supplied with the best of modern tools and equipment.

The Shelby schools are noticeably lacking in adequate first-class equipment and supplies, such as classroom libraries, school libraries, illustrative materials, visual education equipment, work benches, tools, construction materials, etc. To secure part of the badly needed supplies and equipment children and teachers are finding it necessary to divert their attention from the real business of the school in order to raise money through a variety of uneducative devices. While the children and teachers are doing this part of the citizens of Shelby are congratulating themselves because of the fact that the local school costs are lower than in any other city in the state. If this low rating of costs in Shelby is due to wise economy, well may we congratulate ourselves. There is no advantage in spending money just for the notoriety it may bring. If, on the other hand, the low rating is purchased through a denial of rightful opportunities to Shelby's children we have little basis for most certain wealth that Shelby or any city has in its children. If it distributes its opportunities to them grudgingly, it need expect little from the future but grudging returns.

One other rather unusual fact brought to light by this survey was the remarkable amount of uniformity in the accomplishment of the children of the different schools. No one school showed marked superiority over the others and, on the other hand, no school showed a noticeable inferiority. In general it would appear that a child can transfer from one school to another without serious embarrassment because of the varying standards between schools. A pupil from the fifth grade of the Morgan school would be quite at home, so far as scholarship is concerned, in the Marion school Sumter school, Washington school, Jefferson school, or LaFayette school.

The conclusion one should form from this study is that insofar as the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades are concerned, the taxpayers of Shelby are getting a better return from their outlay for schools than results in other cities would indicate that they are entitled to. A devoted, self-sacrificing staff of remarkably public-spirited teachers is Shelby's saving grace. Why meet them half way with the cash support which will make the Shelby schools second to none in the accomplishments of its children.

Mauney and Willis carry one of the best lines of bread, cakes and crackers to be had at any price. Fresh every day.

Insurance, once illegal as gambling, has become a great financial power. One company has assets of more than two billion dollars.

FALLS SAYS THAT HIS BALLOT PLAN NOT VERY COSTLY

Opposition to Australian Ballot Claims It Would Mean Big Cost To State

Raleigh—Supporters of the Falls-Broughton Australian ballot bill finds that the opposition had called upon the economy program to bear witness against them.

Lobby talk placed the cost of the secret voting proposal at "a quarter million dollars an election" and legislators were being warned against undertaking any such thing in "this era of economy."

Representative B. T. Falls branded the estimate as a couple hundred thousand dollars or more too high and he set out in search of actual figures. He said he would be prepared to show when his bill comes up for consideration in the legislature that the cost will not be materially greater than that of the present system.

The necessity for private booths in which to vote and the contemplated plan of having "markers" at the polls were used by the opposition in setting up their figures. They counted the pay of the markers and the expense of rigging up the booths.

"It wouldn't cost a quarter million dollars if they made the booths out of mahogany," declared Mr. Falls, who pointed out that the booths usually are light, cheaply constructed, box-like structures.

The Australian ballot bill has encountered the most active and hard working opposition of any other legislative proposal. When it came up for hearing before the joint elections committee a couple weeks ago there was not a soul present to speak against it.

The proponents of the bill were jubilant over the outlook, but pretty soon they discovered that the opposition was on the ground just the same. And for the last week or so lobby work against the bill has been carried on so successfully that it is now regarded as doubtful that it will get through the legislature in any satisfactory form.

The original bill as introduced by Representative Falls and Senator J. M. Broughton is being materially changed in the hope of winning the support of legislators who have raised objections to particular features.

For one thing, the provision in the original bill for the virtual repeal of the absentee voters law is being stricken out. And then, for the sake of the "ignorant," provision is being made for the employment of "markers" to help any one mark his ballot who may need help.

The markers were put in to win the support of the champions of the illiterate voters but now the opposition has harped on the expense of their hire.

Boiling Springs To Play Highs Tonight

The strong Boiling Springs basketball quint will play the Shelby Highs in the new gymnasium here tonight. A fast game is expected as the Baptist boys are credited with having a speedy quint that will give the locals considerable trouble and perhaps a defeat.

Gagers They Are.

Playing a return game with the Highs here last night Kings Mountain checked up a second victory over the locals 18 to 5. Only on occasions did the locals flash anything like winning form against the machine-like quint that tonight will enter the state race with the odds favoring them going far towards the state title. Stove, flashy forward, again led the Kings Mountain attack.

Line-up: Shelby (5) Pos. K. M. (18) Mauney (1) F. Stowe (6) Lee (2) F. McDaniel (2) Beam (1) C. Cole (2) Gillespie G. Falls (6) Gold G. McDaniel Shelby subs: Coble (1); Bridges and Wall. Kings Mountain: Ledford (2); Jenkins, Herndon, Goforth, Wright and Cranford.

Charlotte Degree Team Comes Here

The crack degree team from the Charlotte Mason chapter will come to Shelby Monday night, February 14, to put on the two final degrees in the chapter here, it is announced.

The Charlotte degree team is one of the best in the country and all chapter members are urged to attend.

Warrant For Dr. Duncan, Forest City, In Klan War

Asheville Klansmen Accuse Dr. A. M. Duncan And Others Of Taking Klan Paraphernalia There.

Asheville, Feb. 10.—The mountain klansmen are again at war. Seals of the Asheville Klan No. 40, the original parent organization here of the Ku Klux Klan, a filing cabinet and 80 robes and hoods; were taken from the hall of the order on the third floor of a drug store building on Pack square early tonight in what members of Klan 40 say was an unauthorized raid on their personal property led by Dr. A. M. Duncan, of Forest City, Titon of province No. 3, working under Judge Henry Grady of Clinton, grand dragon of the state, whom the outlawed Klan 40 has refused to follow.

A warrant was issued shortly after the occurrence for Dr. Duncan by R. W. Henderson, member of Klan 40, who with a group of other members of this organization declare that six or more parties thought also to be members of Klan 40 favoring the Grady faction, assisted Dr. Duncan. Warrants for them are to be issued tomorrow it was said.

The warrant for the Forest City physician will be sent to the sheriff of Rutherford county at Rutherfordton to be served by him, according to the magistrate.

Use Automobile. Those taking the property, it is declared, drove up in a large automobile and gained admission into the hall through a local member. After loading everything in the nature of robes and other paraphernalia into the car, it is said to have driven off in a hurry and made its way out of the city before the necessary court action could be taken to stop them.

Six Who Attended Wedding Years Ago Return For The Fiftieth Anniversary

Six people now living in this section attended a wedding 50 years ago. Tuesday of this week, 50 years later to the day, the six dined together, and two of them, by the way, were the bride and groom of 1877.

That's an oddity in this day and time when the divorce courts function over time and in many cases the blushing bride and her lesser half do well to live together in peace and harmony 50 days, much less 50 years.

Added to that the golden celebration was held on the spot where the couple began married life together just a half century ago. The house isn't the same, but it is on the same spot, and from that home have come fine children and many good deeds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn were the bride and groom and it was their golden wedding anniversary that was attended by Squire Cling Eskridge, Mr. S. A. Washburn, Mrs. Victoria McAfee, and Mr. E. B. Hamrick, they also being present at the wedding 50 years ago.

The late Rev. G. M. Webb, father of Judges J. L. and Yates Webb, performed the ceremony, while the ministerial seat at the celebration was filled by Rev. John W. Suttle.

A full account of the golden wedding day of one of Cleveland county's commissioners and prominent business men and his faithful wife may be found on an inside page.

City Asked To Reduce Power Rate

Considering a Blanket Accident Insurance Rate on City Employees and Trucks

A delegation of citizens representing the Fallston Light and Power company appeared Tues. night before the city father and asked that this rural light company be furnished power at a lower rate. The Fallston company secures its power from the city and contends that at the rate charged, there is no profit in the distribution and resale of the power to the patrons along the line. The city has so far declined to make any reduction.

The salary of the city engineer has been reduced since the public improvement work is about completed for the time being.

A blanket accident insurance policy to cover any damage which might be sustained by any city employee while in the line of duty, also to cover any damage which city trucks might do to persons or property. No policy has been purchased, but the rate is being looked into.

Water will be furnished to the golf course at Cleveland Springs to water the greens during a summer drought. The water will be measured through a meter and the monthly bill presented to the aldermen for action.

Other than the above, the board spent the remainder of its time passing routine bills for payment and discussing various subjects.

To Sell Property If Assessments Are Not Paid For Paving

ting hard streets in Shelby on which street assessments are paid are likely to be greatly embarrassed shortly if these assessments are not paid, said Mayor Weathers and City Clerk Mrs. Oscar M. Suttle this morning. Notices were sent out in December and January to all property owners on which the past due assessments have not been paid, and some have responded, but not enough to pay bonds already due. To meet these bonds the city must either collect now or secure a loan of \$15,000 or more to meet bonds due. Mayor Weathers says this should not be necessary as the money is due the town by the property owners who have paved streets in front and unless these assessments are paid, the property will be advertised for sale. Heretofore it has not been necessary to press collections after a sufficient number of property owners had paid to meet bonds, but this year a larger amount of bonds than ever are due and few property owners have paid. No date has been set on which to advertise property for sale but this will have to be resorted to in order to collect enough to meet the bonds unless there is a willing response in the next few days.

Cheaper At \$2.50 Than \$1 Years Ago

In renewing his paper for a year, J. M. Hunt of Shelby Route 2 writes the following unsolicited letter which is greatly appreciated: "Dear Star Editor: You will find \$2.50 for which please renew my subscription to your noble paper to Feb. 1st, 1928. Please don't let me miss a copy as I do enjoy reading it very much. I think it is the best paper I ever got for the money. I took it when I lived in Rutherford county and got it for \$1 a year one week. It is much cheaper now at \$2.50 a year every other day than it was then at \$1 once a week."

SEEK TO REPEAL ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL AT SCHOOL

Bill Now in Legislature Would Lift Cigarette Ban at Boiling Springs, 3-Mile Limit.

Cleveland counties "three mile limit" almost as famous as the prohibition three-mile zone along the American coast stands a chance of being repealed.

It will be remembered by citizens of the county—although some never knew it—that a cigarette ban prevails at Boiling Springs, site of the well-known Baptist high school. Owing to this ban cigarettes cannot be sold within three miles of the institution.

Now comes along the semi-startling information that there are those who seek to lift the ban. The news is learned from Kings Mountain where Editor Page, prominent Baptist, is making a fight against the repeal of the ban, urging Baptists of the Kings Mountain association to work against the bill in the legislature.

Information is to the effect that the cigarette bill has already passed the house and must be held up in the senate if anywhere.

Senator Tom Fulton is at his Kings Mountain home with a sore nose but it is said that he has written Senator Whitmore asking him to hold up the bill.

Just who introduced the bill or sponsored it is not known, but Editor Page in a front page editorial in the Herald says in part:

"Will 25,000 Baptists who own this great school sit idly by and allow a few merchants and residents of the town of Boiling Springs to bring this curse any closer to our boys and girls? Will not the merchants who have accumulated about our school to make a living from the school re-consider and withdraw their petition for the repeal of the Boiling Springs anti-cigarette law?"

Petty Thieves In Daring Roles As They Rob Officers

High Sheriff and Another Officer Have Gasoline Taken From Tanks on Autos.

A wave of petty thievery seems to be moving about the Shelby section.

The thieves though taking few things of the grand larceny class exhibit considerable nerve in that they have added a few officers to their string of victims.

One night recently Sheriff Hugh Logan had about 10 gallons of gas taken from the tank of one of his automobiles that he was unable to get in a garage. For some time Officer Bob Kendrick has been of the opinion that somebody else has been burning some of the gas from his car. Recently, it is said, he heard a noise about his car during the night and dashed out to investigate. Nearby he found a can and funnel, it is said, but the thief had taken to cover.

Next to gasoline the thieves seem to have a special hankering for overcoats. Sometime Thursday night someone removed the heavy overcoat of Mr. Russell Laughridge, assistant postmaster, from the rack in the foyer of the Courtier hotel. One overcoat, it will be remembered, was stolen from one of the local churches only a few weeks back.

Woman Drops Dead At Morning Work

Mrs. Katherine Seism, wife of Rufus Seism dropped dead this morning at 8:30 o'clock at her home on the George Spurling plantation two miles north of Shelby. Mrs. Seism had been sick for some time with leakage of the heart, but was up this morning about her daily chores when the end came. Deceased was 66 years of age and a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist church where the funeral will take place Sat. 2 p. m. Surviving are her husband and three sons, Arthur, Gaither and Frank Seism.

Marriages Holding Up Over Cleveland

The usually dull matrimonial month of February even with groundhog weather isn't so dull after all. In fact, if Register Andy Newton keeps selling license February may ye establish a record.

Through February 9, Register Newton had sold license for eight marriages, one shy of one per day.

License for the following two couples were issued Wednesday: Clemmie McCoy Wright and Novella Green; Everett L. Lackey and Lula Selma Elliott.