A deathbed confession, made 29 years ago telling of a strange kill- didate for mayor. ing of a church founder and Presi- Aladdin: "Mr. Dorsey, I have "I certainly shall continue in the on front pages the nation over.

An oil well owner for mayor. Such is possible for Shelby. It is oil has been struck on the lands of fields?" W. N. Dorsey in Texas.

may be sold again at Boiling Springs. The state senate passed a bill yesterday that repealed the ban put on in 1907.

February summertime is being experienced in Shelby.

How does Cleveland county rank in high school graduates? A news well on the property Dorsey is in- barrel, based on daily production item in today's paper gives the exact rating.

Auto owners of the county will buy two license plates this year. One for six months in July and another for 12 months before next January. The change in registration was passed by Raleigh lawmakers yesterday.

Sports, community items, monthly meetings, club gatherings, social news-covering every cross section of life in Cleveland county. Today's news in today's Star.

Cleveland Ranks Well In School Graduate Total

Had 150 Graductes Last Year in High Schools. Ranked 32nd in This State.

Cleveland county had 158 High month, and coming on the heels of school graduates in 1926 and rank the groundhog legend of six weeks 32nd in this classification in the of bad weather. entire state according to the Uni-

of grad- February in their recollection. The average number uates per 10,000 white population was 56 which leads Gaston, Ruth- ing the court square in their shirt erford and Lincoln. In Gaston sleeves; feminine Shelby, strutthere were 227 graduates or a rat- ting out in spring dresses minus ing of 48.5 per 10,000 white pou- coats and wraps. A gentle breeze ulation. In Lincoln there were 77 that bespeaks spring despite the graduates for a rating of 476., and calendar. in Rutherford there were 98 graduates for a 34.5 rating per 10,000 and county come reports of pear white population.

Above State Mark The county rating is considerably above the general state rat- turing and may blossom out soon ing, there being 9,166 graduates in dandelions smiling in their yellow the state for an average of 47 per 10,000 white in habitants.

Girls In Lead It is noted that 5,785 of the 9.166 graduates in the state were girls, perienced here there comes the or nearly two girls for each boy.

Pretty Cashiers Respond To Call Of New Cafe "Ad"

Ernest Johnson, proprietor of Shelby's newest eating house, had to play the Flo Ziegfield role yes- thermometer still at 66, the preterday except that Ziegfield picks dicted had not happened and one dancers from his feminine appli- block was being walked upon by six cants while Johnson was seeking a men in their shirt sleeves. change-maker and a waitress. Johnson recently took over the Abolish Lawndale former DeLuxe cafe adjoining the Webb theatre and today formally opened it to the public as the Picdmont cafe. Wednesday he ran a cants to choose from before he had Highway commission of No. 9 Springs. seekers with his two picks in objections to this proposed piece of night.

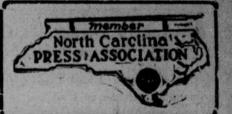
charge of the sale end. Australian Ballot

bill, written by Representative B. T. Falls, of Shelby, may get an

The bill, reported favorably by be that it will be set as a special nounced.

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Like Shelby So

Well They Stay

Where the sun shines in

February, the air is invigor-

ating and the people hospita-

ble for 12 months, and heaith

building mineral water is

Yesterday an automobile

with a Detroit, Michigan, li-

cense drove into Shelby and

toured the town. The occu-

pants, a man and his wife, ex-

pressed to citizens their fond-

ness for the town and their

intention of so-journing for

a month of the winter in the

South. But they were of the

opinion that the month's va-

cation would be better spert

in a little larger town and

they drove on to Charlotte.

Last night the car returned

and it is now parked under

the shade trees at the home

of Mrs. W. L. Packard, on

Morgan street, and today the

vacationists announced that

it would be there for a month

at least. The entire vacation-

ing world ought to know

They are Mr. and Mrs. J.

P. Cunningham, of Detroit,

Michigan, Mr. Cunningham

being a prominent business

Pay Before Property Will

Be Advertised

At a called meeting of the city

while theer are others who are be-

stallment is not due.

bonds due.

parties responsible for the

about Shelby, they say.

unexcelled-that's Shelby.

Candidate For Mayor Has Oil Well Flowing In Texas

Understood That Drillers Have Struck Oil On W. N. Dorsey Property.

Scene: Shelby. Time: Wednesday night.

addin hunts up W. N. Dorsey, can- tinue in the race for Mayor, he

dential candidate in 1844 came to news for you from Texas. You race. The Texas oil will merely enhave been elected a member of the light yesterday in Shelby. Tomor- In-Right club of the Texas oil cour- and burning.' row the story will be broadcasted try. Rub the lamp and make your wishes known."

Aladdin isn't kidding him. Mr. Dor- acreage, including an entire section, sey: "So I am a member of the announced in The Star today that In-Right club of the Texas oil

> Aladdin: "Rub the lamp and make your wishes known."

Mr. Dorsey, rubbing the lamp: After a controversy that swept "Come Genii and make me mayor of a company. A producer named over several counties cigarettes Shelby, and my happiness will be Frank M. Greene is doing the drill-

> progressive burg, has hit oil in developed. Mr. Dorsey has got the Texas. And from all accounts he news. And it is some big news. has hit it big. Authentic news has A fifty barrel well in Texas is stream of oil is pouring out of a district is a thousand dollars a barrels an hour.

The Star Friday morning, confirm- that is one well on a 160 acre tract.

A February that may be history

The thermometer at Ebeltoft's

registering 66 above; loiterers and

retired business men sunning on

court square benches, their vests

unbuttoned for th cultra-violet rays

conducive to content; flowers bloom

ing, grass greening, trees budding

This in the middle of February,

Many old-timers proclaim unre-

servedly that the weather tops any

Business men and others stroll-

From many sections of the town

and other trees blooming; one plum

tree is fully adorned in a white

spring dress; rose leaves are ma-

dresses: buttercups out, pink peach

pleasant winter weather ever ex-

As an offset to about the most

Road District

blossoms-warm sunshine.

pav dearly.

usually the South's most severe

and some few blooming.

in Shelby!

Thermometer At 66 And Flowers

Weather That Nears Record

For County

ed the news that oil has been hit on his Texas property. Asked if un-Enter Aladdin with his lamp. Al- der the circumstances he will con-

able me to keep my lamps trimmed

Mr. Dorsey has been interested for several years in property in the his eyes to make sure his friend Texas oil fields. He owns on big outright and producing oil wells are in sight all around this property, advanced to within five miles of his property line.

But the oil was struck on a property of which he is interested with ing. Thanksgiving day Greene hit oil on the property, but the gusher You have guessed it. W. N. Dor- did not come into its own at once. sey, candidate for mayor of this It has been developing. It has now

come from the oil fields that a a big well. The value of wells in this terested in, to the tune of fifty of twenty-four hours. In that case this well alone is worth a million Mr. Dorsey, in an interview with two hundred thousand dollars. And

CIGARETTES CAN BE SOLD NOW AT BOILING SPRINGS

Cigarettes, the sale of which has been banned at Boiling Springs and for three miles around since 1907, may now be

The State Senate yesterday adopted without opposition a bill introduced by Representative Falls lifting the cigarette ban, according to information from Raleigh. The bill had previously passed a vote in the house. This ends a controversy that has been waged since the bill was first introduced a week or so ago, merchants and citizens of the Boiling Springs section having asked that the old ban be lifted while members of three Baptist associations fought the repeal saying that they did not wish cigarettes sold in reach of the boys attending the big Baptist high school supported by the three. Editor Page, of Kings Mountain, was one of the leaders protesting the lifting of the

HUGGINS LINED UP TO

Opposes It Now But Not When Falls First Introduced Repeal, It Is Said

The Boiling Springs cigarette Elizabeth Light war has advanced another step. Prof. J. D. Huggins, head of the Bloom And Trees Bud About County school, is now opposing the repeal of the anti-cigarette law, accord-Groundhog In Missing Prophecy So Far Brings Unusual ing to Editor Page, of Kings Moun- is being organized in the Elizabeth tain, although information would section just west of Shelby, the have it that the school head did line to extend from the Gardnernot oppose the repeal when it was Mull development to the fair first mentioned at about the time grounds. Seven patrons have taken the repeal bill was introduced in stock and the contract was awarded the legislature by B. T. Falls, last night to the Shelby Electric

rigarettes within three miles o

the institution. Herald of Thursday quotes Hug- held last Saturday. gins as saving: "Under the circumstances I am now opposed to Jack Hoyle Signs the repeal of the Boiling Springs anti-cigarette law."

Continuing The Herald, which is making a strong fight against the

the bill to repeal the law states Hill. limit about the school and that he and Don Hicks, outfielder.

through. Baptists, owners of Boiling paign. defeated earlier by Kings Mountain Springs high school to decide. The but last night Boiling Springs beat question is whether or not we shall retrench and cede ground to the devil already gained. Our contention is that it is effective to some extent. It places eigarettes three miles farther away from the the Boiling Springs high school school boys than they would be if basketball team last night by the the law was repealed. Three miles decisive score of 33 to 21. The from temptation is enough to save Lattimore lads lead all the way many a boy from forming the through the game and won by habit. Many boys will go to Boil- their accurate passing and deadly ing Springs just for this protec- shots. ing, it is said, he had seven appliand transferring its duties to the Thompson played well for Boiling tion and if it is taken away they The game was played on the will not go. And we might just as Forest City court. well face the issue of protecting the girls against this devilish habit The contention is made that some may bootleg the cigarettes into the territory. Our answer to that is they should be punished just as much so as if they had to law and is not an excuse

lifting the ban. "Our information is that anti-cigarette law was enacted in McCord had charge of the program. 1907. That was before many of the business there. They went into

Bill On Primary Change Up Tuesday

Raleigh .- (ING)-The bill pro viding for the changing of the North Carolina primary date from like to have the job, but my opJune to August will be taken up in ponent is better qualified than I hands. The property, however,

AUTO OWNERS TO Deathbed Confession To Shelby Minister THIS YEAR NOW

Automobile owners of Cleveland county and elsewhere over North Carolina must buy two state license tags this year, according to an important bit of legislation passed at Raleigh yesterday.

The outstanding action of the day there was the making of a law by the house of a senate bill changing the date of auto registration from July 1 to January 1. This means that 400,000 car owners must buy two licenses during this year. One of these will be for six months on July 1, and another for 12 months prior to January 1, 1928. Experts estimate that the change will cost auto owners of the state \$10,000 for an additional value of 25 cents on each six months license

The important reason cited for the change was that it would move the payment from mid-summer when the farmers are usually shy on money to January and keep an even date on yearly bills. Opposition to the bill was that just after Christmas car owners would have less money than ever to buy license. FIGHT REPEAL OF BILL This argument was answered by Everette, of Durham, who replied that persons without the price of a license have no business with a

Line Organized

A new rural electric light plant Co., of which George Tompkins is At the time, it was spia, Prof. manager. Work will begin right Huggins expressed no intention of away. The line will extend through fighting the repeal as it is under- the Lee B. Weathers property and stood he considered it ineffective. the Jim Allen tract and serve at However, such has been the move the start about eight patrons. Three of things and such opposition has No. 4 wires will be strung to carry council held this week, the foldeveloped to the repeal that the school head now proclaims himself as opposed to the lifting of the cigarette ban that now prevents, or is supposed to, the selling of its connected by the or is supposed to, the selling of its church and the new school building which will be locationary to the connected them, were these:

| Council held this week, the following resolution was passed and signed by the mayor and four aldermen: "It is ordered by the members of the connected them, were these:

| That in 1898 he was paster of the Central Methodist church of the Central Methodist church of the council held this week, the following resolution was passed and signed by the mayor and four aldermen: "It is ordered by the members of the congregation was spot. The angel, according to the council held this week, the following resolution was passed and signed by the mayor and four aldermen: "It is ordered by the members of the congregation was spot. The angel, according to the council held this week, the following resolution was passed and signed by the mayor and four aldermen: "It is ordered by the members of the congregation was spot. The angel, according to the council held this week, the following resolution was passed and signed by the mayor and four aldermen: "It is ordered by the members of the congregation was spot. The angel, according to the congregation was spot. The angel, according to the congregation was spot. The angel of the remembered them, were these:

| That in 1898 he was paster of the Central Methodist church of the Central Methodist chur developed to the repeal that the 2,300 volts of power, sufficient to result of an election in the Eliza- Shelby that the treasurer and the this Corporal Belton, then quite Anyway the Kings Mountain beth and Roberts school districts tax collector of said town collect

With Pro Baseball tax in arrears on Monday Feb.

Asheville.-One by one signed contracts from members of the tative B. T. Falls who introduced in to the office of President Dan J. P. Toms, John F. Schenck and die Calling me to his hedeide he M. D. Hopper."

that Prof. Huggins "Write that he Wednesday, a young catcher did not oppose the bill.' The edi- Larry Kirby, recommended by Mattor of the Herald called Prof ty Matthews coach of the Cleveland erty owners who have not paid Huggins over phone to learn just Indians, sent in his signed papers how he felt about it after the agi- as did Al Green outfielder. Red tation has been started to have the Thomas outfielder; Harry Sinvthe, bill killed in the senate. He said to pitcher; Mack Orrelly, second sack the Herald that sentiment ex- er; Larry Schact, pitcher and a the city will resort to legal me- Carthage, Illinois in 1844. He told pressing itself from different sec- brother to the comedian with the thods. Some property owners have me that ten or a dozen men met in tions against the present bill and Washington Senators; Minor Horin favor of keeping the three mile ton pitcher; Jack Hoyle pitcher

is now opposed to the bill going | Spring training will open March 20 while Larry Gardner, manager hind. This order means that every "Whether the law is effective or of the club, will report here March not is not the question for 25,000 I to prepare fo the summer's cam-

Lattimore Takes

The Lattimore quintet defeated

Star Offers Big Dictionary For 70c amounts and this year the city has

in today's Star, offering a 1,200 paid by the property owners the Notice the large advertisement bootlegged anything else contrary page Webster's colleg, home and for office dictionary for only 70c. You can get one of these post-paid to your address by adding 70c to the price of a year's subscription to Tha Star. Publisher's price on this dismerchants of the town set up tionary is \$3.50 but The Star man- finds itself compelled to do so in business in the town knowing the gain to pass on to Star readers. It and place every tax payer on an earth, with the possible exception building. contains 60,000 words, 12,000 syno- equal basis. If some other way of the Mohammedans. nyms, radio and wireless terms, 1,200 pages, handsomely bound in pay at the end of ten years the Brigham Young, who led the heavy hardware and surplus stock super-quality fabrikoid and stamp- full amount, no end of confusion "flock" west into the fertile val-

Murder Mystery Mormon Church Founder Dr. Boyer Tells For First Time That In 1898 Mt. Airy Man Dying Confessed Part In Slaying Of Presidential Candidate

(Editor's note: Joseph Smith was the founder of the Mormon Church, and the author of "The Book of Mormon," the Bible of the Mormon church. This religious leader was murdered, as he languished in jail in Carthage, Ill., in 1844, the same year that he ran for President of the United States.

His murderers were never apprehended.

Made Public After Years Sheds Light On

This narrative which follows, throws light for the first time, on the identity of at least one of the men who killed him-revealed in Shelby Thursday by Rev. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the Central Methodist church of this city, who, answering a letter of inquiry from a man in Tioga, Ill., who had mysteriously learned the facts, stated that he preached the funeral of one of Smith's slayers-a man who made a deathbed confession to him that he was a member of the murder party.)

(By A. D. JAMES)
Rev. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Shelby, in a remarkable interview with The Star Thursday, stated that he preached the funeral in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, in 1898, of Corporal Belton, who confesesd to him on his death bed that he was one of the four conspirators who slew Joseph Smith, head and founder of the Mormon

This fact, insofar as is known, has never before been revealed, owing to the trust the Shelby minister has held with

The name of the man who aided in killing one of the most notorious men of the last century in this country, was dug from the archives of the memory of the Methodist pastor through a letter addressed to him from J. A. Cook, of Tioga, Ill. The writer told Dr. Boyer that he had been informed by Rev. Curwen Mendley that he (Dr. Boyer) could throw some light on the Smith murder, and wrote asking for all the details of the famous murder mystery that he could sup-

Dr. Boyer said he remembered

ed by Dr. Boyer, to The Star, as Smith as in the mountains of an aged man, who had subsequently been converted by an evange-

rears and it is further ordered that Airy. property subject to street paying "I knew Belton slightly," Boyer said, "but took no particular interest in him until he became ill. Then I visited him. One them home, copied them, and the 21st, 1927, be advertised for sale for said taxes. Signed A. P. day, after he had been ill a few Weathers, mayor; T. W. Hamrick, days he had grown much worse, Mormon," the Bible of "The die. Calling me to his bedside he Day Saints." said: 'There is something I want to The city has been bringing prestell you; something I have had on became a power, but his conduct my conscience a long time. I am with respect to young women besure to bear for sometime on propgoing to die, and I want to make

street paving assessments already a full confession before I pass on.' past due but met with little sucwent on, "that he and three other the doctrine of all men having all to meet outstanding paving bonds, men murdered Joseph Smith in things in common, and practise thods. Some property owners have not paid anything since their the town the night before the kill-the popular mind with polygamy, streets were paved; others have ing and pledged that they would kept up their annual installments; neither eat nor sleep until Smith church were brought under the was dead.

"Smith at the time was confined property owner must pay all back in the Carthage jail,, charged with due assessments or their property perjury and adultery. His con- Stamey Company will be advertsied for sale after duct had infuriated the Carthage people. He was then the head of This order by the council does the Mormons, and had that same Another Contest not effect the property frontage year run for President of the Big Store Has all Modern Conven-

streets that were paved under the United States. last project executed in 1925 as the "Belton said that he and three year is not out and the first in- companions broke into the Carthage jail, and planned to murder Smith in his cell, but somehow the After the paving projects were finished and the assessments fell man escaped by jumping through due, enough property owners a window. When he fell from the would pay to meet the bonds fall- window, which was on the second ing due, so previous administra- floor, the blow stunned him so he tions made no effort to collect lay on the ground until the four from the property owners after men ran around to where he was enough was in the treasury to and one of the number shot him meet the bonds. As the year go by, through the head and killed him. the bonds falling due are larger in left Illinois and made his way to goods, notions, shoes and grocermore than \$37,000 due in Febru- the South, and eventually came to ies are handled. On the mezzanine ary. Since this money has not been North Carolina and made his floor to the left from the entrance home in Mt. Airy."

\$12,500 for a short period of time most remarkable characters of the stoves, cooking utensils, glassware from a local bank to meet the nineteenth century. He was the and chinaware are handled. On the sole founder of the Mormon top floor there is a full line of cof-Church, which, according to Dr. fins, caskets, burial supplies and The city officials dislike to put Boyer is the best organized and furniture. on this pressure at this time, but the most vigorous missionary body In the basement there is a giant aged to pick up 100 at a real bar- order to maintain the city's credit of religionists now existing on heating plant to heat the entire

> Smith's work was taken up and store building which has been va was found to meet these bonds and wait on the property owners to carried on to great success by cated will be used for wagons would result in determining the leys of Utah, where the Mormon largest mercantile establish pay- mother church and mother com- in this section and has met with ment of certain installments since munity now exists.

neurotic tempermanent-such is occupied.

having, years ago, told his friend the story of Mormonism he had a vision. An angel appeared to him Rev. Mr. Mendley of the facts of in a dream, and revealed to him his having learned that Corporal the whereabouts of certain gold Monday Feb. 21st. is Lest Day To Belton had a hand in the Smith tablets, which Smith was told to murder, and had preached the funeral over his remains.

The facts in the case, as relat-

The facts in the case, as relatall street paving tax now in ar- list who had preached in Mt. tablets would be given over int

his custody, as the chosen of God Smith kept the faith, and in fou lets over to the prophet, who tool transcript became to "Book of

Smith organized a church, and came so flagrant that the community rose up in arms against "He then told me," Dr. Boyer him. It is said that he preached this faith. For years Mormonism until finally the members of the prohibition of a federal statute prohibiting this crime.

In New Building

iences, Including Elevator, Water and Lights.

The Stamey company at Fallston ing just completed and without a doubt one of the most modern store buildings in the county. The building has plate glass front, handsome interior fixtures, an electric elevator, toilets for gents and ladies and every department is separate and "After that Belton told me he distinct. On the main floor, dry one finds ladies ready-to-wear and Joseph Smith was one of the millinery, while on the right,

Mr. Stamey says the old wooder remarkable success. A long ch

Head Of Calendar request.

Raleigh—The Australian ballot Shelby To Play early decision in the house.

legislaton. If there s any objecton,

The Capitol at Raleigh and Mr.

Falls will arrange a hearing upon

The Shelby High quint will play the house committee on election the strong Fallston school basket- Reuben McBrayer and Bill McCord, laws, now stands at the head of the ball team tonight at 8 o'clock in emphasizing the importance of

order, however, as the house has So far this season the Shelby Harry Pippin lead the group in plenty of bills on its calendar to quint has met the outstanding singing a number of Kiwanis songs keep it busy for several days. There teams in this section and although which were full of pep and ginger are 44 bills on the public calendar defeated on several occasions the Every member sang more heartily not including the special orders, schedule is giving local fans the than ever before and learned a and the ones acted on yesterday by opportunity of seeing some of the number of new Kiwanis songs from the various House committees, near best teams in the section in action. the Kiwanis official song book. Mrs ly all of which had meetings yes. A good crowd is expected for to-

Why Diet? Doctors Like Their Turkey

The ordinary mortal who is fond of turkey and doesn't get the delectable fowl so often shouldn't worry about his digestion and go ahead and eat The idea is this: The doctors themselves like turkey, and there is sufficient proof that

they eat the fowl. The regular monthly meeting of the Cleveland County Medical society was held Monday night at the Shelby hospital, one of the features of the meeting being a fine turkey dinner tendered them by Miss Ella McNichols, hospital superintendent. Nothing other than the professional routine topics was taken up by the numerous medicos in attendance, it is re-

Boiling Springs Wins Fast Game

Basketball Gets to Fever Heat Over County. Shelby Meets Lattimore Tuesday.

prophecies of the groundhog fol-With Kings Mountain, Boiling lowers that can hardly dampen the Springs, Lattimore, Fallston and joy of living in such weather-pro-Shelby all boasting unusually good phecies that we will not have any high school cage teams a merry fruit this year. A cold snap and a little mix-up has developed in the killing frost will get everything local basketball world. Lattimore that has bloomed. For every bit of and Kings Mountain have met twice the "borrowed weather" we must each winning game. Lattimore this week beat Boiling Springs, a team But up until yesterday, with the

Kings Mountain. Tonight Shelby plays Fallston and Lattimore comes for a corking

good game Tuesday night. The Boiling Springs-Kings Mountain game was one of the hottest of the season the score being Boiling Springs 36 and Kings Moun-Representative B. T. Falls has tain 32. Stowe was the big persmall "ad" in The Star for a wait- a request to introduce a bill abol- former for Kings Mountain, while ress and cashier and Thursdy morn- ishing the Lawndale Road district McIntyre, DePriest, Donald and

hardly completed his breakfast. To- township. He wants to know if any Central high, of Rutherfordton, day the new cafe was serving food citizens in the district desire file and Boiling Springs hook up to-

kindly write to Mr. Falls, care of Singing Features Kiwanis Meeting

Singing featured the club meeting Thursday night at Fallston Tonight Cleveland Springs hotel when Bill After talks were made by Dr.

public calendar in the house. It may the new gymnasium here, it is an- mass singing and the effect it has law existed." on the spirits of the members,