

And as yet no new developments of importance in the mayoralty race.

The Shelby High have copped one baseball game this week and are out after two more.

The P. & N. will not come to Shelby. Such is the pith of apparently reliable reports reaching Shelby, despite the fact that no public announcement is made prior to the news in The Star today.

Three prominent Baptists will be at the First Baptist church here this week and many representatives from church in the association are expected.

The Tringale debates are on at the High school this Friday. After an article about the debates was written for this issue it was learned that only Gastonia and Shelby will be in the local tripling, Lincoln debaters not entering.

A \$15,000 fire at the Mooresboro Cotton Oil company is detailed in this issue.

Judge McElroy is sending several defendants up to the State prison in court here this week. For the highlights of court read The Star.

Mr. L. J. Wagner prominent Shelby citizen, is dead. Details of the death are given in this issue of the paper.

A youth charged with an attempted assault on a small girl was given a two year term in the State prison this morning in Superior court.

Summer baseball for Shelby still dangles in the air as a possibility.

L. J. WAGNER TO BE BURIED HERE

Prominent Municipal Engineer and Contractor Succumbs Here at the Age of 72 Years.

Lewis J. Wagner, prominent municipal engineer and contractor, died this morning at 8 o'clock at his home on N. Morgan street having been sick since December with cancer of the stomach. He was taken ill in Detroit, in December while on a visit to three of his daughters who live there and after a few weeks in a Detroit hospital was brought, at his request, to his home here to be with his wife and son. Mr. Wagner was born in Buffalo, N. Y., 72 years ago but came South in young manhood as foreman of a locomotive plant. While born north of the Mason and Dixon line, he was a Southerner "by choice and adoption." Most of his life was spent as engineer and contractor in which line he has executed millions of dollars worth of work. For years he had for his partner a Mr. Walton and he became acquainted with Shelby when they built Shelby's first water plant in 1910. His stay here was pleasant and he became attached to the town and people, making up his mind that he would enjoy his last days here.

Six years ago he and his son came to Shelby to make their home, his wife joining them later. He was a man of wonderful energy, practical business judgment, friendly and true in his every-day relationships. His business was constantly studied and talked and in his line he had few equals. He possessed a buoyant disposition, was kind and sympathetic and every man from the humblest colored workman to the highest city official with whom he came in contact was impressed by his honesty, his industry, his thrift and his wholesome character. Within recent years he and his son Fred were business partners in the contracting and operation of the stone quarry here. They had been "buddies" since Fred's boyhood and Mr. Wagner was always as youthful and active as his son.

Funeral Friday. Before coming to Shelby Mr. Wagner lived in Atlanta and Rome, Ga., but his contracting covered the southeastern part of the United States. He was married to Miss Adelia Wood of Rome, Ga., who is in very feeble health here, but survives together with the following children: Mrs. Jessie Lanier, Mrs. Katherine Lowe and Mrs. M. L. Pulcher all of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. C. A. Wootton of Augusta, Ga., and Fred Wagner of Shelby.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, services being conducted by Dr. Hugh K. Boyer pastor of the Central Methodist church with which he was affiliated and former pastor Rev. A. L. Stanford of Charlotte. Mr. Wagner was an active Mason and the funeral will be with honors from the Knights Templar local lodge of Masons. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery here.

All of the children are en route here for the funeral Friday.

C. B. Suttle Drops Dead In Barber Shop At 3 O'Clock

C. B. Suttle, senior, dropped dead shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Willis barber shop to which place he had gone for tonorial work. Mr. Suttle was about to step into the barber chair when he swooned to the floor. Mr. Suttle, one of Shelby's pioneer citizens, had been in very good health for a man nearing eighty years of age.

2 YEARS FOR BOY OVER ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON GIRL

Attorneys for Culprit Ask Reformatory Sentence, But Judge Says Penitentiary.

Eugene Hayes, a youth said to be about 15 years of age, was given a sentence ranging from two to three years at hard labor in the State prison here just before noon today by Judge McElroy after pleading guilty through his attorneys for assault with intent to commit rape.

The intended victim of the boy was a 6-year-old white girl of No. 10 township, a daughter of the man by whom the boy had been employed as a farm hand for a week or so. The boy admitted the attempt but denied accomplishment as did the other evidence.

In the evidence it was brought out that the youth was without parents and homeless and had at one time been an inmate of the county home in Lincoln. From his general demeanor he appeared to be weak-minded, and a former employer termed his mind that of a five-year old boy.

Attorneys for the boy asked that he be sent to a reformatory or the institute for the feeble-minded, but Judge McElroy steered in passing sentence that he would be given proper observation at the prison and if necessary sent to the institute.

Piedmont Debate Thursday, March 31

The Musigmarthonian (we have never been able to understand why such a name was chosen) Literary society will hold its improvement debate at Piedmont High school on Thursday night March 31st when the speakers will discuss the query: "Resolved, That Congress Should enact the Curtis-Reed bill providing for a Federal Department of Education." Willard Hord and Charles Rackard will uphold the affirmative, while Harold Cordell and Walter Crofts will defend the negative side of the question. Robert Burns will deliver a declamation and the president of the society will deliver an address.

Trade At Home - And A View

Came a Monroe "business man" to The Enquirer office on a recent day, bringing with him an air of I believe in community spirit, and everybody should trade at home attitude, and proceeded to tell me how the mail order houses were flooding the country with catalogs and that the nearby larger town merchants were littering streets and lawns of residences with page advertisements.

I admitted everything the gentleman said. "You could do a lot of good," said he, "by printing some articles and telling the public how the mail order houses do not help pay the preacher, keep up our schools, our roads, and pay very little taxes."

All of which is true. But I also happened to know that the "business man" in question, who wanted me to cuss 'em out, last year purchased for his company \$180 worth of calendars from a Chicago "art house" and that he spent practically nothing in the local newspapers to tell the public of his wares.

Besides the pictures on the calendars this man purchased consisted of a half-naked woman lolling on a divan and labeled "The Pride of the Haven."

And yet this "business man" wants the folks to trade at home.—Monroe Enquirer.

Carpenter Enters Mayor's Race Today, He Announces; Dorsey Formally Running

Another Candidate Announces In Person Of Well Known Business Man. Dorsey's Card Out.

R. E. Carpenter druggist, made formal entry in the race for Mayor of Shelby today and W. N. Dorsey, the first to enter who made his announcement last fall, is publishing his card to show that he is still in the race and will be in the contest to the finish.

Mr. Carpenter has been a member of the city school board for a number of years and has rendered faithful service in this capacity. He is an excellent business man with a wide acquaintance and a host of friends who have been urging him for some time to make the race, but not until today did he get consent of his mind to enter. He has talked to many voters and has received encouragement that is gratifying.

Court Installments To Be Paid Just As Other Installments, Says Judge

Judge McElroy Making Defendants Toe Mark With Harwood Installments. Two Prison Terms.

An installment payment on a debt must be paid—particularly if it is an installment to the court on a fine. That in a way is Judge P. A. McElroy's style of looking at it.

At the last term of court here Judge Harwood, presiding, introduced the installment style of punishment. He sentenced a guilty defendant to the roads and then suspended judgment on payment of a fine, the payments to be divided over a certain period of time. When Judge McElroy arrived to conduct the present term of court it was found that one or two of the installment defendants were behind with their payments. And the court record relates Judge McElroy's decision something like this: "Let the original sentence take effect immediately." Meaning that those who have failed to come across with the installments on their fines will be forced to serve the original road or jail sentences.

To State Prison

The sentences of the court Monday and Tuesday included two terms to the State Prison at Raleigh. Harley Johnson, who featured in recent store robberies in South Shelby, drew a term of from 18 months to three years on the charge of breaking and entering, receiving and possessing stolen goods. Co-defendants in the case were not prosed with leave.

On another breaking and entering and larceny charge Lloyd Cash was given a term of one to two years in the State Prison, both terms including the "hard labor" phrase.

Among the other sentences handed out by the court during the two days work were the following:

Raymond and Odell Grgig, 18 months each on liquor charges, and John Self nine months on similar charges. The trio of cases came up on an appeal from recorder's court.

Convicts Help Claude and Austin Weaver, of Lincoln county, drew six month sentences each after two convicts helped prove liquor charges against them. The two convicts and the two Weavers boys, according to the evidence, featured in the same liquor party wherein 31 gallons of booze was captured. The convicts, both from Gastonia,

Observer Notes That Hill County Can Produce Cotton Despite Other Opinion

The following from the Charlotte Observer concerning Cleveland county's record cotton crop should be of interest: Cleveland county is in the piedmont, but its northern border takes a turn upward on the slopes of South Mountain. It was not so long ago that the farmers in Cleveland would have hooted at the idea that they could grow cotton, except in the lower section of the county, but Max Gardner turned farmer and got to terracing and planting cotton. The farm demonstration agent came along and took a hand, and cotton fields became common. But the farmers were not planting for amusement; they planted for business, and Cleveland soon became talked of as one of the finest cotton counties in the state. In one year it came next to Johnston, the champion cotton county. This year it is counting its cotton crop in terms of not far from 47,000 bales—and Mecklenburg used to think it was doing something big with a crop of around 30,000 bales. Cleveland led the state in terrace farming and it is perhaps leader in intensive farming. Some of its big cotton crop is picked from the mountain sides, which goes to show the possibilities of soil and climate in North Carolina piedmont, for people cannot yet bring their minds to consider cotton as a mountain proposition.

THREE PROMINENT MEN COMING HERE FOR MEET FRIDAY

Dr. Agar, One of Best Known Churchmen in America to Be At First Baptist Session.

Baptist representatives from all over the Kings Mountain association and nearby associations are expected here Friday for the all-day inspirational meeting at the First Baptist church. This meeting begins at 10 o'clock in the morning and continues until 9 that evening.

Several outstanding Baptist leaders will be in attendance, including Dr. S. A. Agar, of New York city, Dr. Agar, is one of the best known churchmen in America today and is perhaps the outstanding statistician of the Baptist church. His presence alone should attract scores of Baptists.

Other prominent men expect to attend are Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh, president of Meredith college, and Dr. C. E. Maddry, also of Raleigh, and one of the Baptist leaders of the state.

Representatives from far off points are expected to bring picnic baskets to the meeting. These will be supplemented by hot coffee, sandwiches and lunch material, by the ladies of the First Baptist church for one meal.

Shelby Delegate Not At Meeting

It is still somewhat doubtful about Shelby having summer baseball this summer.

A delegation from Shelby had been invited to attend an organization meeting of the Western Carolina league Monday night at Hickory, but so far as can be learned Shelby was not represented at the meeting. Those sponsoring the league, which operated last year, had hoped to have Hickory, Newton, Morganton, Valdese, Lenoir, and possibly Lincolnton and Shelby in the circuit this year.

Hereabouts some interest has been shown in the proposition provided the players used should be county boys. It was the opinion of many here that if local college and school diamond stars made up the team that it would be well supported here. Whether or not other moves will be made to get Shelby in the league remain to be seen.

This Couple May Have 'Backed Out'

Despite the fact that Superior court is on here and at least one dozen couples will likely be divorced, Register of Deeds A. F. Newton has not sold a marriage license this week. However, he wonders if one couple, affected by spring fever, has decided otherwise. Mr. Newton was out away from the court house Sunday, his position not being a seven-day one, and on Monday he learned that a couple had secured the necessary medical papers and had sought him for a marriage license. Since they didn't find him he has been expecting them back this week.

Apparently, though, one of three things has happened: They're waiting on another Saturday pay-day; or have been married in South Carolina, or have "backed out."

Youth Gets Long Term Over Auto

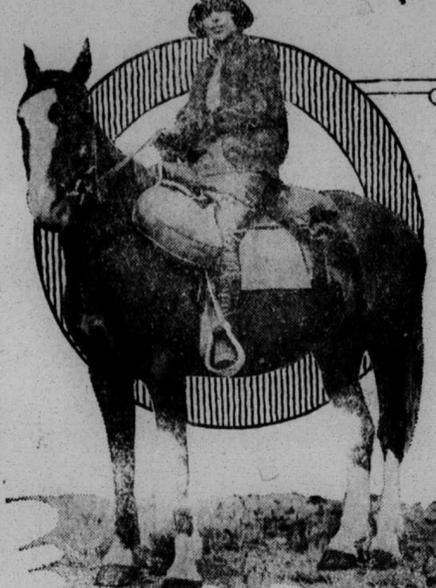
Henry Tessner, the youth who was the hunted party in the exciting race through the business district of Shelby Saturday night, was given a sentence of 12 months today by Judge McElroy on a temporary car larceny charge and also the larceny of field glasses.

The youth, it will be remembered "borrowed" a car Saturday night and was caught by the owner as he was returning it. He sidestepped the owner in the business section and was caught after an exciting race. Evidence offered by the defendant was that the boy had hired the car from another youth and did not know that it belonged to Mr. Padgett, the owner.

Best's Furniture Sale

The John M. Best Furniture company is announcing in the advertising columns of today's Star the inauguration of a big sale starting Friday morning. Mr. Best asserts that the sale represents a store-wide cut in price, the biggest he has ever staged. Big preparations are being made at the store for the sale. Amongst the features will be the giving away of a bedroom suite, which will be done on the basis of coupons. The sale opens Friday and will run through Saturday of next week.

"Tenderfoot" Gives Lessons



When Mabel C. Ogeson, a Buffalo (N. Y.) girl, went west she was hailed as a "tenderfoot." She never had been on a horse. But when Miss Mabel finally got on one, it was hard to get her off. She rode a broncho 200 miles over the Rocky Mountain trails of Glacier National Park, setting a new park record for horseback riding.

P & N Extension Will Not Come By Shelby, Reports Reaching Here Indicate

Directors Of Railroad Vote To Keep Extension South Of Southern Tracks. Strenuously Sought Here

Shelby will not be on the Gastonia to Spartanburg extension of the Piedmont and Northern electric railroad.

This town's hopes of an incentive and aid to future growth and progress through another railroad line seem to have been practically eradicated by latest reports reaching here.

Ed. Thomasson, general manager of the P. and N. and a native of this county, visiting in Shelby late Monday following a visit to New York, stated, it is understood that directors of the road at a recent meeting there voted to keep the extension on the south side of the Southern main line and practically paralleling that road. Although Shelby is not mentioned in the report of the director's decision it is a plain assumption that the extension will not touch the central portion of Cleveland county.

Several Reasons From the standpoint of assumption several reasons are attributed for the decision to have the extension go the other way:

1.—New York financial centers that have business interests or connections with the P. and N. also have similar interests in the business and success of the Seaboard—and the Seaboard serves Shelby.

2.—The distance by way of Shelby is a little more than four miles longer than other proposed routing. In this connection it is remembered that a rate given by the interstate commerce commission would force the P. and N. to enter competition of freight hauling with the Southern and all extra mileage eliminated would favor money-making competition.

3.—The P. and N. lines now in operation are south of the Southern tracks and with the decision to keep the P. and N. on the south side no crossing of the two roads will be necessitated. If the routing had been by way of Shelby it would have been necessary to cross the Southern and recross, likely some where in South Carolina. By the crossings Shelby would have been the only town tapped by the extra expense.

Worked Hard For It. In a way the decision not to come to Shelby is a blow to this section, which had almost anticipated it. However, it is realized that the railroad activities are a matter of private interest and that the extension is the solution for their best interests.

Hereabouts strenuous effort were made to secure the extension for Shelby and an untapped section of fertile agricultural activities and a bustling textile region. The local chamber of commerce made a strong fight for the extension and presented advantages and opportunities of the section in a fine manner without imposing on road officials or attempting to interfere in an objectionable manner to their decisions. Moreover local business men worked hard along the same lines. There seemed to be considerable sentiment among road officials to have the extension come this way and with that feeling it is understood that the road decided on the best routing for their future.

MOORESBORO HAS FIRE DAMAGE TO COTTON OIL PLANT

\$15,000 Fire Starts At Midnight—100 Tons of Seed and 250 to 300 Tons Hulls

A \$15,000 fire loss was sustained by the Mooresboro Cotton Oil company Monday night when the seed house, warehouse and office were swept by flames of an unknown origin. J. B. Blanton, president, says the fire evidently originated in the seed house among the hulls about midnight and leaped to the other buildings, but did not damage the manufacturing plant where the presses are located. The mill did not run last week, but started up Monday and ran during the day until nightfall.

In the seed house which was a total loss, were stored 100 tons of seed, 250 to 300 tons of hulls. This represented the greatest loss in stock. The warehouse contained bagging and ties and other stock of less value. The office was a complete loss, making three buildings to be destroyed by the fire. The plant being some distance away from the fire and the valiant work of firemen saved the brick building.

Mr. Blanton says the loss of \$15,000 is about three-fourths covered by insurance and that as soon as adjusters view the devastation, that the burned buildings will be rebuilt and that the plant will be ready for operation again by next season.

J. B. Blanton is president, A. I. Smart is secretary-treasurer and J. W. Lucas is superintendent of the company owning the plant.

TRIANGLE DEBATE ON HERE FRIDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Shelby Debating Team To Compete With Gastonia And Lincolnton Teams.

Debating teams of Shelby, Lincolnton, and Gastonia high school will compete in the elimination contests in the state-wide debate sponsored by the University of North Carolina. They are among the 240 schools participating.

Each school will have an affirmative and negative team and those winning both in the affirmative and negative will go to Chapel Hill for the final contest.

The elimination debates will be held on April 1.

The query which will be under discussion in all of the contests next Friday evening is "Resolved, That Congress should enact the Curtis-Reed bill, providing for a Federal department of education." The high school debaters have conducted an extended research on this question, their study having extended over the past several months. The results of their prolonged effort, as shown in the debating clashes in the triangular series, should prove highly interesting.

The high schools which win both of their triangular debates on April 1, will send their teams to Chapel Hill to compete on April 14 and 15 in the final contest for the Ayeoek Memorial cup, the trophy which has been presented to the High Schools Debating union by the intercollegiate debaters of the University of North Carolina.

The high schools which enrolled in the High School Debating union have been arranged in groups, for this year's contest.

In former triangular debates Shelby teams have several times made the trip to Chapel Hill and always have established good records.

New Shoe Store To Open Saturday

Hanes, "One, Two Three" shoe store will open Saturday in the Judge J. L. Webb building in the store room, partly occupied by Dr. D. M. Morrison, optician. Max Washburn and Robert Hord are the managers in charge, each with equal authority to transact business. Hanes, the shoe man, now owns a chain of shoe stores in the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania, the headquarters being in the latter state. One, Two, Three, means that every shoe in stock bears one of three prices, \$1, \$2, or \$3 per pair. Nothing, higher or lower or between the prices will be sold. The store will sell for cash only.