

I. C. Griffin has been re-elected superintendent of the Shelby schools and all the present principals will serve again, The Star says today.

Cheer up! Times are better now than they were last year. So says a leading banker of the town in an interview given to this paper today.

Nothing new of much import in the city election. Few issues have developed—but a dinner invitation, it is out—keep up in The Star.

Plans for the new golf club house here are being made, officials of the club say.

Twenty-two inquiries from industries wishing to locate here have been received by the chamber of commerce.

Lightning killed two people yesterday in Rutherford county. A babe in its mother's arms was not injured although she was killed.

A mutilated body and a bloody axe is the story told of a Lincoln county suicide. The news of adjoining counties in The Star.

Shelby plays Fallston here Friday in the first game for the state championship. Many fans are expected to turn out and boost the Highs on their way to a third title for Shelby.

Another municipal board candidate announces today.

One bank closed yesterday at Blacksburg but is to be reopened, it is learned.

ERWIN MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY IN SPRING MEET HERE

Meet in Lincolnton Next. Delegates Are Named to General Presbyterian Assembly.

Rev. C. O. Erwin, of Rutherfordton, is the new moderator of the Kings Mountain Presbytery, being elected at the spring meeting now in session at Shelby Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Erwin succeeds Rev. O. C. Houston, Ellenboro as moderator. W. J. Roach continues as stated clerk of the presbytery.

The opening sermon of the presbytery was preached yesterday morning by Rev. W. W. Akers, of Lincolnton, and the presbyterian sermon was preached at 11 o'clock today by Rev. J. E. Berryhill, of Lowell. Rev. Mr. Akers was the last retiring moderator of the presbytery.

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the local church and host to the presbytery, says that the final session will likely be held this afternoon or evening.

Anniversary Meeting.

Lincolnton was selected as the next meeting place and the fall meeting of the presbytery will be held there. At that time the 25th anniversary of the organization of the presbytery will be celebrated.

The presbytery also named delegates to the general assembly in Eldorado, Arizona, on May 10. The ministers named were Rev. A. S. Anderson, of Lowell, and Rev. W. W. Akers, of Lincolnton. The elders were Rev. A. S. Anderson, of Lowell, and Rev. W. W. Akers, of Lincolnton. The elders were C. W. Kincaid, of Gastonia, and W. F. Hol and of Mt. Tolly.

About 40 delegates are attending the presbytery sessions coming from the five counties of the presbytery. Luncheon was served at the church today by the ladies of the church.

Taxi Driver Not To Drive Again For Three Months

Charged With Being Intoxicated And Hitting Another Car; Loses License.

A local taxi driver, J. B. Daves, is not to operate an automobile in any capacity for a period of three months according to an order handed down in county court yesterday by Judge John P. Mull.

Daves was before the court Tuesday charged with operating his car Monday afternoon while under the influence of liquor. The evidence was that he collided with a car driven by Miss Fay Lutz on East Marion street and was found later driving aimlessly about in South Shelby, officers testifying to an intoxicated condition.

In addition to ordering him not to drive any more for 90 days, Judge Mull fined the taxi driver \$50 and the costs, and also ordered that he pay damages to the other car, which, it is said, will be about \$20.

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Mother And Her Daughter Killed By Bolt Lightning

Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Reavis Dead At Caroleen Babe In Mrs. Reavis' Arms Unhurt.

Rutherfordton, April 19.—Lightning claimed two lives during a severe electrical storm at Caroleen early this morning when Mrs. James Morrow, 47, was struck dead as she turned to lower a window in her home, and her daughter, Mrs. George Reavis, 28, was found dead in the next room a few minutes later, an uninjured child still in her arms.

The body of Mrs. Reavis was found by Mr. Morrow when he ran into the room after Mrs. Morrow had failed to answer his call. She was lying in the floor, the child unhurt with the exception of a places.

Pershing Is In France But Will Be Invited To Kings Mountain Celebration

Kings Mountain.—The fact that General John J. Pershing is now in France should cause very little delay, if any, in presenting him with the invitation to speak here at the celebration of the battle of Kings Mountain, according to O. B. Carpenter, prominent local mill man and chairman of the speaker committee.

"Mr. Pershing has a secretary who attends to all such matter," Mr. Carpenter declared. "If General Pershing has a previous engagement on October 7 his secretary will immediately notify the committee that it will be impossible for general to speak then. On the other hand, if the general has no engagement on October 7, the secretary will immediately take the matter up with him. It may take several weeks before we know anything definite."

It is reported on good authority that the French government is suspected of being slightly lukewarm on the American plan to erect elaborate monuments to mark the scene of each major action of American troops in the World War.

Pershing, of course, is chairman of the Battle Monument commission. He is expected back about the first of June.

ITALIAN FILM INDUSTRY TO HAVE GOVERNMENT AID

(By International News Service)

Rome.—Following the example of Britain, Italy has decided to protect her motion picture industry from foreign competition by rendering obligatory the production of a certain percentage of Italian films at every performance.

This will range from 10 to 15 per cent of the program, with power to increase the quota.

The picture market in Italy has been practically monopolized by American and German films in the past few years.

Tobacco Led Cotton

Raleigh.—(INS)—Tobacco products led all other industries in output in 1925, with a combined value of \$343,074,607, according to figures released today by the State department of conservation and development.

Cotton goods ran a close second, showing a valuation of \$316,068,931. The cotton goods industry stood in front in the total number of establishments and in the number of persons employed.

Coat Of New Easter Suit Lost Already

Lady Luck Frowns on some folks occasionally.

D. F. Waters, Spindale citizen was riding through Cleveland county Monday and at the time he was wearing a "brand new Easter suit," purchased just especially for the new Spring clothes season. It being a warm day the coat was removed and laid in the car. Arriving near Shelby he found that he had lost the coat somewhere between Waco and Shelby. A search back along the road was promptly made, but no trace of the coat had been found until yesterday.

The news item devolves from a "penny ad" in The Star. Advertising salesman have often declared that there is happiness, tragedy, success, and failure written in the "want ads" in this instance it appears that the small ads carried a little story of sorrow. Losing a new Easter coat isn't calculated to be a No Loafing Allowed.

Durham.—(INS)—Durham has declared war on loafers. Now on they will have to have a very good reason for their presence in the downtown section.

Mr. O. H. Davis, president of Gilmer's, was a visitor to the Shelby store Wednesday. Giving the store the once-over since the change in lay-out, Mr. Davis said it pleased him immensely. He said further he was pleased with the outlook for local business.

NO ISSUES SHOW UP IN ELECTION FOR CITY OFFICES

None of the Candidates Has Adopted a Drastic Platform to Campaign on All Friends.

All appearances now are that the next mayor of Shelby will be elected by the confidence reposed in him by the people of the town. So far six candidates for mayor together with the board entrants have not adopted any drastic platform on which to base their campaign for office.

"Miss Julia" Charlotte's feminine candidate for the City hall, has brought in a rum issue there and Big Bill Thompson became mayor of Chicago by announcing a wide-open policy, but in Shelby all the candidates seem content to let the people judge them and what they will do by what they are.

It is a right unusual political situation when some candidate is not drawn out on a certain topic to have a rival take an opposing stand but such is the condition in Shelby now with less than two weeks to go until the votes are counted.

Candidate W. N. Dorsey has his announcement card to read contrary to the usual announcements in that he makes it plain that the race was not forced on him by overwhelming groups of friends—that's an oddity of frankness. A Hatcher Webb another candidate, says on his circulars that an administration under him would be a square deal for all with no particular favors for anyone. Other than that the candidates seem to be sticking to personal pledges—that is, if any pledging is being done at all. Messrs. Hamrick, Carpenter, Elam and Babington are all active somewhat on the quiet. Up town reports are that the textile villages are being worked thoroughly with one or two candidates already proclaiming leads in certain sections.

Dinner Proposed.

It could be that Shelby will witness something unusual at noon on the day of the election. Or would not it be unusual to see Messrs. Webb, Babington, Elam, Carpenter, Dorsey and Hamrick gathered around the same dining table in a "chumby" manner while the votes were being cast uptown—votes that will make one of the sextet a mayor?

In his latest circular to appear on the streets Candidate Webb has extended such an invitation. He being the host, Cleveland Springs the place and May second the date.

22 INQUIRIES FROM FACTORIES

Chamber of Commerce Gets a Batch of Inquiries from Advertisements Inserted.

Hendrick Announces For Municipal Board

Mr. R. L. Hendrick, well known local contractor, has consented, friends said today, to enter the race for alderman from Ward 2.

This makes three candidates in the race from that ward, the two previously announced being J. L. Thomasson, and M. D. Hopper, the present alderman.

Friends of the new candidate support him as one of the well known citizens of the town, an older resident known for his business ability and honesty and believe him a safe man to handle the affairs of the town. He is now manager of the recently organized casket factory here. The announcement should have appeared in Friday's issue of The Star, friends say, but by an oversight was left out. The formal announcement is scheduled to appear in the next issue of the paper.

The two inquiries from hosiery manufacturers are direct to Shelby and Mr. Newton says the men seen be greatly interested. The 22 inquiries coming from the Duke Power Co., ask for information bearing on the entire territory served by the great hydro-electric company which is seeking to locate more industrial plants of every description. Mr. Newton is furnishing all inquirers with the kind of information they seek and hopes to land some plant out of the large batch he has before him.

No Loafing Allowed.

Durham—(INS)—Durham has declared war on loafers.

Now on they will have to have a very good reason for their presence in the downtown section.

The increasing number of petty robberies led to the creation of a semi-curfew in the Bull City.

Under police orders, persons found on the streets after midnight will be subjected to questioning by police officers at their discretion.

• 40,000 Shoes



SHELBY TO MEET FALLSTON FRIDAY IN TITLE SERIES

Winner Meets Kings Mountain On Tuesday. Highs Get Close Victory Over Gastonia Outfit.

The Shelby Highs will play Fallston here Friday afternoon in the first game of the state-wide series for the North Carolina championship, according to a message from Coach "Casey" Morris, who attended a meeting last night in Salisbury at which the schedule was arranged.

The local group in the contest is made up of Fallston, Shelby, Kings Mountain, Forest City and Henrietta. Kings Mountain drew a bye and will not play in the state series this week. However, the winner of the Fallston-Shelby go will play Kings Mountain Friday either here or in Kings Mountain.

Baseball dopes are of the opinion that if Shelby can get by the two opening games that the local club stands a good chance of at least getting into the western semi-finals.

Cline Wins Own Game.

Clyde Cline, heavy-hitting first-sacker and pitcher, made it 10 straight victories for Shelby yesterday afternoon by winning his own game over Gastonia in the ninth frame. The husky slugger drove out a safety in the ninth with the score tied and scored the winning run.

The victory was Shelby's second over Gastonia this year. Gastonia secured only seven hits off Shelby's utility star, Schneider and Porter getting two each. In the meantime the Shelby murderers' row was collecting an even dozen safeties. Lee, shortstop, led the attack with three hits, while Kerr Clive and Bridges secured 2 each.

Shelby scored two in the first frame when the "big end" of the line-up, composed of Kerr, Lee and Cline secured three straight ends. The game rocked along under that title for five frames until Gastonia scored one. Gastonia ran across another in the eighth on hits by Porter and Parish. Then in the ninth with the score knotted, Cline drove out a long hit and scored when Williams could not handle Gillespie's long fly to left.

The box score:

	AB. R. H. E.
Kerr, 2b	4 1 2 0
Lee, ss	.5 1 3 0
Cline, p	4 1 2 0
Gillespie, c	4 0 1 0
Sparks, rf	4 0 0 0
Golf, if	2 0 1 0
Harris, cf	4 0 1 0
Anthony, 3b	4 0 0 0
Bridges, 1b	4 0 2 0
Totals	35 3 12 1
Gastonia	AB. R. H. E.
Welch, 2b	5 0 1 0
Reep, c	3 0 1 1
Schneider, 1b	4 0 2 0
Porter, p	4 1 2 0
Parish, ss	4 0 1 0
Morley, cf	4 0 0 0
Riddle, 3b	4 0 0 0
Williams, lf	3 0 0 1
Pearson, rf	3 0 1 0
Totals	34 2 7 2

"I consider the county not only well off, but I should say it is better off than it was at this time last year. There are fewer bad checks coming through the banks; and there are fewer over-drafts which is always a healthy sign. Banks themselves owe less money than at this season of 1926.

"People are living more sanely and buying much more wisely. That has helped immensely. Last year spending was reckless, and extravagance was much more in evidence.

"The crops we made last year, especially the hay crop, has proved a great blessing. This successful diversification has proved to the farmers that they can not live on cotton alone, and it is to be hoped that the lesson will prove a lasting one.

"Fertilizer is cheaper, which will help to a big lift. I think every farmer in the county will be able to get fertilizer for his needs.

"Local business in the staple lines is good, and the prospects are it will continue so. Some enterprises are having hard sledding, but this is because people have cut out extravagance to a great extent, and unnecessary buying, and are confining themselves more or less to supplying their needs.

"But the actual healthful needs of this vast community is such, that wise buying of them will guarantee a good local trade.

"It appears to me, that the less we have had is a salutary one. Certainly the people are living more sanely, buying more sanely, and are coming to recognize the evils of extravagance. If we had continued on the road we were traveling, there is no telling where we would have ended up.

"Sometimes these so-called calamities are a blessing in disguise. We have been taught not only restraint in spending, but the lesson to the farmers of the value of diversification is priceless. Farmers can not subsist solely on cotton, and for the continued prosperity of the county, it is to be hoped they will fully realize this fact.

"The big crops other than cotton

have been harvested and the market is now open. The market is now open and the price is high. The market is now open and the price is high.

"We wouldn't mind giving a lady driver half the road if she would only take it on her own side.

Conditions Over County Better Than Before Cotton Slump, Banker Here Thinks

Drop in Big County Cash Crop Brought Folks Back to Earth. Horse-sense and Wisdom Now Being Used in Spending. Less Bad Checks, Less Overdrafts, and Banks Owe Less. Improvement Over Last Year.