

More Than 100 New Voters Register For Coming Race

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For a big part of Cleveland county this is "commencement week" more than 50 per cent of the county schools closing this week. Many will also close next week.

One alderman has retired from the race, according to an announcement in this issue.

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So far as the new registration books reveal the six candidates for mayor of Shelby will have their fate decided by around 1,600 voters. However, indications are that several hundred new voters will be added to that list by the time the registration books close tomorrow week.

A survey of the city registration book yesterday revealed that up until noon 105 new voters had registered. This means 105 more voters than cast ballots in the 1925 municipal election. About 10 voters have been registering daily for the past several days and as the city election comes nearer the number is expected to increase. So far, it is said, candidates

have not shown any great activity in bringing in new voters and therefore it is expected that several score new ones will be headed to the registration books next week. With six candidates to divide the total it is a foregone conclusion that every vote will help.

Registrar T. C. Eskridge says that the H's, Mc's and P's are leading the list of new voters in alphabetical order. There were 1,505 votes cast in the last city ballot-battle and with the 105 new ones added the estimated total now should be about 1,600. Political observers look for this total to reach a mark between 1,700 and 2,000 before the registration books close.

Young Girl's Skull Fractured By Auto; Has Likely Chance To Recover, Said

Eight-year-old Geraldine Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Norman, injured.

Geraldine Norman, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Norman, lying in the Shelby hospital with a fracture at the base of the skull, gave the parents and the medical attendants more hope of her recovery this morning when she looked up into their faces and smiled a smile of recognition. On Wednesday afternoon she was struck by a truck driven by Mr. Quince Whisnant of the Pokville section as she was driving out West Graham street and the child was hurled to the pavement. The base of the skull was fractured, the child was unconscious and bleeding at the ears. Physicians felt at the time that the injury would prove fatal, but gradually signs of improvement are developing and now it is thought that she will recover.

Geraldine in the second grade, had run across the street from her home to the Ideal ice plant. Standing behind an ice truck parked at the curb she was exercising caution against passing cars. A touring car was coming in one direction and with her attention centered on it, she darted across the street when the touring car passed. But the truck driven by Mr. Whisnant and carrying 18 bags of fertilizer approached from the other direction and struck her. Mr. Whisnant did not see the child before she darted as she was standing behind a parked truck. Parents of the child do not hold Mr. Whisnant to blame for the affair, it is understood. The truck did not pass over her body, but she was struck by the front of the truck and knocked to the sidewalk.

LEAD IN INCOME TAX OVER 1926

Raleigh. —(INS.)—Income tax collections in North Carolina for the present fiscal year may exceed last year's figures just released by the state department of revenue indicate.

Collections to date for 1927 total \$6,094,000, compared with \$6,083,000 last year. The present fiscal year has two months and 10 days to run.

It was certain that this year's figures would represent a big increase over last year's when all collections are made.

Ledford Posts Up Attendance Record

A large board containing the names of the 57 Kiwanis members and their attendance record since the 1st of January, featured the Kiwanis club Thursday night with J. F. Ledford in charge. Mr. Ledford always thorough and painstaking when placed in charge of a Kiwanis program, gave vivid evidence of the regularity or irregularity with which members are attending. One hundred per cent attendance was marked by a large nail for every meeting. As the attendance of members fell off, smaller nails were used, with crepe hanging on those who fell below 50 percent. Shelby and Lincoln clubs are in an attendance contest which closes the first week in May. The losing club must entertain the winner at a luncheon and it looks as if Shelby will have to furnish the feed.

A local negro quartet was then brought in to "revive the spirits" of the low per centage members and the negroes delighted the club with old time favorites such as "I Shall Not Be Moved," "God's Going to Move This Wicked Race," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Good News, Chariot's Coming," etc.

Student Concert To Earn Trip To Big Greensboro Meeting

Glee Club And Band To "Strut Stuff" Before Home Folks. Enter State Contest.

Next Tuesday evening if you have nothing particular on—other than your ordinary habiliments—take a jaunt over to the Central school auditorium for a real musical concert band, glee club, solos and so on. The performers will be Shelby school boys and girls and they plan to give the home folks some real entertainment.

There are several worthwhile reasons behind the concert. Next Thursday the Shelby high school band, believed hereabouts to be the equal of Sousa's aggregation of tooters, and the high school glee club together with other school musicians will leave for Greensboro to take part in the state wide glee club and musical contests. This is the first time Shelby will be fully represented at the meeting and about the school there is considerable elation over the fact.

But—There is no department of the school treasury that has an appropriation to pay the expenses of such a trip and therein came a stumbling block. And while stumbling over it an idea developed. That's the concert Tuesday night.

"We can give anybody a quarter's worth of real music," the high school pupils say, "and enough quarters will take us all to Greensboro. We are going to go, and we are going to earn our own way."

So, briefly, that is the appeal of the youthful musicians to their parents and friends. They are not going to beg any one for expenses for their trip to Greensboro, but to enable them to go they are going to give a concert and defray their own expenses.

Those who have heard the band and glee club perform realize that a full concert for the familiar "two-bit piece" will be cheap entertainment. In addition to selections by the band and glee club there will be vocal and instrumental solos, duets, quartets and so on.

And although they are out with the first big reason to make enough money to secure the Greensboro trip the members of the musical aggregation want it understood that they intend to show the home folks that they are likely to cop some of the prizes at Greensboro.

Casar School To Close Next Week

Casar will close its most successful school year next week. The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday afternoon April 24th at 3 o'clock, by Rev. D. G. Washburn of this county. The remainder of the program will come in the latter part of the week to be featured by an operetta which promises to be unique. Then society night which offers a variety of information and fun; followed by "The Hoodooed Coon" the last night which will keep you roaring from start to finish. Following is a complete program.

Wednesday 8 p. m.—Operetta and May pole dance by primary grades.

Thursday 3 p. m. Recitation contest, 8 p. m. debate, followed by a play "Out in the Street."

Friday 2:30 p. m.—Declamation contest. Followed by awarding of medals and prizes.

Friday 8 p. m.—Play "The Hoodooed Coon."

TEXT BOOK SCARE NOT SO BAD SAYS SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Parents Will Not Be Worried Over What Sale School Book Changes This Year.

J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of schools, has an interesting little item about school books. It will be of more than usual interest to school patrons and parents who five years ago were forced to buy a new set of books for nearly all their children in school.

Such will not be the case next year despite the fact that this is the year for the change in text books, Grigg states.

A state ruling is that changes in text books in North Carolina schools be made every five years. A text book commission is appointed to approve books and five years ago parents "went up in the air," so to speak, because of the expense of the many changes to them. In other words the changes were so that Bobby's books couldn't be handed down to Freddy, and Mabel couldn't carry Ophelia's old books to school. No one needs to remind the public that many things were said about those responsible for the changes then.

That's why the statement by the Cleveland county superintendent is of general interest.

Two years ago the legislature put a crimp in the wholesale plan of changing books by ordering that only one subject in the elementary schools could be changed each year. In other words if the text book commission decides to make a change in readers this spring that will be the only new books parents will have to buy. The other old ones will be in use. And then there is the probability that the book being used will be on the approved list with no changes at all.

High Schools Too. The change in high school books is not so strictly prohibited, but will likely be very little changes in books for the higher students. Grigg adds. If the present list of books now in use in Cleveland county high schools are approved the changes will be very few indeed.

Which, as was said before, is a right interesting matter to parents who had to dig down in the family funds and buy so many new books five years ago.

GOOD REPORT FOR HOME MISSION AT PRESBYTERY MEET

With receipts of \$11,710.97 and disbursements of \$10,932.46 the Home Mission committee of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian churches in Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland, Lincoln and Gaston counties, with headquarters at Forest City, presented a splendid report to the spring meeting of the presbytery held at Shelby for the past fiscal year.

All home mission churches have been regularly supplied with preachers, all have Sunday schools and all but two have fully organized young people's work. Evangelistic meetings were conducted in all churches and all but two, officially released, paid the home mission appointments in full, and all giving to benevolences. Fifteen weeks of Daily Vacation Bible schools were held in these churches under the leadership of Mrs. A. T. Banks, a trained worker from the general assembly's training school at Richmond, Va.

Two new churches were organized, one at Spindale and one at Chimney Rock. Two new church buildings were completed, one costing \$12,000 at Tryon and one costing \$6,000 at North Belmont.

The superintendent traveled 12,680 miles on home mission work and personally conducted evangelistic meetings in the majority of the home mission field.

Dover To Speak At Memorial Day

J. R. Dover, textile manufacturer who is also gifted in elocution, will be the speaker at the memorial day services at Pleasant Hill Baptist church Sunday May 1st, according to Mr. L. I. Kendrick. Mr. Dover will speak in the forenoon and will be followed at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Lowe. Picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour and after the decoration of the graves, there will be a song service in the afternoon.

Helps on Dam



Dr. William C. Durand, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at Stanford University, is one of five men named by Secretary Work to survey the Colorado river and choose a government dam site, possibly Boulder Dam, in Arizona.

Cotton Crop Cut Ten Per Cent, Report

Farmers in Cleveland County Are Diversifying, Hardin Says. 35,000 Bales Next Year.

According to a statement by Alvin Hardin, county agricultural agent to The Star Thursday, cotton acreage in Cleveland county has been cut this current season ten per cent.

Hardin has kept in close touch with the subject of crop acreage in the county, and is the best authority on the subject. He would therefore be sure that the lesson of the crop has borne fruit in its season.

Farmers have been told, retold and this has gone more to cut the cotton crop and diversify—to cease narrowing their dependence upon cotton.

Hardin says they have done this—cut cotton lands 10 per cent and doubled the grain planting. He estimates the cotton yield—all things being equal—this coming fall at 35,000 to 38,000 bales. This cultivation will be due, according to the county agent, not alone to decreased acreage, but he says much less fertilizer is being used.

Hardin is looking forward with confidence to the immediate future in the county. He says conditions are entirely healthy, and that slowly but surely the farmers are adapting themselves to the changing conditions, and will keep abreast of the needs of the new day in agriculture.

Handicapped Youths Are Being Trained

H. C. Corpening, of the state rehabilitation department, was here today with J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, in conference with disabled citizens of the county who desire vocational training. About six cases were investigated and it was decided to give training to four. Three of these are young Bowling Springs students. Two will be trained for office work and one as a teacher.

The department is anxious to get in touch with other crippled or disabled person in the county and assist the worthy ones in securing training so that they may make their own way in life. Mr. Corpening is particularly anxious to get in touch with any disabled high school graduates this year who desire to better train themselves for their work in life.

Two people are now receiving training, one being in the business school here, while another is studying poultry work. Several others have completed training and are now earning their livelihood although handicapped before being trained.

Thomason Withdraws From Ward 2 Race

J. Lon Thomason who recently announced that he would be a candidate for alderman in Ward 2, asked The Star this morning to state that since his friend Rochel L. Hendrick has announced that he (Thomason) would withdraw. Mr. Thomason says he was not anxious for the position on the board but consented to run when no one else had announced, but now that Mr. Hendrick and the present alderman Mr. M. D. Hopper are both avowed candidates, Mr. Thomason will get out of the running and let one of the two now in the race, represent that ward on the city council.

Shelby's 1857 Charter Unique -- Mayor Cannot Resign From Office Or "Fired"; Can Force Aldermen To Serve On Board

MANY SCHOOLS IN COUNTY WILL END TERMS THIS WEEK

Fifty To Sixty Percent Close School Year. All Others Close Next Week.

Fifty to 60 per cent of the schools in Cleveland county close their terms this week, according to Superintendent J. H. Grigg.

Several of the larger schools of the county have already closed, and the majority of the others will close next week, it is said. Generally speaking school officials term it one of the best years in the history of the county with all schools doing good work, there being much advancement and progress recorded in the various schools.

Among the schools closing today are Grover, Fairview, Boiling Springs, Earl, Moriah, Beaver Dam, New House, Beam's Mill, Philbeck's, White's and others.

The term at Union ended Thursday, and Waco closed Tuesday of this week.

Make Efforts For Mail Extension

A concerted effort is being made to get the postoffice department at Washington to send an inspector to Shelby get an extension of the mail service here by the addition of one or more postal carriers. Last night at the Kiwanis club Secretary J. C. Newton of the chamber of commerce offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted asking for this mail extension and today Mayor Weathers is sending a letter to the department telling of the street and sidewalk extensions and asking that additional citizens be served with delivery. Postmaster J. H. Quinn is also writing, informing the department that all boxes are rented at the office and additional patrons cannot be served from boxes unless the delivery service is extended so that box patrons can relinquish their boxes to those wanting to rent.

John Toms Declines To Make Race Again

There has been much speculation as to whether Mr. John P. Toms, alderman in Ward 1 would make the race to succeed himself. Mr. Toms stated to The Star this week that he would not be a candidate because of the press of his other duties as superintendent of the Eastside mill. He will have served efficiently for two years, one term, next month when the new city officials take up their duties. Recently Mr. J. F. Ledford announced for this position and it is understood that Mr. Toms told Mr. Ledford some time ago that if he (Ledford) would run, he (Toms) would not be a candidate as he was serving more as a patriotic duty than as a voluntary office holder.

Eskridge Takes On New Refrigerator

Charles L. Eskridge has taken the distribution of the Copeland electric refrigerator and will have a stock on his floor at the Ford garage shortly for demonstration and sale. Electric refrigerators seem to be coming into popularity just as the radio, electric cook stoves and many other late inventions and after three years of investigation Mr. Eskridge has selected the Copeland. The cabinets are all porcelain and made by Seager, one of the oldest and most successful manufacturers of refrigerator cabinets in America. Mr. Eskridge says he will have factory trained men-always here to give Copeland users

Taxes Coming In Good Sheriff Says

Taxes have been coming in good in recent weeks, according to Sheriff Hugh Logan, who estimates that about \$440,000 of the \$551,000 on the books has been paid. This leaves around \$75,000 to come in. After May 1, which is only a week off, property is advertised for taxes unpaid, the nearing of this date has helped along in the collections. The sheriff is expecting a considerable amount of taxes to be paid in tomorrow and next week.

Wears A Suit For 18 Years

Charlie Dayberry, colored truckman at the Seaboard depot, read in The Star that a Statesville man is wearing a suit of clothes he bought 26 years ago and a Charlotte man wears a 20 year old hat and these facts made Charlie recall that the suit he is wearing was bought 18 years ago. Charlie was "sparking" about then and blew himself for a tailor-made garments which cost him the princely sum of \$28.50. For years Charlie kept it for his Sunday best but for the past two years has called the suit in for daily service and except for the lining which is shredded in places, one of the local cleaning and pressing clubs could give the suit a treatment that would make it look as good as new. Charlie's suit record is not the best, but good enough to command public notice.

B. S. FINALS RUN APRIL 30-MAY 4TH

Alumni Meeting Saturday of Next Week. Dr. Hudson Preaches Sunday Sermon.

Boiling Springs High school finals begin Saturday of next week and continue through Wednesday May 4th, according to the handsomely engraved program and invitations which have just been issued by the school of which Prof. J. D. Huggins is principal. Dr. E. V. Hudson, former student of the school now of Cramerton, will deliver the annual sermon Sunday May 1st, while Max Gardner of Shelby will deliver the literary address Wednesday May 4th.

The following is the program and list of graduates:

Saturday, April 30th, 7:30 p. m.—Alumni meeting.

Sunday, May 1, 11 a. m.—Annual sermon by Dr. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton.

Monday, May 2, 10 a. m.—Declarations contest. 11 a. m.—Art exhibit. 2:30 p. m.—Readers contest. 8:30 p. m.—Concert by Glee club.

Tuesday, May 3, 10 a. m.—Class day exercises. 2 p. m.—Orators contest. 8 p. m.—Play by the literary societies, entitled "Green Stockings."

Wednesday, May 4, 11 a. m.—Literary address by Hon. O. Max Gardner. 2 p. m.—Graduating exercises.

Marshalls—Athenean and Rhamseur: Taft Putnam, chief, Broughton Thompson, Leland Royster, Annie Gettys, Etha Putnam.

Kalliergeonian and Kalagathian, Ruth Irvin, chief, Louise Elliott, Lucile Packard, Roy Hammett, John Hamrick.

Senior Class. College preparatory: Vevette Julius Elliott, Ralph L. Falls, William Elzie Ford, Paul Gibbs, Johnnie Susan Gibbs, Wilma, Greene, Marie Elizabeth Hamrick, Eunice Gladys Jones, Arthur Guy Lonon, William Guy Lonon, Annie Jane Lancaster, Annie Louise Matheny, James William Padgett, Elizabeth Thompson, Travis Durham White.

English scientific: Roy Arnette, Anna Lula Wall Arnett, Catherine Louise Allen, Alma Francis Belle, Clarence E. Baker, Lowell Barnette, Grady Rowen, Hugh O. Britain, Polly Lovelle Beason, Lois Marie Cooley, Baggie Cole, Eugene Mauris DePriest, T. B. DePriest, Annie B. DePriest, Nan Ellis.

Mary Oaxie Edwards, Claud Woody Harrill, James L. Hamrick, Catherine Louise Horton, Maude Virginia Huggins, Nancy Nancy Lattimore, Barney McIntyre, Ruth McKinney, Grace McBrayer, Chivous Padgett, Margie Mead Peoples, Harvey Sparks, Catherine Connell Scrogens, Annie Turner, Ruth Vivian Webster.

Governor Coming Back

Raleigh. —(INS.)—Governor McLean, who is now taking a two weeks' rest in his camp in the Wisconsin lake region, is expected back to the capital late this week.

The Governor went to his camp for a short rest following an attack of influenza.

Antique Charter Of Old Days Still Applies To Town

Here is a brief but very enlightening narrative concerning the charter of the city of Shelby. Ordinarily speaking stories about city charters are dull reading, but this will prove different.

If you live in this burg, especially if you have what is called a political mind, and get no kick out of the facts to be recited, you are, as Damon Runyan says about Judd Gray, numb all over.

We got the facts from a city alderman—a very well known alderman, by the way. He is so well known that he is running for promotion. Perhaps we had about as well mention his name, because there are not more than half a dozen aldermen running for mayor.

But we may have promised him not to mention his name; we don't exactly remember. The facts are these:

If you are an alderman in the city of Shelby, having been duly elected, your position is this: You can't resign, and you can't be fired, and if you don't want to serve, get your back up and grouch on for any cause, your comrades in misery can invoke the police power to make you act—

Which is to say they can send Chief Hamrick, Moore, Poston or Jim Hester to your house, haul you out and bring you to city hall and duly seat you in your aldermanic chair, and tell you to go ahead and vote, or words to that effect.

You can't resign, and you can't be impeached. If you pull one of those little stunts that men are sometimes driven to, and make a haul on Mrs. Suttle's cash box, and Logan pays you a call and you transfer your home to the classic brick pile on East Warren street, you are out of the running as an alderman, but your place is left vacant.

If an uncle suddenly dies and leaves you some money, and you pay Mrs. Suttle back, in city hall you go, and take up the grind again.

And some folks in Shelby should take very special heed of this: If you are the mayor of the town you are in the same boat. You can't resign, can't quit, can't be fired and you can't be impeached.

It's your job, and it's yours for keeps for better or for worse, as they say at the altar, until the next election gives you a divorce and sets you free.

Five Men Can Elect.

And now listen to this: Suppose no one ran for office—suppose no one sought the job of alderman or mayor. As conditions now exist that seems unthinkable, but just suppose no one "offered" himself. Then five men could get together, five enemies of a poor bloke could assemble, sign up a petition, wish the nomination on him and if he is elected he can be made to serve.

That same awful police power can be invoked to make him come to city hall to perform that duty that was wished upon him.

So much for the city charter you are living under in this good year 1927, a charter adopted in the progressive year of 1875, some sixty years ago, if our mathematics are right.

An Old Charter. The framers of the charter never dreamed that men would scramble like lads for pennies for the job of running the town. Back those days they thought towns could run themselves and there wasn't much social or political prestige in holding the reins. But it's different now.

But remember—you gents who are so eager to break into city hall, remember what you're up against. Remember that Hamrick, Hester, Poston or Moore can be put on your trail any day you fail to do your duty. If we remember aright, they can actually arrest you and fetch you to city hall.

Spring activity in clothing industry and manufacturing in general is bringing about a slow but steady improvement in employment conditions, according to the superintendent of the Rochester office of the State Employment bureau. By mid-summer employment will have taken strides that will bring it to normal, he declared.