

W. N. Dorsey Elected Mayor Of Shelby; Carpenter Runs Second In Monday's Race

COTTON UP OVER THIS COUNTY NOW

A considerable amount of cotton is already up in Cleveland county, according to farmers and others. Farm leaders estimate that a big per centage of the 1927 cotton crop in the county has already been planted. Far more than half of the crop was planted prior to Saturday and it is said that the week end rains proved very valuable to the farmers. Where the cotton had been planted for some time it came out rapidly after the rain and cotton plants just a day or so prior to the rain is progressing nicely. It is not known just what section had the first cotton up, but several observant farm folks say that about the Hamrick section between Boiling Springs and Shelby a considerable amount of cotton is up and has been up.

Mrs. John Weathers Buried At Zion

Mrs. John Weathers was buried Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Zion Baptist church six miles north of Shelby the funeral services being conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. A large crowd and a wealth of floral offerings attested the high esteem in which she was held. Mrs. Weathers before marriage was a Miss Styres, daughter of a well known preacher. She had been sick for several months suffering with dropsy. At the time of her death she was 58 years of age. She joined the church at the tender age of 13 years and remained a consecrated Christian, an affectionate wife and mother and good neighbor all of her earthly life. Her husband, who is in feeble health, one daughter and six sons survive.

Put Water Meters At Shelby Schools

In order to check up on the water consumption at the various school buildings in the town of Shelby, the city council in regular meeting last night ordered the water department to put meters on the school lines. Heretofore an unlimited supply of water has been furnished the schools by the city and the children have been careless and wasteful. After the meters determine what is a normal supply for each school, it is the purpose of the city council to make a charge for amounts in excess of normal uses in order to teach the children and the janitors to stop so much waste.

Motor Club Man Is Visitor Here

W. F. Shipman, assistant district manager of the Carolina Motor club is spending a few days in Shelby this week in the interest of the club, the largest motor club organization in the South. It is not an organization for profit but is engaged in providing emergency road service, provides police bond, recovers stolen cars, fights speed traps, gives free legal assistance, works to prevent accidents, favors good legislation and advertises to attract outside tourists. Mr. Shipman says he already has a large membership here, but is securing many more.

Setting Hen And Goat "Mother" Orphaned Bull Terrier Pups—And Do Job Properly

The latest freak from the animal kingdom develops at a Shelby veterinary hospital where a setting hen and a goat are mothering two orphaned Boston bull terrier pups on which a high value is set owing to their pedigree. It is the hen's duty to keep her odd canine brood warm and protected and she does it well, according to the veterinarian. In the meantime the pups must have the food necessary for very young pups—they are only four days old—and their food supply comes from a female goat. The hen, the goat, and the pups, which have two mothers instead of one since their regular mother the old Boston terrier died after an operation, are kept in one stall at the hospital. Up in a trough the hen hovers affectionately over the two pups, keeping them warm during the early morning hours, and warming them up for pup naps at various intervals during the day. When her brood becomes hungry the goat is so notified, through some language of the animal kingdom, and the pups partake of a goat milk meal. Oddly enough, it is said that the pups are thriving and their owner has renewed hope of their growing to maturity. Due to their boosted pedigree the dogs are considered very valuable and if they live will likely sell for a goodly sum. It is said about the hospital that the hen is just as particular who comes about her pups as if her brood were chicks instead of canines, manifesting in many ways her interest in their welfare. However, the biggest attraction to the freak comes at the meal hour and in the look of the goat as the pups partake of her milk. And, lest the fact be overlooked, the pups seem happy enough as they cuddle under the hen's wing after a meal.

Candidate Who Proposed Some "House-Cleaning" Hands Town One of Its Biggest Political Surprises. Gold and Hendrick Win In Contests For Aldermen.

Ladies and gentlemen, meet William Nicholson Dorsey, called by the people to be the next mayor of Shelby, and perhaps the only gentleman ever to win a political campaign without any of the favorite campaigning methods such as pack-patting, handshaking, multitudinous promises, and such like. And, while introduction accessories are in order, he gave the stately town, supposedly well-versed in politics, one of the biggest surprises it has ever experienced since back in the musty years when Bill Love assigned a spot for the county court house and plotted the town now known as Shelby and inhabited by near 10,000 people. Usually after an election there are more "I-told-you-so's" than there were votes cast, but a town that has a frank speaking mayor-to-be now speaks frankly itself and admits, in a tone wherein disappointment cannot be detected, that it is surprised. Some three or four other candidates were predicted and talked on the streets as "sure winners," "dead-lock bets," and so on, but the fingers of one hand are sufficient to enumerate those who placed William Nicholson Dorsey in that list.

The widely known "silent vote" for once tooted the loudest horn. The silent figure that stood near the ballot box Monday, with his chin set so much as to say "here I stand with no man's collar on my neck. If you want to vote for me, do it, but if you don't I'm not beseeching you," apparently won the admiration of the voters who milled about the lobby. And today, despite the fact that many predictions were made otherwise and some 900-odd votes cast to other candidates, Shelby seems to be the outcome judging by the conversation heard on the streets. Among the numerous other surprises sprung day before yesterday was the seemingly light vote cast. It was generally predicted that between 1,750 and 2,000 votes would be cast. As was noted previously only a small number over 1,400 were cast. The prediction was based on the fact that around 1,500 were cast in the three-cornered contest two years ago, while 401 new voters registered for the election Monday. Judging by the final figures of Monday's election a lot of folks have died since last election, or have moved away, or didn't care to vote. Then it may be that six candidates failed to arouse as much interest as three. All of which is for the reader to estimate upon himself, it being mere speculation. A day having elapsed since the voting the town staff discusses the interesting query of how it happened. The winning candidate for mayor did not do any active campaigning, that is, in the sense of personally canvassing the town, asking every noe he met to vote for him. His public campaigning so far as is known—if the statement will be pardoned—was confined to several newspaper advertisements appearing in The Cleveland Star. In the early days of the campaign Mr. Dorsey announced the policy of not going out on a personal campaign. However, he made it plain that he wore no man's collar and if elected mayor would be mayor himself. These announcements appeared in newspaper form in addition to the unusual, and reversed statement of R. L. Hendrick received a vote of 1,155 as compared with 242 votes received by Hopper. In Ward three Dr. G. M. Gold polled a total of 768 votes, while Sam M. Morrison received 558 votes. A. V. Hamrick was unopposed in Ward four and received 1,261 votes. The new school board, without opposition and voted upon merely as a formality, is made up of J. F. Ledford, Rochel Hendrick, G. M. Gold, and A. V. Hamrick. Ledford, without opposition in Ward one, polled a vote of 1,284; in Ward two R. L. Hendrick received a vote of 1,155 as compared with 242 votes received by Hopper. In Ward three Dr. G. M. Gold polled a total of 768 votes, while Sam M. Morrison received 558 votes. A. V. Hamrick was unopposed in Ward four and received 1,261 votes.

Other than the mayoralty contest the biggest vote was cast in the Ward three race, the two candidates receiving a total of 1425 votes. Those are the figures as turned over to city authorities by Registrar T. C. Eskridge and his election assistants. Among the numerous other surprises sprung day before yesterday was the seemingly light vote cast. It was generally predicted that between 1,750 and 2,000 votes would be cast. As was noted previously only a small number over 1,400 were cast. The prediction was based on the fact that around 1,500 were cast in the three-cornered contest two years ago, while 401 new voters registered for the election Monday. Judging by the final figures of Monday's election a lot of folks have died since last election, or have moved away, or didn't care to vote. Then it may be that six candidates failed to arouse as much interest as three. All of which is for the reader to estimate upon himself, it being mere speculation. A day having elapsed since the voting the town staff discusses the interesting query of how it happened. The winning candidate for mayor did not do any active campaigning, that is, in the sense of personally canvassing the town, asking every noe he met to vote for him. His public campaigning so far as is known—if the statement will be pardoned—was confined to several newspaper advertisements appearing in The Cleveland Star. In the early days of the campaign Mr. Dorsey announced the policy of not going out on a personal campaign. However, he made it plain that he wore no man's collar and if elected mayor would be mayor himself. These announcements appeared in newspaper form in addition to the unusual, and reversed statement of R. L. Hendrick received a vote of 1,155 as compared with 242 votes received by Hopper. In Ward three Dr. G. M. Gold polled a total of 768 votes, while Sam M. Morrison received 558 votes. A. V. Hamrick was unopposed in Ward four and received 1,261 votes.

On the day following the appearance of the paper carrying the statement discussion rolled one or the other to reach the final decision that it would either "make or break" his political future. Those who reached the conclusion, or reached none whatsoever, know the outcome. In the last political election prior to the recent melee political leaders began to give considerable thought to the "silent vote"—the folks who do not get out on the street and say who they are for—and hereafter, more'n likely, more thought than ever will be given to this class of vote. Mayor Dorsey and his board of aldermen will take office on the first Monday of June succeeding Mayor A. P. Weathers and the present board.

Attend Funeral Of Mrs. McBrayer

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lackey, Mrs. J. B. Nolan of Shelby and Mr. Onslow McBrayer of Warrenton, Ga., attended the funeral of their sister-in-law Mrs. John McBrayer at Rock Hill, S. C., Tuesday. Mrs. McBrayer was 28 years of age and a young woman of fine qualities, a member of the Presbyterian church. Her husband John McBrayer, is a brother of Mrs. J. L. Lackey, Mrs. J. B. Nolan and Mr. Marshall McBrayer of Shelby. Surviving are her husband and two children, ages two and four years.

Kelly Indicted



Paul Kelly, motion picture juvenile of Los Angeles, is one of the principals in Hollywood's newest tragedy. After a fist fight with Kelly, Ray Raymond, musical comedy star, died. The fight was alleged to have resulted from Kelly's attentions to Dorothy Mackaye, Raymond's beautiful wife. Kelly was indicted for murder.

Highs Meet Asheville On Friday Here

Cherryville and Charlotte Meet. "Dutch" Whisnant Will Likely Hurl Fourth Game.

The Shelby Highs will play the strong Asheville High baseball team here Friday afternoon in the state high school championship race, it is announced from Salisbury where on Tuesday night a schedule for the eight remaining teams in the race was prepared. Cherryville and Charlotte play in Gastonia Thursday. Bonlee and Rockwell play at Siler City Friday. High Point and Winston-Salem play at Guilford college Friday. The western championship will be determined Friday, May 13 and the game for the state title will be played in Chapel Hill May 20. Good Game Here. Asheville is reported to have one of the strongest teams ever this year and Coach Morris anticipates a hard game here Friday afternoon with the chances being about even in keeping Shelby in the state race. It has been a long time since an Asheville athletic team appeared here. Locally, all Asheville athletic teams will be remembered by football team that dropped off here "for an exhibition game before going on to Chapel Hill." The aftermath story was that the Asheville eleven returned to their homes instead of going on to Chapel Hill, but between their coming and departure Shelby's greatest football classic was staged. If it could be assured that the baseball game Friday afternoon would be half as interesting as the football game the school park could not hold the crowds. History Revived. With Charlotte, Cherryville and Shelby fighting for western baseball honors Raleigh sport writers are remembering that some of the greatest scholastic baseball ever played in North Carolina took place near a dozen years ago when the same trio battled for the title.

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Daughters Want Historical Facts

Claude G. Bowers, author of "Hamilton and Jefferson" and "Party Battles of the Jackson Period" wishes to write again of the interesting period of 1865 to 1876 and has asked the historical department of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for help in collecting data. Mrs. E. B. Lattimore, a member of the Shelby chapter of the U. D. C. would like to have old letters, diaries kept and not published, touching upon the conditions, the hopes and fears of the people, their social life, etc., old pamphlets published for a purpose in those years and old newspapers descriptive of events anywhere in the South. If you have such old material, it will be greatly appreciated if you will furnish the same to Mrs. E. B. Lattimore who will forward it to the proper place. Of course these old papers will be well taken care of and handled carefully, and returned to their proper owners intact.

RED CROSS ASKS MORE FUNDS FROM SHELBY SECTION

Spread Of Flood Brings Added Suffering. Red Cross Head Wants More Money.

Shelby and surrounding section is being asked for \$350 more to aid in relief work among the thousands of people made homeless and suffering from hunger by the Mississippi flood, the most disastrous of all American floods. Shelby has already given its \$350 quota. After once getting started contributions came in fairly fast. Now with the radius of the disaster spreading every section is asked for twice the original amount. Many towns have already given two and three times the amount asked and are still giving. Have you made a contribution? Want It Voluntary. Many Shelby folks have asked why a canvass of the town has not been made. "I'd give something if somebody would come by for it," many say. In answer to that question Red Cross officials state that they want every contribution made voluntary without urging. Humanity is suffering, people of our own kind. Many have been starved, others near death from drought, cold and disease. The appeal is made to the heart and the Red Cross in doing its utmost for relief does not want any high pressure work to secure necessary funds. It is hoped that when the raging waters, carrying homes and happiness in their path, subside that the people of the stricken area will realize that they were helped in their plight by open-hearted brother mankind and that no high pressure was used to alleviate their suffering. It is an appeal hard to dodge. Will you turn your contribution over today or tomorrow to D. Z. Newton, treasurer of the fund? A Statement. The following statement was issued yesterday by I. C. Griffin, head of the local Red Cross unit: To the Citizens of Shelby and Cleveland County: The Red Cross appeal for a cash donation of \$350.00 by the citizens of Cleveland county, has been met in full. This morning the following telegram was received: "Chairman Cleveland county National Red Cross, Shelby, N. C. Upon recommendation Hoover and myself just returned from disaster area. Central committee decided in view vast increase in flooded area that emergency situation now demands minimum ten million dollars. This means doubling original quota each county. If you have already raised double your original quota please continue your efforts to secure as large an amount as possible. In this crisis confident we can depend upon continuation of your loyal and devoted efforts. JAMES L. FIESER."

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes T. P. Hamrick (\$1.00), D. E. Webb (.50), T. L. McSwain (1.00), J. B. McSwain (1.00), Mary Reeves Forney (1.00), Lucy Hoyle Missionary Society (9.00), A. M. Lovelace (2.00), Daisey E. Lovelace (2.00), George Blanton (5.00), C. C. Blanton (25.00), T. W. Ebeltoft family (10.00), South Shelby school (add.) (2.25), A. P. Poston (2.00), Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith (2.00), G. L. Hamrick (1.00), Mrs. G. L. Hamrick (1.00), A. Y. Hamrick (1.00). Total: 100.00.

"I Intend To Make Good In My Promise"-Dorsey Says; To Enforce Laws Fairly

Next Mayor Says Present City Employees Will Automatically Retire From Office With Mayor Weathers, And He Will Hire Whom He Pleases. Will Hire Or Fire Or Not Serve. Aldermen To Govern Finance And Business And Be His "Boss."

"I intend to make good my promise"—that's the after-election statement of W. N. Dorsey, who was elected mayor, of Shelby in one of the most surprising and unusual elections in the history of the town. Speaking just as frankly to a Star reporter as he did during his campaign Mr. Dorsey this morning outlined his aims and ambitions, his plans, his appreciation, and his feeling. By his style nothing is left to conjecture. He says "yes" or "no" and he sticks to it, that is the conclusion reached after an interview. Will Discharge No One. Since his election on a platform that told of a house cleaning at the city hall, Shelby has been abtrot with conjecture as to who would go and who would stay, or just who would be "fired." Here's the answer: Mr. Dorsey stated today "I will discharge no one now in the employ of the town of Shelby. But all city employes in office now will automatically retire when Mayor Weathers goes out of office. That is understood and they were employed for no longer than the man who employed them. Then with every city office vacant I mean to employ those whom I want to employ, and in employing them it is that I intend to keep the promise made to voters who elected me. Hiring and Firing. "As to the keeping of my promise there have been those who think that I made a broad statement in saying that I would make several changes. If one cares to look it will be noticed that I stated I would make these changes 'if I serve as mayor.' I did not say I would 'be elected.' Which means that I will either make the changes or not take the oath of office. "I do not intend to infringe in any way upon the aldermen elected by the people of Shelby. All I intend is that I shall be cussed or praised for what I do and that the same apply to them. I do not want the aldermen to be berated for something I do and I do not want to be berated for something they do. "I intend that they shall have charge and supervision over all finances and business matters. They shall pass upon bond issues, street improvements, building and tearing down. It is for them to prepare general and departmental budgets. As executive officer of the town I intend to be mayor and manager. When their budget is prepared it is for me to hire and fire employes according to my opinion of their service. In no way do I mean to impose on the rights and privileges of the board. All Under Heads. "The operation of the town business will be as any other business system. I shall be responsible to the board of aldermen—they head the town—for all the employes under me. In turn the heads of all me, and the men under them will be responsible to the heads. If I do not like the conduct of a fireman I do not intend to talk to the fireman. Instead I will let the head of that department know how I feel and if he can not make things proper I will get a head that can. The same will apply to all departments wherein there are city employes. The heads of all departments must handle their problems or there will be new heads. Up to Aldermen. "Likewise, at any time the conduct and work of myself or the men responsible to me is such that it displeases the board of aldermen that it is necessary is for three of them to ask my resignation and they may have it without any ill-feeling on my part. I want the employes under me to have the same view about me as I have about the aldermen. Talked With Board. "I reserve the privilege of hiring and firing employes under me just as would any other man heading any business. If I serve as mayor I will have that power. I have talked this plan with the gentlemen who go into office with me and it is my understanding that they agree with a systematic management of town affairs. "I will not spend a cent of the town's money without the consent of the aldermen. It is their business to govern the financial end. My intentions are to spend correctly the money budgeted to be spent by the departments under me as mayor and manager of the town. Signation will be forthcoming when

asked by any three aldermen and likewise I expect to have the resignation of employes under me when asked by me. The aldermen will tell me their wishes and I will tell the heads of the departments. Fair Enforcement. "I believe in fair dealing and expect all citizens to observe the laws of the town. Everybody will be treated alike in enforcing the laws, rich and poor, or what not, and I intend that they shall be enforced. Welcome Strangers. "If any partiality is shown whatsoever it will be to the people from the country or other towns. They may not know our laws, but the officer will hand a copy to them, tell them where the law was broken and invite them back to Shelby again—a hospitable town where a square deal is given. As to the people who live here they know the laws and there is no reason why the laws should not be enforced with them just as strictly with one as another. Will Take Time. "It will take time to get all the city departments to functioning properly and I want the people to bear with me until I can get the different departments going properly before any complaints are made. My sole aim in asking to be mayor of Shelby was owing to my interest in the town and I want my work to be a monument to me after I am laid in Sunset, meaning the improvements there and in the town which I may be able to make with the cooperation of the aldermen and the good people of Shelby. To Have City Services. "My aim and desire, as soon as necessary renovation can be made, is to have religious services held in the city hall at least one Sunday afternoon in each month for the benefit of city employes and others who care to attend. Spent No Money. "The vote given me is appreciated from bottom of my heart. I can truthfully say I did not spend one dollar except for my newspaper announcements and taxi fares in bringing those to vote who did

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GEORGE L. JARVIS ENDS OWN LIFE AT WALNUT COVE

Son of Shelby Man Shoots Himself at Walnut Cove. Was 33 Years Old and Lawyer. Mr. L. A. Jarvis, former Shelby merchant who resides in an apartment in the C. R. Hoey building to the rear of the Shelby post office on East Marion street, received word yesterday morning that his son George L. Jarvis had ended his own life at Walnut Cove, this state, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Jarvis left immediately for Walnut Cove to attend the funeral. A revolver was found lying by the side of the body, and investigation revealed the pistol ball had entered the right temple, ranging upward, and came out above the ear on the left side of the head. No note was left by the attorney, who was 33 years of age. It is stated that he had appeared suffering from a mental derangement for the past few days. Early Monday morning, it is said, he visited several stores in Walnut Cove, with the pistol in his hand and requested cartridges for the weapon. Jarvis went to Walnut Cove from Wilkes county about 10 years ago, it is understood. LINCOLN VOTERS RETURN LOVE TO OFFICE. Lincolnton, May. 3.—J. F. Love was returned to the mayoralty here today, defeating R. H. Dellinger, who ran on the business men's ticket. Aldermen elected were B. N. Fair, G. E. Cline, J. L. Putnam and E. M. Brown. V. M. Rameser was elected school trustee.

ONE WEEK GRACE TO PAY UP TAXES

List of Unpaid Taxes to Be Turned Over for Advertising on Monday May 9. Last Chance.

All county taxes unpaid by next Monday, May 9, will be turned over to the county commissioners and so advertised, according to a final notice today from the office of Sheriff Hugn Logan. At their meeting Monday the county commissioners instructed the sheriff to prepare a list of taxpayers who have not paid and turn the list over to them at a called meeting to be held Monday. This move by the commissioners irons out the curiosity over how the new tax laws will be handled. By the new state law property with unpaid taxes is ordered to be sold after the first of May, or in time for the sheriff to straighten his accounts with the commissioners by July 1. This means that the list must be prepared and turned over so as to give the commissioners four weeks in which to advertise the property prior to July 1.

The final notice, by the state law and the ruling of the county commissioners, is that Sheriff Logan must turn in the list Monday. Those who have not paid by that time will be on the list, it is said. Last week a near record was set in paying taxes. Deputy Austell says that he has already deposited a sum over \$20,000 and has more to be deposited, all of which was paid in last week. Other than discussing tax matters it is said the commissioners had their meeting taken up with the usual routine business.

Pearly Hoyle Has Dwelling Burned

Pearly Hoyle, ex-deputy sheriff and prohibition agent in No. 11 township, had his dwelling and practically all contents destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. Mr. Hoyle lives about two miles above Casar. The loss is augmented by the fact that his wife died a few months ago. Mr. Hoyle was away from home at the time but his son was there and had made a fire in the cook stove for supper. Soon thereafter the fire which caught from the stove flue was eating a hole through the kitchen roof, covered with shingles. Mr. Hoyle arrived home, but too late to save much of the household goods. They managed to save a small amount of bedding, an organ, typewriter, and talking machine. Small amount of insurance was carried, but nothing like enough to cover his loss.

Webb Says His Hands Are Clean

Walking in The Star office in an erect manner and with a smile upon his face, Col. A. Hatcher Webb, stated: "You may say for me; My record is clean as a Democrat; it will remain clean. Every statement I made was open and above board in black and white with my signature behind it. I have nothing to take back. I button-holed no man or woman. I bootlicked no man or woman for his or her vote. I did not buy or even try to buy a vote; I had no heels on the day of the election. "I asked no man or woman to vote for me. I did not midnight assassin work against any of the other candidates for mayor. "My hands are clean."